

Stratherrick + Foyers



Community Trust

Stratherrick & Foyers News

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STOP PRESS EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER STRATHERRICK HALL

Boleskine Community
Care Survey Feedback
Sat 10 September 2016

South Loch Ness
Heritage Meeting
Mon 12 September 2016

Defibrilators are on their way!

Foyers and Stratherrick are set to have three more defibrillators this winter. Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council has agreed with Skye-based charity Lucky to be Here to install three of the life-saving devices around the area. There is already one defibrillator outside the Stratherrick Hall. Training sessions will also be arranged, so watch out for details. The defibrillators will be funded in full by a grant from Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust. www.lucky2bhere.org

Back to School at Foyers Primary



Thirteen pupils started the new term at Foyers Primary School

Welcome to Issue Three, and remember we welcome your comments and contributions
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Welcome to the Third Issue of the Stratherrick and Foyers News

Thanks for reading the Third Issue of the Stratherrick and Foyers News. New contributors are welcome – we can advertise your events or report on them afterwards. If you'd like to send in any information, photographs or news, please e-mail strathnews@sfctrust.org.uk or send it in the mail to Strathnews, S&FCT, Evergreen, Inverfarigaig, IV2 6XR

The deadline for the December Issue is 15 November 2016.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

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The Errogie Postbox is still waiting for a letter from a reader.....

Weekly Gathering dates from the Boleskine Community Care website

Coffee Mornings (Waterfall Café from 10am) – 8 September, 13th October and 10 November

Broth and Blether (Catholic Church Hall from 11.30am to 3pm) – 19 September, 17 Oct. and 21 Nov.

Seniors' Lunch Club (from 12.30pm, please book) – 30 September, 28 October and 25 November

Sporting Events across the area this autumn

10 September 2016 – Coast to Coast Rat Race – Nairn – Calanour – Lynn of Gorthleck to Glencoe
www.ratrace.com/coasttocoast2016

25 September 2016 – Loch Ness Marathon and Festival of Running - Suidhe – Whitebridge – Foyers – Inverfarigaig to Inverness www.lochnessmarathon.com

1 October 2016 – Loch Gu Loch Swim Run – Urquhart Castle – Achnabat - Torness – Farraline – Compass and Whitebridge to Fort Augustus www.lochguloch.com

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HEALTH AND CARE PAGES

THE FOYERS MEDICAL CENTRE

www.foyersmedicalcentre.co.uk

01456 486224

Seasonal Flu Vaccine

Open Clinic

Tuesday 11 October 2016,
9.00am. to 5.00pm



Are you registered with the Foyers Medical Practice?

Are you over 65 years of age OR do you fall into one of the following 'at risk' categories?

Please attend the open clinic which runs all day on 11th October at the Foyers Surgery.

At Risk Categories

- chest problems including asthmatics on steroid inhalers
- chronic emphysema, chronic heart disease or diabetes
- kidney disease, liver disease or neurological disease
- or are you immunosuppressed

The flu vaccine is also available to Carers and pregnant women.

If this day or time is inconvenient for you please phone the surgery for an appointment

Raigmore catering discount extended to unpaid carers

Unpaid carers visiting Raigmore Hospital can now benefit from a 50% discount in the hospital's dining room following an extension to a service which was already provided to parents / carers of paediatric patients.

Wristbands are available in all wards and the pre-op assessment clinic. When using the canteen all the wearer has to do is show their wristband to the cashier and the discount will be applied. The new system commenced on Monday 8th August 2016.



www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk

More information on all NHS vaccinations is available at

www.immunisationscotland.org.uk

Boleskine Community Care News

Our community is fortunate to have volunteers who take the provision of responsive local care provision and management seriously. Boleskine Community Care relies on volunteer friends to run the organisation and help provide the weekly social events throughout the Strath and Foyers including the 'Soup's Up' and Lunch Club which make such a difference to older people in the area. Here are some news bullets from BCC.

- Boleskine Community Care's efforts to find a suitable HUB to operate from continues. For the latest news best check their website www.boleskine-communitycare.org.uk.
- Boleskine Community Care now runs a team of seven care workers and provides care to twelve individuals around Foyers and Stratherrick.
- Many readers will have returned the recent Care Survey. The responses are currently being crunched by the consultant whom BCC employed using funds from the Big Lottery Fund. An event at the Stratherrick Hall in 10th September will present the survey findings.
- Boleskine Community Care continues to operate the volunteer Community Car Scheme and the Handyperson scheme, both of which support people in our community.
- The recent Shoot at Garrogie Lodge organised by the Garrogie Estate was very successful. Over £1700 has been donated to BCC funds.



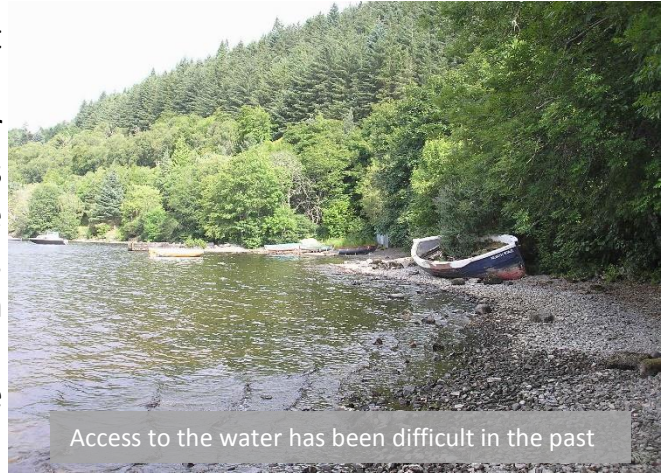
Stratherrick success at Scotland's Finest Woods Awards 2016



Garradh Beithe, 'the Garden of Birch' at Lochgarthside is the winner in the New Native Wood Category 2016, at the Scotland's Finest Woods Awards. This particular award is sponsored by the Woodland Trust. Jane O'Donovan and Neil MacKenzie were guests at the presentation of the Finest Woods Awards at the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston in June. They get to take home an impressive trophy made in Perthshire from elm and oak. The award recognises the transformation of the croft using seed gathered from trees around the Strath, which has led to a diversity of flora and fauna on the holding.

More details and photographs are available on the Scottish Finest Woods website www.sfwa.co.uk

Many of you will have seen that the redundant Fish farm has now been demolished, leaving a much improved look to the loch-side at Lower Foyers. Following the clearance the Trust has been in discussions with SSE to improve the whole area between the two power stations. They have expressed a willingness to work with the Trust to facilitate the provision of recreational facilities for all our community. The support of the Highland Council has also been welcomed.



Access to the water has been difficult in the past

Following the Trust’s consultation day in March this year, where wishes were expressed for better facilities along the loch-side, the Trust has been working toward putting together a project to cater for these requests. Activities may include sailing, boating, fishing, kayaking and canoeing and generally just “messaging about on the water”.

A basic difficulty has always been simple and easy access to the water. To that end a project is being formulated to incorporate a slip-way, pontoons, a boom (to provide calm water), car-parking and hopefully a storage/meeting facility. It is hoped that by providing these facilities anyone, of any age or ability in our community, will be able to take part and enjoy a first class facility and have fun trying some activities on and beside the water.

