



The Roundabout

Maryburgh's Free Newsletter

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September – December 2020

Maryburgh is open again!



The first post lockdown meeting of the Lunch Club.
We can look forward to Wednesdays again!



After 4 months of abstinence, thirsty drinkers welcome the reopening of the Cottage Bar!

Any articles, craic, birthdays or events to share with the community?
Send to: benarty25@outlook.com, message the FB community page
or post in the hall post-box.

**Deadline for the September - December issue is
November 1st 2020**

The Old News Lockdown Quiz

1. Who said there is no border between Scotland and England?
2. Who said the FM was going to build a wall on the border that doesn't exist?
3. Who hid in a fridge from reporters?
4. Who got the Proclaimers song wrong and only drove 260 miles and then 260 more?
5. What is the new eye test introduced by the Westminster govt?
6. Who claimed he shook hands with everyone on a covid ward?
7. Who skipped 5 high-level emergency meetings to discuss the pandemic?
8. Which MSP is moving to the House of Lords to get her points card?
9. Whose knowledge of geography is limited, confusing the Red Sea with the Irish Sea?
10. Who was put on the Holyrood naughty step due to some exams being downgraded by the SQA?
11. Who recommended bleach or disinfectant injections to combat covid 19?
12. Who ran the line at a football match instead for toeing the line and attending a VJ day event, at Forres, in his Moray constituency?
13. Despite renting a three bedroomed house on Applecross, who decided to be a "clarty camper" in a farmer's field next door to the holiday home?
14. Which senior Highland Council education official quit after 3 months in the post?
15. What controversial innovation to, supposedly, help with social distancing has been placed on some roads in Dingwall?

Answers

Boris Johnson
 Jacob Rees-Mogg
 Boris Johnson
 Dominic Cummings
 A car trip to Barnard Castle
 Boris Johnson
 Boris Johnson
 Boris Johnson MSP
 Ruth Davidson
 Dominic Raab
 John Swinney
 Donald Trump
 Douglas Ross MP
 Boris Johnson
 Paul Senior
 Traffic islands/random 20mph signs

First Prize! A free eye test at Urquhart Castle
Second Prize: A world atlas signed by D. Raab
Third Prize: A bottle of bleach.



Because of the past few months' lockdown, the 200 club's previous months has, at last, been drawn by the members of the Lunch Club at The Cottage Bar.

Monthly prizes : £50, £25, £15, and £10

June and December - £200, £100, £75, £ 50, £25, £20 and £15



Disappointing news:

Due to lack of community support, the 200 Club will close after the December draw.

This will, no doubt, be a disappointment to those who have continued to support this attempt to raise much needed money for the Amenities Centre. The "lottery" was meant to be a **200** club – not a 126 club.

Organising a fundraiser such as this can be stressful for the person running it when trying to ascertain that there is enough money to cover the winning draws and use surplus to contribute towards the upkeep of the hall which, contrary to local belief, doesn't happen by the wave of a magic wand.

Thank you, Gayle, for the time and effort that you have put into this enterprise.

Thank you, Lunch Clubbers, for drawing the winning numbers each month.

Thank you to the folk who continued to buy a number. You were greatly appreciated!

March:

£50 Lyn Steel
£25 Gillian Meikle
£15 Michelle Christie
£10 Maurice Mackay

April:

£50 Ann Urquhart
£25 Tracey Lowe
£15 Anne Macrae
£10 Maureen Budge

May:

£50 Kevin Judge
£25 Ralph Miller
£15 Michael Taylor
£10 Andrew Steel

June:

£200 Megan Meikle
£100 Hugh Steel
£75 John Swanson
£50 Donald Sinclair
£25 Claire Ferguson
£20 Ross Hrycenko
£15 Elizabeth Pirie

July:

£50 Eric Dingwall
£25 Sandy Glidden
£15 Charles Meikle
£10 Alison Fraser

Aug:

£50 Rhona Stuart
£25 Kevin Crookston
£15 Mary Mackenzie
£10 Margaret Grigor

Sept:

£50 James Stuart
£25 Gayle Gordon
£ 15 Ashley Meikle
£10 Chris Rae

The results of the final draws for Oct – December will be in the December Roundabout



12th August - Happy belated 18th birthday
Josh! Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Guy, Jenny
and Grandma xxxxx



Welcome to the world! Baby A !

Granny and Grandad Thomson are extremely proud! xxx

Thank you!

The owners and staff of the Maryburgh Shop have continued to be real heroes during this crisis. Always open and always well stocked. If there was (and still is!) anything you wanted or needed which was not in stock, they did their best to get it for you (and still do!) by the next day – with no inflated prices. A local service for local people. Well done – and another massive thank you!

Thank you to: Richard Ironside and Scott Macleod for providing the freezer at the hall with ready meals for those who needed them – and to Chloe Macleod, Rosslyn Semple, Fiona Ross and Sammy Mitchell for being the proverbial meals on wheels!

Thanks you David Hayden for donating much needed paint for the hall skirting boards!

Thank you to the advertisers who were able to continue to support The Roundabout during these difficult times

Thank you Mhairi, Angela and Mike for finding the pavement on the short stretch of Dunglass Road and clearing it so folk can actually walk on it!