The Trust are currently working with SSE toward agreeing terms for the acquisition of the land and then hope to commence practical works, so watch this space for further news and developments.



There is a new Bus Shelter at Errogie Corner



The Fish Farm has now been removed

Shinty Report



Boleskine Camanachd Club

**ANNUAL
FUNDRAISING SALE**

Stratherrick Hall

Saturday
26th November 2016

Boleskine Camanachd's Senior Team look set to finish the 2016 season around the middle of Marine Harvest North Division 2 where they compete against teams from Aberdeen University, Caberfeidh, Glengarry, Inverness, Kilmallie, Lewis, Lochaber, Skye and Strathspey. Aberdeen University have won all of their games in the league this year and will finish in top spot. As one spectator at Smith Park said, 'It's not that Boleskine lose matches, it's just that they don't score as many goals as their opponents.' The games are lively and an end of season Old Crocks match is planned. Full details of the scores, league positions and fixtures appear on the Camanachd website at www.shinty.com.

Photo above. Youth shinty sessions led by Katie Drain of the Camanachd Association were a big hit at Stratherrick Primary School.

Photo below. Foyers and Stratherrick Primary pupils fielded a Boleskine team at the Shinty tournament at the Bught in Inverness in June.

Boleskine Camanachd Club's Facebook page has local club info.



**A Message from Kate Forbes, Member of the Scottish Parliament
Constituency MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, Stratherrick and Foyers.**



'I will be holding surgeries throughout the constituency in September. The best way to keep up to date with my work is through my Facebook page (search for 'Kate Forbes MSP') or @KateForbesMSP on Twitter. You can get in touch directly by emailing kate.forbes.msp@parliament.scot or 'phone the constituency office on 01349 864 888.'



Foyers Fire Crew is always busy working to benefit our community. Crew members undertake training in the use of breathing apparatus, tactical ventilation and fire behaviour. Firefighters also undertake road traffic accident response training.

Here are some ways you can get involved with the Fire Crew.

CPR (Call Push Rescue) Training (Free)

Any group or individuals who would like to participate in CPR training is welcome to attend the fire station on a pre-arranged evening which will be carried out by local experienced station personnel. Alternatively, anyone who wishes to borrow the CPR Mannequin and DVD kit and learn CPR techniques in their own home is most welcome to do so. Contact Neil.

Ask for a Home Safety Visit (Free)

A local member of Foyers Fire Crew will visit your home to identify hazards and help rectify faults to keep you safe. Home Safety Checks follow Fire Scotland procedure to minimise risks such as electrical overloading or by identifying faulty appliances. Contact Neil.

Think about joining up as a Retained Firefighter

If you are interested in finding out what is involved in becoming a trained retained firefighter, please make contact with Neil.

Neil Kirkland

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www.firescotland.gov.uk

www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr



Foyers Fireworks 2016

Saturday 5th November

Loch Ness Shores Caravan and Camping Site

(by kind permission of Donald and Lyn Forbes)

Organised and staffed by Foyers Fire Crew

Supported by Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

Admission Free, Food, Music and Bonfire.



Foyers Primary School Summer Term Report from Louise Robertson, Headteacher



Last term was VERY busy at Foyers Primary School. In May our Primary Seven pupils along with Aldourie Primary pupils went to Loch Insh and had a fabulous week in the sun, mountain biking, snowboarding, sailing and windsurfing amongst other things. The P5-7 pupils also took part in a number of orienteering races around the Inverness area. The minibus funded by Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust was invaluable for transportation.

The P6/7s from Foyers, Stratherrick and Aldourie joined together to form a team for the interschool sports and performed very well indeed. At the beginning of June the Inverness Royal Academy feeder primary rural schools got together at the Queen's Park Stadium, Inverness and tried out a number of sports with children of their own ages. A fantastic day in the sun was had by all. The children also enjoyed a character-building trip to Landmark at Carrbridge, challenging themselves on the rope courses and jumping off the skydive!

The minibus was again used for transporting a joint Stratherrick/Foyers shinty team to the Bught Park for the inaugural schools shinty tournament. The team did really well having had such a few shinty lessons. On June 23rd Foyers pupils travelled up to Aldourie Castle, again in the minibus, to have a joint sports day with Aldourie. Foyers Primary was in use as a Polling Station for the Brexit Referendum that day. Andrew Cameron won the sports cup for Foyers, having amassed the greatest number of points over a variety of races.

Foyers Primary School Parent Council Report from Paula Page, Chair Person, FPSPC

In June, Foyers Primary School Parent Council held a Fundraising Auction Night at the Craigharroch Inn. We had some amazing items for auction ranging from a Power Washer, a Signed Ross County Football to a bottle of Malt Whisky. It was a great social night with a lovely mix of people. Louise Robertson and Garry Page added some entertainment to the evening with their Auctioneering Skills too. The night was a huge success and we raised £1500. Thank you to everyone who attended, supported and or were involved behind the scenes.

As many of you know Foyers Primary school is a very old building and we have a limited playground space, so it has been agreed that £1000 of the money raised will be put towards play ground improvements providing the children at the school with greater and more challenging play opportunities. The remaining money will provide additional funds to support the school with activities and events at the school or involving the wider community to the benefit of all the children at Foyers. It will also help to give many of the children opportunities they may not otherwise get.

On behalf of Foyers Primary School Parent Council I would like to thank all members and businesses within this community for their continued support.



No review planned for Foyers and Stratherrick Secondary School Catchment Area



Some parents from Foyers and Stratherrick have made placing requests to allow their children to study at Kilchuimen Academy in Fort Augustus, rather than the new Inverness Royal Academy. Highland Council has advised the NEWS that Foyers Primary and Stratherrick Primary will continue as feeder schools for the Inverness Royal Academy and that no assistance with transport costs to Fort Augustus is available.

Here is Highland Council's position in full.

Highland Council designates a catchment area for each primary and secondary school in Highland. Pupils are normally allocated a place at their designated catchment school and are provided with free transport to that school if they live beyond certain specified distances from it. Parents are able to request a place at a school other than their child's catchment school, but as this is a matter of parental choice, there is no obligation on Highland Council to fund or organise the transport involved. As a matter of policy, Highland Council does not provide or fund transport for pupils attending a school as a result of a placing request. Doing so would lead to a significant increase in Council expenditure at a time of significant budget reductions. In that context, Highland Council could not agree to provide funded transport to Kilchuimen Academy for pupils from within the catchment area of Inverness Royal Academy, or to provide any support towards the cost of such transport.

On the issue regarding whether the Council would review the catchment areas for Inverness Royal Academy and Kilchuimen Academy, under legislation introduced in 2010, school catchment areas can only be changed after a statutory consultation process that involves the parents, staff and pupils of any affected schools, which in this case would be Inverness Royal Academy, Kilchuimen Academy, Foyers Primary and Stratherrick Primary. Highland Council would only undertake such a process if there was evidence that the change would be supported by a substantial majority of parents and children in the Foyers and Stratherrick catchments. In summary, the Highland Council does not propose to make any changes to either the catchment areas or the school transport arrangements in relation to the Foyers and Stratherrick areas.




Calling Gorthleck 238..... The Whitebridge Phone Box may be set to disappear

The public telephone box at Whitebridge is under threat of removal. A 42 day consultation period began on 16th August 2016. Details of the procedure are posted inside the phone box.



MacTavish and MacGillivray and 'A Dance Called America'

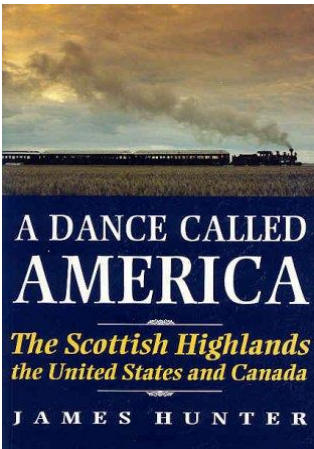


They were, said one observer, 'lords of the lakes and forests', the two Stratherrick men who, in the years around 1800, controlled the North American fur trade. The elder of the pair was Simon MacTavish (left) whose boyhood was spent at Garthbeg (right) where his father, John, had been that farm's tacksman or tenant. The younger man was Simon's nephew, William MacGillivray, whose parents' landholding was at Dunmaglass, further down the strath. Adopting First Nation or Native American technology in the shape of birchback canoes, MacTavish, MacGillivray and the other Highlanders who became their collaborators established a fur trade empire which eventually spread thousands of miles westwards from Montreal, the MacTavish and MacGillivray's base.

No monuments mark MacTavish's or MacGillivray's Stratherrick birthplaces and in today's Scotland they are mostly forgotten. But both men were people of real significance. After all, their North West Company, the hugely successful corporation MacTavish founded and MacGillivray later took over, laid the groundwork for the creation of Canada, one of the modern world's largest countries. When MacTavish and MacGillivray arrived there, Canada extended no further west than the Great Lakes.



It's thanks to their North West Company that it first began to make sense to envisage a Canada reaching all the way to the Pacific Coast – which, by way of the prairies and the Rockies, the two Stratherrick men's partner, Alexander Mackenzie from Lewis, eventually reached in 1793.



The North West Company story is told in James Hunter's book, *A Dance Called America: The Scottish Highlands, the United States and Canada*, available from bookshops and from Amazon.

James will be speaking about his latest book, *Set Adrift Upon the World: The Sutherland Clearances*, at a meeting of the Nairn Literary Institute on Friday 9 December 2016. (£3 for Non Members – Venue - Nairn Free Church)

<http://www.nairnliterary.org.uk/index.asp>



If you know of a book that we should review here in the news, drop us an email strathnews@sfctruct.org.uk



A Recipe for you to try

RASPBERRY JELLY FLAN

A tasty treat for young and old!

----- Ingredients -----

- One Raspberry Jelly
- 1lb of Raspberries
- 1 Tablespoon of Sugar
- 24 Marshmallows (pink and white)
- ½ cup of Milk
- ½ pint Cream



----- Method -----

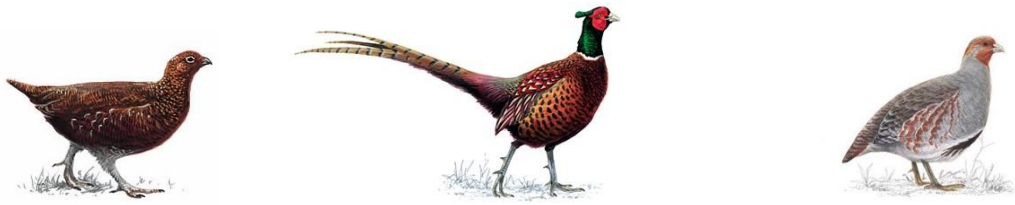
- Choose a reasonably deep ashet or flan dish. A glass one looks best. Select a dozen of the best berries for decoration later.
- Place the rest of your raspberries in the base of the dish, and scatter a tablespoon of sugar over the berries.
- Dissolve the jelly in a half cup of warm water and pour the melted jelly over the berries. Leave time for the jelly to set.
- Dissolve 24 Marshmallows in a half cup of warm milk and leave to cool.
- Whip up ½ pint of cream and add to the melted marshmallows. It is important that the dissolved marshmallows are cool before you add the cream. Add the layer of creamy topping to complete the flan and decorate with the best berries.

Contributed by
Mrs McP Abersky

If you have a great recipe we can include in the next issue of the Stratherrick and Foyers News, please send it in to strathnews@sfctrust.org.uk

Watched any good films recently?

If you fancy letting other readers know of a good film or documentary you have viewed recently, please send a short review – no more than 200 words – to strathnews@sfctrust.org.uk
Films should be suitable for a wide audience.



August the 12th signalled the first day of the Grouse season, more commonly known and celebrated as the “Glorious Twelfth”.

It is a momentous date in the shooting calendar, as not only is it when the shooting community come together to gather on the moorlands and hills, but it is also the start of the entire gamebird season, with partridge starting on the 1st of September, with Pheasant following a month behind, amongst others.

It was a pretty dreich day, more reminiscent of an October day, with low cloud, rain and wind. Smaller than usual birds were seen, which will be due to our poor spring.



The Glorious Twelfth is so important to the countryside for various reasons. First and foremost it is a long-lived tradition, and one enjoyed by many. It also brings in much needed revenue to the area, with our lodges, hotels and B&B's becoming home for those keen guns travelling from far and wide, to partake in the shoot, and what could be better than a home-cooked meal and a dram at the end of the day, and an open fire to dry your tweeds beside!

The work of the gamekeepers and estate workers is never-ending, and is more of a way of life than employment. It is an unrelenting, and more often than not slightly soggy lifestyle, and certainly not for everyone, but for those who have a passion for the countryside it is a dream come true and one we hope will continue for generations to come.

Contributed by Jennifer Dow, Picture credit - www.rspb.org.uk

NEW WEBSITE FOR FARIGAIG FOREST CENTRE STEERING GROUP

The group of local people which is planning to improve the use and amenity of the Farigaig Forest Centre Building and its environs has a new website. The Chair is Partick Haston, Errogie. There are many ideas about how the site could be improved, including the transfer of the asset to the community group from current owners Forestry Commission Scotland.

The community group's website address is

<http://www.farigaigcommunitysteeringgroup.org.uk/>

Information is available on the constitution and composition of the group.

More information about walks from Inverfarigaig and Stratherrick appear on the

<http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/lochness/Inverfarigaig.shtml>

The Forestry Commission's webpages on Farigaig are at this

link <http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/visit/farigaig>



12th

Sian writes.....

Break the cycle! Litter breeds Litter

When Phil and I moved to Scotland, one of the things we noticed was that there are few litter bins in lay-bys, parking places and picnic spots. At first this mystified us so I asked someone why this should be.

Public litter bins place a large burden on local authorities to collect waste from vast tracts of our relatively unpopulated countryside. Transport Scotland's position endorses this, stating regular litter collection from laybys on the 5,000 km of road network in Scotland would be costly in many ways.