Thank you Tom for strimming the grass at the Maryburgh sign. Folk now know where they are!

Thank you Highland Council (assuming it was HC!)for finally getting the verges - with 5ft nettles and brambles - on upper Dunglass Road (after the 30mph signs) cut back, thus making it safe for pedestrians and cyclists once more.



What's on in Maryburgh and district when the lock down and social distancing are over and, hopefully, back to normal.

Text in red means that these activities are running again but following the Scottish Government's guidelines with priority being to keep users safe.

Hall: Monday: Highland Radio-Controlled Car Club. 6.30pm – 9pm. First night FREE!
Adults: £7. Under 16s: £4. Any RC car can be used. Just bring it along.
Club cars can be hired. Sockets available for charging.

Tuesday: **Rainbows** 5.15 -6.15pm **Brownies** 6.15 -7.30pm **Guides:** 7.30 – 9pm

Wednesday: **Available**

Thursday: Martial Arts 7 - 9pm. £5/1hr, £8 / 2hrs. First Class free. Min age 5yrs
First class free. No upper age limits

Friday: **Available**

*To book the hall, contact: <http://maryburghhub.info/hall-booking-enquiries/>
email: contact@maryburghhub.info Call Steph: 07970 010 718

Senior Citizens Lunch Club: The Cottage Bar 12 noon on Wednesdays. All welcome!

SWI: Meets on the second Monday of the month in The Leanaig Centre, Conon Bridge, from September to May. (7.30pm) New members always welcome. Find us on Facebook: Maryburgh and Conon Bridge SWI

Kempo Junior classes. 8 – 15 yrs. Thursday evenings. 6-7pm. Leanaig Centre. Exciting activities, martial arts skills, powerful character lessons and more.

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Maryburgh and District Indoor Bowling Club:

September – April. Thursday afternoons, Tuesday and Friday evenings. Bowling Pavilion, Conon Bridge. 6.45pm for a 7pm start. New members are more than welcome, so why not give it a try?

Rainbows and Brownies

Tuesdays: Rainbows – 5.30 – 6.30pm. Brownies – 6.30 – 7.30pm. Maryburgh Hall
There are places available in both Brownies and Rainbows now. Register interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the join us link.

The Badminton Club

Mondays at The Leanaig Centre. 7.30pm – 9.30pm
£3.00 per session (£2.00 for Hi Life members) New members always welcome

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Conon Church Hall: Beavers: - Tuesday, 6.pm – 7.pm,

Leanaig Centre: Cubs:- _Once the new leaders have their PVG and basic training –
Thursday 6.30 – 7.30pm

Scouts:- Friday 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Loch Achonachie Angling Club

The majority of the club's fishings will open on April 1st until 6th October. If you are interested in joining the club, contact the club secretary, Mr Okain MacIannan, 19 Seaforth Drive, Fortrose Tel: 01381620674, go to our website:<http://highland fishing.net/> or check us out on Facebook.

Maryburgh Community Council: Due to the resignation of MCC members, the Community Council is in abeyance until the elections in October. Application forms are available from Highland Council.

A few years back in time!



Hood Street. The tall tree marks where the school garden was.



Proby Street



Hermanville, outside which stood the village pump where residents would gather to fill buckets and have a "bleather".



The Tollhouse.

This octagonal building is situated at the Maryburgh end of Thomas Telford's bridge (demolished and replaced by the "new" bridge) and was extended in the 1960s by its then owner, Robert Dougal, using stone from the demolished ice house adjacent to the property



Drewellis (at one time the village inn)



Maryburgh shop and post office



Not quite so far back! Old Gala pics, courtesy of Jim Macdonald.



These photos range from 1979 – early 80s. What a great community spirit despite, even then, the organisation being left to a small group of people. In true Maryburgh style, people did eventually rise to the occasion and show their support.

- **From the original Maryburgh Amenities minutes book:**

26th May 1955: The first meeting of the newly formed Maryburgh Amenities Committee was held in the Seaforth Hall. Of the 21 members elected, fourteen were present.

11th July 1956: Only four members turned up to the meeting and no business was done.

29th May 1957: The Annual General Meeting of the Maryburgh Amenities Committee was called but, as only 5 members turned up, the meeting was put back until the following Wednesday.

“A disconnected community will not survive”



Because of the school closures, sports days were cancelled. However, a group of enterprising mums held a social distancing sports and games afternoon. Looks like everyone had a great time. Well done kids . . . and, of course mums!



The Radio Controlled Car Club have been meeting outdoors on the sports pitch from 3pm - 6pm on Sundays. Why not pop along and give it a go? Information on cost etc is on P5.

M.A.C

For the past 7 years, a group of residents have, on behalf of the community, been trying their best to gain ownership of the green space.

The initial concept of taking over the school building along with the green space dwindled with the increasing loss of board members. The original plan fell on the shoulders of four people.

Recently, due to lack of community support, it was decided to focus on refurbishment of the hall – and rely on volunteer labour. However, this also has proved to be increasingly difficult. MAC is in desperate need of younger, enthusiastic people with a vision for the future of the community and the will power to carry that vision through to fruition.

An AGM will be held in the autumn – date to be confirmed – and it is hoped that a good turnout will help to replenish the dwindling Board! Information will be posted online and displayed on posters throughout the village.

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