From my perspective it is a wholly reasonable rationale and, surely, something that everyone who travels around this beautiful country should find it in their hearts to support. It seems not. If you enter the question 'why do people drop litter' on Google you'll find there are articles, forums, lobby groups and even PhD theses written on the subject. But the net effect for Foyers and Stratherrick is that there is unsightly litter on our roadsides and footpaths that just shouldn't be there.

The South Loch Ness Tourist Group arranges litter picks from Dores to Foyers which are very successful, collecting over 50 bags of rubbish each time. Imagine those particular roadsides without that effort. In the interim, the rubbish continues to build up with people who enjoy the region by car, bike and foot curiously jettisoning all sorts of trash into the countryside without a thought to those who feel duty-bound to clear it up.

Enter the small hidden army who clear up other people's mess. We know who we are and we know we remove multiple bags of trash each week simply picking up bits and pieces of rubbish that we spot lying around as we go about our daily routine. So here's a thought. Rather than leaving it to the few, on every occasion that each and every one of us walks past a piece of something that shouldn't be there, why not just bend down and pop it into a plastic bag and take it home. It will keep our verges cleaner and has to be worth the handful of seconds involved. And just think of the moral high ground - no pun intended.

National Events and local events listing www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org

Contributed by Sian Glanrid-Jones

Jack Read, Tigh an Aodan, Errogie passed away on the 6th August 2016 at Highview in Inverness. Jack was 90. With his wife Vera, Jack was instrumental in starting-up the Scottish Country Dancing Club at Gorthleck Hall, which continues to this day. They both also ran the old community television aerial club which was the only method of getting a TV signal in Errogie for many years.

WHITE BRIDGE HOTEL

Taking over a hotel is never easy, but Gail and Andrew Tilbrook have arrived at the Whitebridge Hotel in the height of the tourist season. Here is some information on the Tilbrooks and their plans for the hotel.



Gail and Andrew have moved here from Cambridgeshire where they have 35 year's experience between them of managing care homes. They have had their eye on the hotel for a few years.

Gail was born in Dumfries and lived in Whitebridge at the Dell Cottages with her family as a child. Her mother and sister both worked in the hotel under previous owners and she has maintained links with some locals, so it really does feel that she has come home again.

Andrew was born in Harpenden, near St. Albans and fell in love with Whitebridge and the hotel almost immediately. Gail and Andrew married at Loch Killin and have been returning each year to stay at the hotel and at Wildside to celebrate their wedding anniversaries. Gail's brother Mark Kelly and Gail's son Terry have also moved up, so along with Andrew and Gail's two year-old son Drew the hotel will have a true family feel.



Renovations and upgrades have already begun. Gail and Andrew are keen to encourage the local community to use the pub and hotel. The Tilbrooks are currently reviewing the food and wine menus and plan to have a Cheese and Wine tasting evening for locals soon.

Gail said 'We would like to organise social events regularly for whatever interests people and would be happy to receive any suggestions. If poetry, songs, storytelling, folk music or quizzes are what local people want then let us know. We want to ensure the community links are strong.'

Andrew added 'Taking on the Whitebridge is exhausting work but we know we have made the right decision. We look forward to getting to know or reacquainted with you all very soon.'

The Stratherrick and Foyers NEWS does not take paid business advertising but will include stories about businesses or events which are of wider community interest. If your business has completed an important project, taken on an apprentice or won an award, please let us know.

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The Blue Flash Challenge yomps through Foyers



Here is a Letter of Thanks from Donald Peterkin

“I am writing to express our gratitude to the communities of Stratherrick and Foyers for their support during our recent Blue Flash Challenge event. We were totally overwhelmed with the support we received and cannot thank you all enough.

On the 24th and 25th June 2016 a group of veterans from the 4th Royal Tank Regiment, all over 50, took part in a challenge to walk cross-country from Roybridge to Inverness, via the Glendoe Dam and Foyers, in a 24-hour period. The aim of the challenge was to raise money for Scotty's Little Soldiers which is a charity to support children who have lost a parent whilst was serving in the Armed Forces.

We were granted access to Glendoe Dam by Jonathan Carslaw, Glendoe Estate, allowing our safety cover and medical team direct access to us. We then made our way to The Camerons Tearoom and Farm Shop at Foyers where Morag Cameron had kindly offered to open especially for us. We were totally amazed by the reception we received with a number of locals coming out to support us with fresh baking to accompany the fantastic meal provided by Morag which I believe was cooked by Maggie Mills. Lindsey McNaughton came along and gave superb massages, these were a hit as we were all starting to suffer having carried rucksacks over a long distance. A big thanks also to the gentleman who saw us walking past his house in the dark and ran out with bottles of juice for us, they were gratefully received.

To date we have raised nearly £15,000 for our charity www.scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk . As well as this we had a bench commissioned for the new children's ward at Raigmore Hospital. This was made by Apex Stranraer who also provided our logistical support.

There is little doubt that the support we received from Camerons and the communities of Stratherrick and Foyers went a long way to the overall success of the Blue Flash Challenge and we will be eternally grateful. Thank you all.”

Kind regards,
Donald Peterkin



About your Community Council

Community Councils are statutory organisations which act as a voice for their local area. They express the views and concerns of local people on a wide range of issues. **Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council** meets regularly to discuss issues affecting the area, including planning and licensing applications. All meetings are held in public and residents are encouraged to attend. Your community council is the most local part of our national democratic system. If any resident has a particular issue they should raise it with their local councillor who can then bring the issue up for discussion at a Community Council Meeting. Highland Councillor Margaret Davidson and other councillors regularly attend Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council meetings.



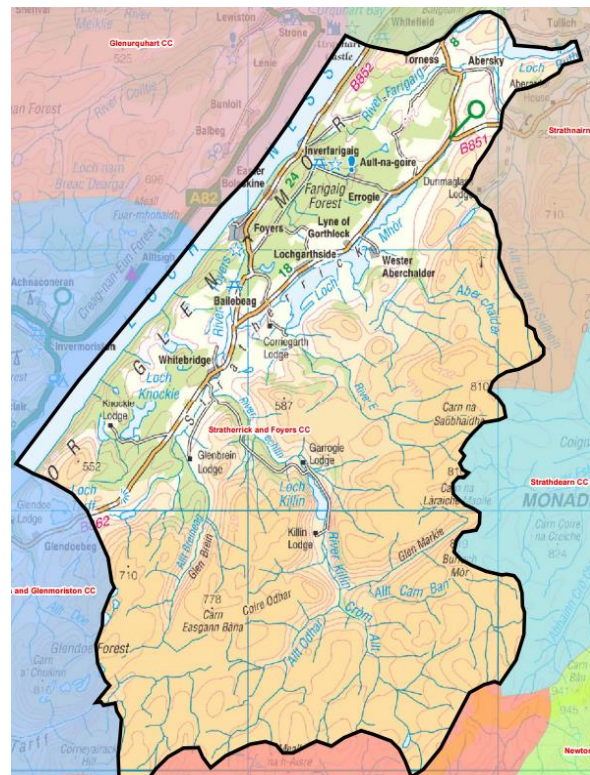
Topics discussed at Community Council meetings include roads, schooling, transport and other services provided by Highland Council. The Council also hears updates from the Police and Fire services. Community Councils are governed by a constitution provided by Highland Council which states how each Community Council must run its meetings, elections and affairs.

Community Councillors stand for election in a public vote every four years. Additional Community Councillors can be co-opted during the four-year life of every community council.

Here is the link to the Community Council rules http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/4456/scheme_of_establishment_for_community_councils

Here is the link for the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council website which includes dates of meetings and agendas. www.stratherrick.net

Current Community Councillors are Catriona Fraser (Chair) *photo above*, Kim Burton (Secretary), Martin Donnelly (Treasurer), Ian Bateman, Gordon McAndie, Graham (Alfie) Taylor, Stewart Goodwin and Jenny Devlin.



The Community Council and Community Trust have different and distinct roles.

About your Community Trust

Stratherrick + Foyers



Community Trust

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust is a limited company owned by its Members. Membership is open to any resident of our area aged 16+ who completes and submits a signed Application Form. The Trust currently has around 200 members.

The Trust receives the community benefit funds paid by the wind farm and hydro scheme operators. It is responsible for managing and distributing these funds to local groups and residents through its grants schemes and for undertaking larger, community-wide projects. The Trust cannot help with projects or activities which should be funded by statutory bodies like the NHS, Scottish Government or the Highland Council.

Each year at its AGM Trust Members can stand for election as directors on the Board. There are usually around 10 directors who are elected by the Members only. The Board collectively decides what the Trust should do and how funds are spent. Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust works with the Community Council and other private, public and third sector organisations.

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust is also investing a proportion of its current annual income into a Legacy Fund to allow us to continue to support our community in the longer term after the windfarm and hydro scheme payments cease.

Here is the link to the Articles of the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

<http://www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk/documents>

Current Trust Directors are Zoe Iliffe, (Chair) pic above, Sharon Ferguson (Depute Chair), Frank Ellam (Finance Director) Hugh Nicol, Graeme Ambrose, Gordon McAndie, Ken Sinclair, Stewart MacPherson and Peter Faye.



If your postcode is on this list, you are in our area!

IV2 6TY, IV2 6TZ, IV2 6UG,
IV2 6UH, IV2 6UJ, IV2 6UL,
IV2 6UN, IV2 6UP, IV2 6UR,
IV2 6UW, IV2 6XR, IV2 6XS,
IV2 6XT, IV2 6XU, IV2 6XW,
IV2 6XX, IV2 6XY, IV2 6XZ,
IV2 6YA, IV2 6YB, IV2 6YE,
IV2 6YF, IV2 6YG, IV2 6YH,
IV2 6YP, IV2 6YR & IV2 6YS.

The area that the Community Council and Community Trust cover is identical.



For two decades I have been tepid about **Community Planning** – they have really just been Talking Shops. However, we have a new dawn with the advent of the Community Empowerment Act. There is an obligation on public bodies to be involved in community planning and what is more, there is a legal requirement to draw up a range of plans - and performance indicators on which progress will be measured. Well, now I have hope.

In addition we need to discuss how we will build-in community involvement. Recently Ward 13 Councillors convened a meeting with all the community companies / trusts around Wards 13 and 20 – the best and first feature being that we shared information on what everyone was doing. It was a revelation; there is fantastic energy and progress out there. The proposal is that we could move to a Rural Inverness plan that would then become part of the wider Inverness Community Plan.

Foyers School – Now that school is back, we will be convening a meeting in September to discuss the idea of an early years class – combining nursery and P1 and a potential small extension to the school. That would be in full co-operation with the very good Early Years Unit in Lower Foyers.

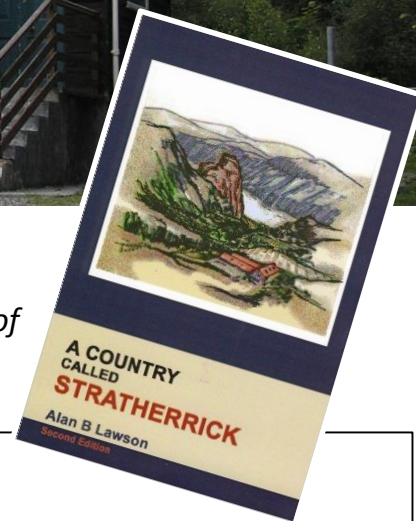
Lower Foyers Bridge – This Autumn I believe we need to get clarity about the likelihood of a new bridge for Lower Foyers. We all know the Bailey Bridge has done a remarkable job for decades, but it certainly looks its age. The possibility of a new bridge is in the Council’s Capital Plan for beyond 2020, but that plan is up for review again this autumn. It is estimated that a new bridge could cost around £1m. There is still interest in re-instating the old foot bridge, but as we all see, it is a “Challenging” site and is a listed monument, and may well be as expensive as a new road bridge. I will set up the presentation and conversation on this in the autumn, with the Community Council and Council Engineers.

Roads - Mercifully we are coming towards the end of the big windfarm and substation traffic and road improvements. I think we will all welcome a period of respite. Any further work will depend on the progress of windfarm appeals at Aberarder and Culachy. Now we need to concentrate on making the case for the unimproved areas. They are a remarkable contrast!

Broadband - There is a major briefing on broadband on my Facebook page (Councillor Margaret Davidson). Up to date news is that there will be upgrades to 4G at Achnabat Mast and a new 4G mast for near Whitebridge. Both will have the capacity for public access and will be managed by EE. I’ll post updates to Community Councils and on my Facebook Page.

Cllr Margaret Davidson is always available on 01463 861424
or email margaret.davidson.cllr@highland.gov.uk

SOUTH LOCH NESS HERITAGE GROUP MEETING HERE
Monday 12 September 2016 at 7.30pm.



A shortage of committee members is proving a threat to the future activities of South Loch Ness Heritage Group. Here, Alan Findlay, Chair of SLNHG invites everyone interested to attend a meeting at Gorthleck.

Dear Reader

First, the positive - in recent years, the Group has managed to put on an interesting illustrated presentation every spring and autumn, plus a summer outing. Alister Chisholm keeps adding to our superb website, which has attracted many comments of appreciation and praise. For some years he has produced excellent heritage calendars featuring old photos from South Loch Ness. The Group still has large stocks of two publications – Alan Lawson’s ‘A Country called Stratherrick’ and ‘South Loch Ness’, our own local heritage guide.

BUT... over the last few years our committee has slowly dwindled – we had four at our last meeting, and one of these is leaving. We have had no secretary for some time. Most seriously, Frank Ellam, our treasurer is leaving the area, and although the treasurer’s duties are not onerous, we can’t function without one.

In view of this situation, we are calling an open meeting in Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck, on Monday 12th September at 7.30pm to discuss the Group’s future. Attendance at events suggests continuing interest in our Group, but we need more help with running it or closing it down may be the only option. Please do come along and offer us your help.

Alan Findlay, Chair, South Loch Ness Heritage Group, www.southlochnessheritage.co.uk



Church News and Services

Boleskine Church of Scotland – Drumtemple

Here's an invitation from Fiona King to attend this year's Harvest Sunday.

"If I were to only go to church once a year that Sunday would be Harvest Sunday. We seem to spend a lot of our time "head down" and keeping going just to keep on top of life and then we look up, stop for a moment or two and see something that reminds us of all the good things we take for granted. I find Harvest Sunday is a great time to remind myself of all that I have been given and recognise that although some of it is through hard work, there are also many things that I have that I don't even deserve. In the bible it says that "Great is the Lord's love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever." Psalm 117 Verse 2

Whether you go to church once a decade, once a year or once a week, do come and join us at Boleskine Church 10am on the 2nd October for Harvest Sunday."

The Church of the Immaculate Conception at Stratherrick held a successful Youth Rally for Jesus on behalf of the Highland Deanery 20 August 2016. The event included discussions about the recent World Youth Day in Krakow. Holy Mass was said at the Grotto.



St Paul's at Croachy

Once again the Scottish Episcopal Church congregation is holding a Community Christmas Fair at Farr Hall. This year the event is on Saturday November 19th 2016 from 2 until 4pm and we look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to book a table (£5.00) please contact Rev. Kathy Collins on 01808 521388 or email broncy53@gmail.com

Church Services

Church of Scotland at Drumtemple, Sundays at 10.00am. Fiona King 01463 751293

United services with Dores Church alternate on the last Sunday of each month

Roman Catholic Church, Stratherrick 12.30pm every Sunday

and check website at <http://lochnessparishes.dioceseofaberdeen.org/>

Free Presbyterian Church, Gorthleck, every 3rd Sunday Mrs E. Fraser - 01456 486 282 or 220

Free Church, Errogie, Sabbath, 4.30pm, Mr S. McLure 01456486435 www.greyfriarschurch.org

Episcopalians - St. Paul's, Strathnairn 11.00 Sunday www.stpaulsstrathnairn.co.uk

Free Church Continuing – Dores www.freechurchcontinuing.org



Cattle above Loch Garth, Haylage on Strath Farigaig at Leadclune, Haybales at the Lyne of Gorthleck and Potatoes on Lochgarthside



A82 Forestry Operations

So what is going to be the impact of the extended forestry harvesting works around Allt Sigh on the other side of Loch Ness? Will traffic increase on the Strath or lochside road over our side? What if there is an issue with the rock that warrants an extended closure?

Forest Enterprise Scotland recently held a “drop-in” event in Gorthleck to publicise the next phase of its steep ground harvesting work on the A82. Here’s some information from Alexander J Macleod, the A82 Project Officer at Forest Enterprise Scotland.

“With the successful completion of tree felling and slope stability operations above the A82 near Fort William and alongside Loch Lochy, the operation is now moving to Primrose Bay (north of Allt Sigh) on Loch Ness-side. The work is part of a longer term Forest Enterprise Scotland programme of tree felling to make safe the hillsides that it manages above the A82 in the Great Glen.

The Primrose Bay felling operation which will start in mid-September will take up to 18 months to complete and will be followed-up with slope stability operations on the cleared slopes. The operation will require traffic management to ensure public safety and with the A82 being closed for up to 10 minutes (Monday – Friday) at any one time to allow the operations to take place in a controlled and safe manner. Traffic management will also be deployed at Allt Sigh on Saturdays to ensure the safe movement of timber lorries in and out of the forest entrance.”

Information is available on line at <http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/a82> or <https://twitter.com/A82operations>

Contact details

alex.macleod@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

01463 232811 or 07831 730149

Strathnews understands that the traffic lights contractors will be A Plant. In the event of an extended closure vehicles coming from Fort William will be sifted at Spean Bridge and heavy traffic for Inverness will be diverted via Newtonmore and the A9 and not the B862 Suidhe.



If you have any environmental or agricultural news to add to the December Edition of Stratherrick and Foyers NEWS please email strathnews@sfctrust.org.uk by 15 November 2016.



One third of households in Stratherrick and Foyers have taken up the free low energy lightbulb offer.

One hundred and twenty homes in and around Foyers, Errogie and Gorthleck are fitted-up with new energy efficient LED (Light Emitting Diode) lightbulbs thanks to an initiative by Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust. Over 2,000 new low energy lightbulbs have been distributed. The Trust felt it was important to get the range of bulbs right, so householders could gain the greatest benefit. The new bulbs use around ten percent of the power of old fashioned bulbs – a 90% saving on power consumed!

Funding for the project came from community benefit payments from windfarms and hydro schemes in our area including cash from SSE. Each home in Stratherrick and Foyers was offered up to 20 LED bulbs. Locals could choose from nine different bulb types and fittings to replace their existing bulbs and start saving money on their power bills. All the orders were assembled in Inverness by City Electrical Factors. The final order – number 121 was handed over on Thursday 18th August 2016.

Photo - CEF's Dylan Cathcart (centre) with the final order and Fiona Morrison from SSE Corporate Affairs (left) and Zoe Iliffe, Chair of Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust (right) at Inverness Harbour where the wind towers for the Dunmaglass Windfarm are being stored.

Gorthleck playpark recently had a revamp from the Dunmaglass wind farm site team as part of SSE's *Be the Difference* initiative.

Nine members of the Dunmaglass team sanded and painted all the benches in the park as well as the two shelters and even had enough time left to clear some of the path that passes through the park.





Here is your chance to win !

*** Win Colouring Books and Pencils from ENERCON ***



Enercon, the international manufacturer of wind turbines is now a familiar name to many readers. Their wind turbines, blades and vans have been a common site around the district this summer.

Enercon's Edinburgh office has provided the Stratherrick and Foyers News with five copies of their colouring book and pencils to give away to readers of any age. Drawing books are a bit of a craze at the moment, and winners can enjoy colouring in pictures of turbines, windmills, cranes and boats.

To win one of the colouring books, just email strathnews@sfctrust.org.uk with 'I want to win an Enercon Colouring Book' in the title. The winners will be picked at random at the end of October.



*** Win Lunch for Two at Camerons' Tearoom ***

Back in 2012 Foyers and Stratherrick held an immensely successful Olympic and Jubilee celebration which included a great canoeing event on the loch. There were wheelbarrow races, badminton and a cycle race from Whitebridge to Loch Killin. The Party and Tea Dance at the Stratherrick Hall were really enjoyable too.



Oak, beech and birch trees were given to every household in the community. Now, Morag was wondering just how some of those trees have grown in the last four years. If you take a photograph of your Olympic Tree and post it on the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Facebook Page by 10th October 2016 you will be in with a shout for a tasty prize. Morag won't be awarding a gold medal, but a lunch for two instead – for the photo of the most impressive Olympic Jubilee Tree in Foyers and the Strath.

The Stratherrick and Foyers Facebook Page is at this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/420094451476149/>



Stronelaig Windfarm likely to go ahead

SSE's plan for 67 wind turbines at Stronelaig, close to the Glendoe Hydro Scheme is more likely to proceed following a decision in Edinburgh by the Court of Session on 22 July 2016. The windfarm proposal has been the subject of appeals and a Judicial Review instigated by the environmental charity John Muir Trust (JMT). The John Muir Trust has announced this decision is the end of the road for their appeals. JMT has asked that neither the Scottish Government nor SSE claims legal costs from the charity. If the Stronelaig windfarm proceeds it is likely that community benefit payments will be made by SSE. www.johnmuirtrust.org

Broadband Survey

Over 120 Broadband Survey Forms have been returned to Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust. The responses show slow speeds and poor service for customers. A number of residents use satellite internet services which are costly and limit usage. The results will be analysed and a summary published on the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust Website.

Ward 13 Community Broadband Group

Community solutions for areas without internet or fast broadband speeds are supported by Community Broadband Scotland. Community Broadband Scotland is operated by Highlands and Islands Enterprise. A local group covering Aird and Loch Ness and Strathnairn is meeting regularly to see how they might improve the situation. For full information on the group and its activities visit the Soirbheas website.

<http://www.soirbheas.org/ward-13-community-broadband-partnership/>



David Garvie, Aigas, Carol Masheter, Soirbheas and Brenda Dunthorne, Chair of the group

Where do I get a printed copy of the Stratherrick and Foyers News?

If you are reading this on-line or if you found an old copy on the Knockie Bus, you might like to know where copies of the NEWS are available. Issues are produced every three months.

Direct mail is available for all locals and local people serving in HM Forces – Send us your postal address to Strathnews, Evergreen, Inverfarigaig, IV2 6XR or email admin@sfctrust.org.uk and we will make sure you get a copy in the mail. There is no charge for this service.

Printed copies are available free at these Pick up Points while stocks last.

Foyers Post Office / Shop, Camerons Tearoom, Whitebridge Hotel Public Bar, Craigdarroch Inn Public Bar, Stratherrick Hall Servery Hatch, Errogie Phone Box and Inverfarigaig Forest Centre Toilet Lobby. The mobile library also carries some copies.

Printed copies are also distributed by carers from Boleskine Community Care and in the pupil-mail from Foyers Primary and Stratherrick Primary Schools. You can even pick up a copy in Inverness at the Riverside Gallery, Bank Street. Copies can also be left at the Dores Inn and Inverarnie Shop on request.



How to apply for a grant from the Trust

You can apply at any time for the Trust Grant Schemes. The Trust meets to consider grant applications six times a year. Our deadlines and assessment period mean you can expect a decision on your application between six and ten weeks from when you submit it. **The Trust cannot make retrospective grants so please apply and get a decision before incurring any costs.**

Group Application Form – up to £10,000

These make up the bulk of our grant awards and are available for constituted, not-for-profit groups and organisations run to benefit people living in the Stratherrick and Foyers area.

Non Constituted Group for Community Benefit form – up to £1,000

For use by individuals organising an event to benefit members of the community.

Student Grant Form. – up to £500 per year

For anyone undertaking a further or higher education course or training.

Sporting Grant Form. up to £250, two applications permitted each year for anyone competing at National or Championship level or participating in a recognised training camp as trainees.

Energy Saving Grant Form – up to £500

Available to any homeowners in the area for making energy saving improvements to their own residential property only. Improvements might include insulation, renewable energy systems or other measures recommended by Home Energy Scotland.

Hardship Grant Form – up to £500 (Confidential, awards not advertised)

Please contact the Project Coordinator for this form.

Higher Value Grants and Projects - contact the Project Coordinator with any ideas.

You can call the Project Coordinator on 07525 120 966 to discuss any aspect of the grants system or to arrange a meeting.

If you want a paper copy of any form, text your name and postal address – and the grant you are interested in - to 07525 120 966 and we will send you the application form and the appropriate guidelines.

Or if you e-mail admin@sfctrust.org.uk and we will email you the appropriate form and guidelines which are also available for download now at

<http://www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk/grants-system>



Recent Grants Approved by the Trust

The following grant applications have been approved by Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust between May and August 2016.

Constituted Groups

Foyers Primary School – £2,292 for Additional Minibus Hire Costs Summer Term
 Stratherrick and Foyers Mothers and Toddlers Group – £842.07 for Operating Costs
 Foyers Fire Station Community Fund - £2,000 for Fireworks 2016
 Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council - £7,000 for Defibrillators
 Stratherrick Catholic Church Finance and Fabric Committee - £3,165 for Flood prevention at the Church Hall.

Sporting Grants to Individuals

Millie Ferguson (Equestrian) £250
 Alex Sutherland (Running) £250

Energy Saving

Elizabeth MacDougall (additional cost – glazing) £89.30

Educational – Student Grants

Angus McGruer £500
 Owen Easter £500
 Cameron Jones £500
 Luke Burgess £500

In addition, the low energy (LED) lightbulb distribution has been taken up by 121 households.

Totals

Constituted Groups (5 Grants) £15,299.07
 Sporting Grants to Individuals (2) £500
 Energy Saving (1) 89.30
 Educational Grants (4) £2,000
Total Approved (12 Grants) £17,888.37



You DO NOT have to be a member of the Trust to apply for a grant for yourself or any community organisation of which you are part.



Your Community Trust's Annual General Meeting 2016

The Annual General Meeting of Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust is planned for Wednesday 30th November 2016. The AGM will start at 7.30 at the Stratherrick Hall. All members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting but only members of the Trust can vote at the meeting.

Please **A**ttend the meeting, **G**et information on the Trust's activities and **M**aybe stand for election as a Director!

At the AGM the Chair of the Trust reports on the Trust's activities over the last year and the Finance Director reports on the Trust's outgoings, income and the current financial position. Accounts for the year end to June 2016 will also be available. After the reports are given, there is an opportunity for members to ask questions from the floor.

The Trust will issue a formal notice ahead of the AGM. A closing date 14 days ahead of the meeting applies for any member who wishes to stand for election as a volunteer Member Director. Each year three existing directors stand down in accordance with the Trust's governing document.

Directors decide on the Trust's activities and make sure it is managed well and upholds all its statutory responsibilities such as producing annual accounts. There is more information about the role of directors at <http://www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk/our-directors>. More information about the election process can be found in the Trust's Articles of Association which also appear on the Trust's website Documents page.

If you are not currently a member of the Trust and want to join, please complete the form on the website or ask for a form to be sent to you by phoning 07525 120 966. If you are a member considering standing for election as a Director, you can discuss the role with our Chair, Zoe Iliffe or any other current Trust Director. Please get in touch to see if the role would suit you!



The Fraser Stone at Leadclune

The stone at the side of the Leadclune road honours a man who served in the Duke of Wellington's army during the Napoleonic Wars. James John Fraser became Third Baronet of Leadclune in 1827 on the death of his brother. James John died in Dorset in 1834. The stone was placed by his son James Augustus Fraser – the Fourth Baronet. James had a military career like his father, was a Member of Parliament and a collector of books and literary artefacts and was based in Devon. James died in London in 1898. The title became extinct in 1979 on the death of the sixth Baronet Sir Keith Charles Adolphus Fraser.

The text on the stone reads...*In honour of Sir James John Fraser Baronet of Leadclune and Morar descended from the Lords Fraser of Lovat, Lieutenant Colonel 7th Hussars who fought at Orthez, Toulouse and Waterloo. A brave and sagacious soldier and a gentleman in the best of that noble term. This stone was placed by his eldest son.*



Individual Sporting Grants

Young footballers, veteran runners, promising horsewomen and even an aspiring champion rock climber have all benefited from a grant from a Sporting Grant from the Trust.

Sporting Grants are designed to help encourage and support local residents to participate in sport at a national or championship level. Individuals can apply for two grants per year. The maximum amount is £250 per application. Grants can be used to help with expenses such as travel costs, and entry fees.

Anyone competing at National or Championship level or participating in a recognised training camp as trainees, who reside in the Stratherrick and Foyers area are eligible to apply for a grant. Grants are limited to two per calendar year per applicant. **Grants cannot be paid retrospectively so must be applied for and approved before the event/training course takes place.**



Alex Sutherland, Ault na Goire plans to compete in the 5,000 and 10,000 metre events at the World Masters Senior Championships in Perth, Western Australia in October 2016. www.perth2016.com

Millie Ferguson, Whitebridge with working hunter Brooksan Kitchener qualified to compete at the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead in July.



Download your Sporting Grant Application Form at this link
or request a paper copy from the Trust Administrator on 07464 394 276
www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk/grants-system

Local Services Listing September 2016



**Here are some of the local businesses which serve our community.
There are plenty more yet to be listed so please help us fill this page.**

- Camerons' Tearoom and Farm Shop, 01456 486572, also on Facebook
Craigdarroch Inn, 01456 486400, www.thecraigdarrochinn.co.uk/
Foyers Stores, PO & Waterfall Café, 01456 486233, <http://foyersstoresandwaterfallcafe.co.uk/>
Whitebridge Hotel, 01456 486226 www.whitebridgehotel.co.uk
Loch Ness Shores Caravan and Camping Park, 01456 486333, www.lochnessshores.com
Lynn Mhor Croft Pork and Eggs, 01456 486291 (Facebook, Lynn Mhor Croft)
Morag's Crafty Bothy, Foyers 07592604249, www.moragscraftybothy.com
- Riverside Gallery and Picture Framing www.riverside-gallery.co.uk 01456 486350 (Hugh Nicol)
Aberchalder Plumbing Services, 01456 486283 (Neil Kirkland)
Greensparks, 01456 486291 www.greensparks.com (Rob Mullen)
Wildside Lodges, 01456 486373 www.wildsidelodges.com
West End Garage, Fort Augustus Garage 01320 366247, Mobile 07889792685
West End Garage, Home / 24hour breakdown 01320 366426, www.westendgarage.org
- Highland Acupuncture 01456 486628 www.highlandacupuncture.co.uk (Johanna Schuster)
William Fraser Haulage, Gorthleck 01456 486287
Scottish Highland Art, Torness www.highlandart.com (Ros Rowell)
Cabar Feidh Bagpipe Supplies / Tuition www.cabarfeidhpipes.com (Brian Yates)
Internet Service - Tourism Site Fix, Inverfarigaig www.tourism-site-fix.co.uk 01456 486631 (Andy Holt)
Neil M Ferguson Plant Hire, Stratherrick 01456 486771 / 07833 551993
- Guitar and Ukulele Tuition 07979398517 poor reception or 01456 486774 www.parrotmusic.co.uk (Moteh Parrott)
JT's Seafood Van from Portsoy (Fridays) 01261 843106 / 07921 864979 (John /Steve), on Facebook
Steadings Hotel / Grouse and Trout Restaurant, (Flichity Inn), 01808 521314, www.steadingshotel.co.uk
Dores Inn, 01463 751203 www.thedoresinn.co.uk (Shuttle Bus)
Bank of Scotland, Fort Augustus – Tuesdays and Thursdays 1000-1500hrs only.
- Libra Holistics – Therapies - www.libraholistics.com 01456 486562 (Lindsey McNaughton)
Boleskine Garden Services 01456 486217 or 07873770645 (Gordie McAndie)
S.B. Building, General Building Services, Foyers 01456 486297 or 07773 155367 (Sean Burton)
Andrew Fraser, Building Contractors, Erroge 01456 486381
- New Additions since last issue
DJD Fencing, Treework and Hard-landscaping - 07881 456627 (Davie Drummond)
Forestry and Rural Services - 07881 349814 / 01456 486729 timothyjohnlucas@gmail.com (Tim Lucas)

We can list your business here. There is no charge.

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strathnews@sfctrust.org.uk**

Public Services Listing September 2016



Foyers Medical Centre – East Loch Ness and Strathnairn Medical Practice, 01456 486224
NHS 24 - Phone 111

Police – Non Emergency or to report a crime – Phone 101

Fire – Free Home Safety Check 0800 0731999

Medical, Police, Fire, Loch or other Emergency Phone 999

Raigmore Hospital Switchboard 01463 704000

Highland Council

- General enquiries, comments, compliments or report a complaint 01349 886606
- Roads, flooding and street lighting 01349 886601
- Council House Repairs and Pest Control, Council Housing applications and rent enquiries 01349 886602
- Domestic Special Uplifts and Refuse Collections, Report Fly Tipping, Dog fouling 01349 886603
- Abandoned vehicles and environmental health 01349 886603
- Blue Badge, Travel and National Entitlement Cards 01349 886604
- Make a payment by debit or credit card 01349 886605
- Planning and building standards 01349 886608
- Licensing 01349 886609
- Ward Manager (Ward 13) Charles Stephen 01463 785010
- Councillor Margaret Davidson 01463 861424 / 07818015689

Foyers Primary School 01456 486612 (Snow Code 042070)

Stratherrick Primary School 01456 486630 (Snow Code 043060)

Bun Sgoil Ghaidhlig Inbhir Nis 01463 725980 (Snow Code 043280)

Inverness Royal Academy 01463 222884 (Snow Code 041100)

Drummond School 01463 701050 (Snow Code 041910)

Kilchuimen Academy 01320 366296 (Snow Code 041110)

Schools Closed Freephone Recorded Info Number (Snow) 0800 564 2272 and use the code

Constituency MSP – Kate Forbes – Dingwall 01349 864701

Stagecoach Inverness Bus Office 01463 233371

Caledonian Canal Inverness Office 01463 725500

Fort Augustus Visit Scotland Information Office 01320 345156

National Rail Enquiries 03457 484950

Albyn Housing 01349 852978

Caledonian Sleeper Train 0330 060 0500

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Why not become a member of Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust?

Full membership of the Community Trust is open to all residents over 18. There is also a Junior membership category. There is no charge to become a member, and you will only ever be asked to contribute a maximum of £1. It is easy to join up.

Once you are a member you can vote at the Trust's AGM in November and stand for election as a Trust Director. There are vacancies for Directors every year.

You can help decide how the Trust uses the Community Benefit funds and what initiatives and grant schemes we should offer in future.

Five ways to get a Membership Form

Text your name and email address to 07525 120 966 and we will send you an application form in an email.

Text your name and postal address to 07525 120 966 and we will send you a form in the mail.

E-mail admin@sfctrust.org.uk and we will email you a form

or download a membership Form at www.sfctrust.org.uk/membership

or pick up a Trust membership form at Foyers Post Office.

How to join the Trust

www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk