

123 Elf Road  
North Pole

Dear boys and girls,

We're very busy at the North Pole getting everything ready for Christmas. I've been through my list and am pleased to say that you are all on my nice list again this year.

Now, things are a bit different in the world this year and I'm sorry that I can't come to the hall to meet you. However, if you still want to write to me, I would be very pleased to get your letters. You can post them in the hall post box and my post elf will check it for me daily.

Some of you have been wondering if it's safe for me to come to your houses as I usually do. I don't want you to worry. I, Mrs Claus and the elves, have been staying at home and we're going to be extra careful when dropping off your lovely presents. We will be following Elf and Safety Guidelines.

Merry Christmas!

*Santa*

PS. Mrs Claus has been busy putting lights in the windows of our home and in the factory where the elves work. Maybe you could do the same to make your village sparkly and twinkly!

Any articles, craic, birthdays or events to share with the community?

Send to: [benarty25@outlook.com](mailto:benarty25@outlook.com), message the FB community page or post in the hall post-box.

**Deadline for the January- March issue is April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**



# 24 Windows of Advent Treasure Hunt

1<sup>st</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Join the treasure hunt to find the "24 Windows of Advent" in Maryburgh.

The hunt is open to all nursery and primary aged children who attend Ben Wyvis Primary School or live in Maryburgh and Canon Bridge.

Search the village from 1st to 20th December looking for the 24 decorated windows. These windows will also be displaying a sheet of paper in the window which will have a number between 1 and 24 and a symbol relating to Christmas. Write down the number and symbol you see for each window on a bit of paper

There is also a separate hunt to find 5 letters that will also be displayed in decorated windows. Find all the letters and then unscramble them to spell a Christmas word.

**Hint:** In order to complete the hunts you will need to visit the following streets:-

Birch Drive, Donald Cameron Court, Hood Street, Proby Street, Proby Place, Grant Crescent, Rosshill Drive, Breac an Ord, Seaforth Place & Entrance to Mackenzie Place. You will also have to hunt in Wrightfield Park but if you go further than the monkey puzzle tree from the main village you will have gone too far!

Once you have found all 24 numbers and their symbols, pop your completed sheet through the letterbox of the last house in the hunt (window number 24). Remember to put your name and a contact number on your sheet.

If you decide to do the word hunt you can pop your answer to that hunt on the same bit of paper.

Remember, some may be easier to spot than others. Look all around you. Look high, look low. Some streets will have a few numbers, some might only have one.

**Closing date:** 5pm on 20th December.

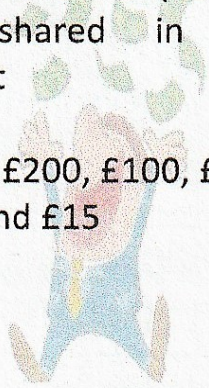
All correct sheets will be entered into a draw on 21st December and the winners of the "24 Windows of Advent" & the "Word Hunt" will each receive a prize.

Good luck and happy hunting!



The result of the final (December) draw will be shared in the March Roundabout

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



October

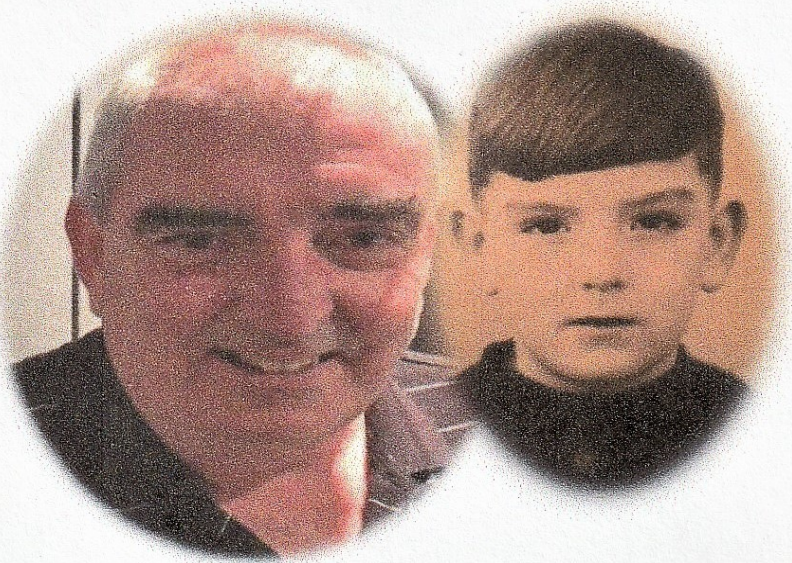
£50 Katy Sutherland  
£25 Norrie Mcculloch  
£15 Kath Tait  
£10 Babs Kennedy

November

£50 Lynsey Fisher  
£25 Margaret Grigor  
£15 James Stuart  
£10 Craig Rodger

A belated happy birthday to James Stuart who reached the grand age of 60 years on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

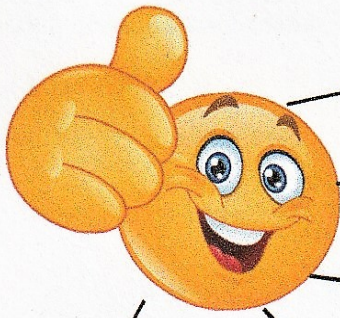
Lots of love and hugs Granda from Clara, Hannah, Ayden, Rory, Josh and Jessie Dog! xxxxx



A belated happy birthday to Willie Meikle who turned 60 on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Love from all the family xx

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Rough who tied the knot at Banff Springs Hotel on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.





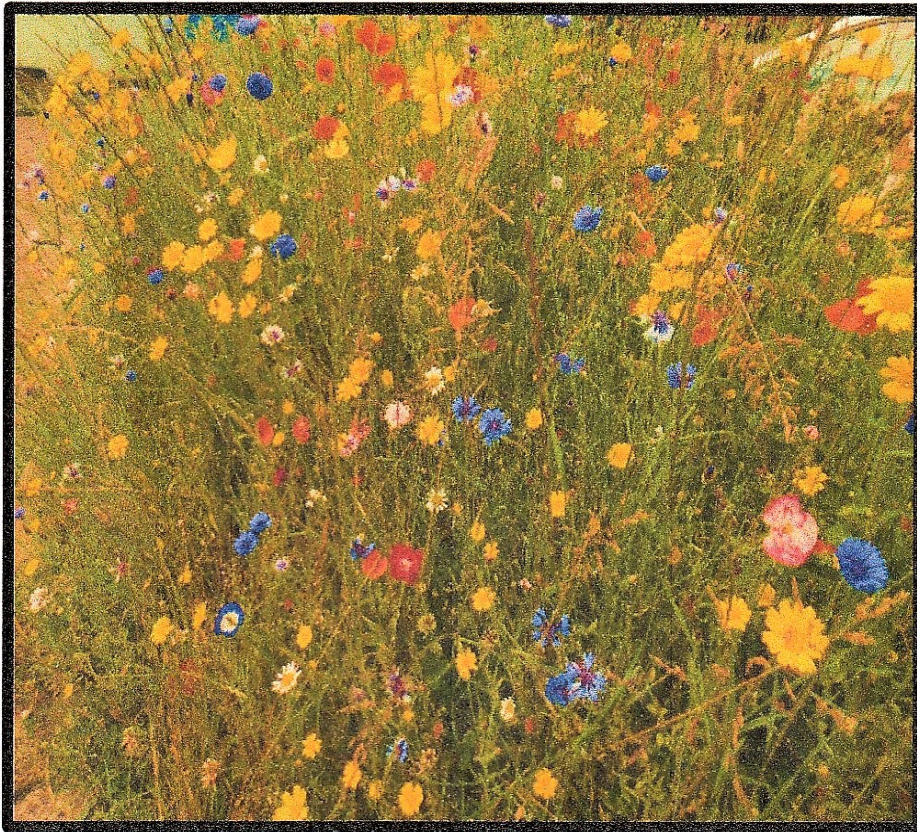
Thank you, Lyn Steell for your generous donation of cleaning materials for the hall.

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

Thank you for tidying around the War Memorial, Fiona. Yes – you were spotted!

Thank you to The Phantom Strimmer who cut and tidied up the grass and weeds at the front of the hall! What a great difference!

The owners and staff of the Maryburgh Shop have continued to be real heroes for the past months. Always open, welcoming and well stocked. If there's anything you want or need which is not in stock, they will do their best to get it for you by the next day – with no inflated prices. Local service for local people. Well done – and a massive thank you from the community.



Just a reminder of summer – thanks to Albert Place residents.

Just a bit of fun!

## "I've finally reached The Wonder Years"

**Wonder** where  
I parked the car?

**Wonder** where  
I left my phone?

**Wonder** where  
my glasses are?

**Wonder** what  
day it is?



## What's on in Maryburgh and District

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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.

- Face coverings must be worn inside at all times
- There will be hand sanitising stations that you must use to clean your hands before and after marshalling. Drivers must also do the same.
- There will be a one-way system in operation. Drivers to enter/leave the stage down the steps, clean hands and enter kitchen. Please could all marshals enter/exit the hall by way of the side fire exit and enter the kitchen through the side double door. This is too avoid everyone in the small corridor. Please try and keep 1 metre apart.

**Tuesday:** Available

**Wednesday:** Available

**Thursday:** Martial Arts 6 - 8pm. £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](mailto:contact@maryburghhub.info) Call Steph: 07970 010 718

### Senior Citizens Lunch Club:

The Cottage Bar 12 noon on Wednesdays. All welcome! There are, at the moment, 2 sittings. 12 and 1pm. Booking is necessary. Diners must only sit in twos – only two households together. Contact no. 01349 861 230.

### Maryburgh Indoor Bowling Club:

Following the guidelines from the Scottish government times are:

Mondays: 10am – 11.30am. 12.15pm – 1.45pm. 2.30pm – 4pm

Only four people can play at a time.

Contact Alistair Gault for more information : 01349 862 422

### **SWI**

Leanaig Centre. Second Monday of each month. 7.30pm September - May

We are the ladies of **Maryburgh & Conon Bridge SWI** (aka 'The Rural'). A great opportunity for local women to come together and learn, laugh and love together. No knitting or baking required, but it's always welcome!

### 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, 6pm – 7pm,

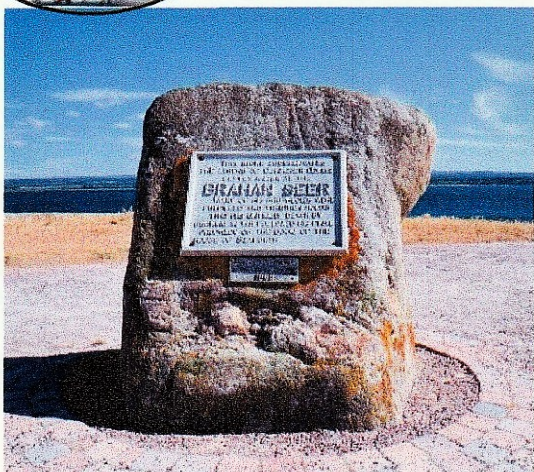
Leanaig Centre: **Cubs are desperately in need of leaders.** (Thursday 6.30 – 7.30pm)

Scouts:- Friday 7.30pm – 9.30pm

### Loch Achonachie Angling Club

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





## Maryburgh - some local folklore.

The Brahan Seer, known in his native Scottish Gaelic as Coinneach Odhar ("Dark Kenneth"), and Kenneth Mackenzie, was, according to legend, a predictor of the future who lived in the 17th century. The Brahan Seer worked for Kenneth Mackenzie, 3rd Earl of Seaforth. Having become famous in his times for his predictions, he met an early and unfortunate end through one fateful prediction. Lady Seaforth was outraged and embarrassed by his foretelling that her husband, the absent Earl of Seaforth, was philandering in Paris. So much so, she ordered the unfortunate Seer to be burned alive in a spiked barrel of pitch at Chanonry Point.

### Some of the Brahan Seer's Predictions

"One day ships will sail round the back of Tomnahurich Hill" - To say that ships would sail round the opposite side of the hill from the river seemed highly illogical to those who first heard the prediction, but the prediction came true. Today the 19th century Caledonian Canal forks off from the River Ness at the eastern head of Loch Ness - which continues its route through Inverness town centre - and heads north-east "round the back of Tomnahurich", exiting into the Moray Firth at Clachnaharry.

Bridges over the River Ness – The Seer predicted that when there were five bridges over the River Ness, there would be worldwide chaos. In August 1939, the fifth bridge over the Ness was completed and on 1 September 1939 Hitler invaded Poland and WW1 began.

He also said that when there were nine bridges, there would be "fire, flood and calamity". The ninth bridge was built in 1987 and in 1988 the Piper Alpha disaster happened.

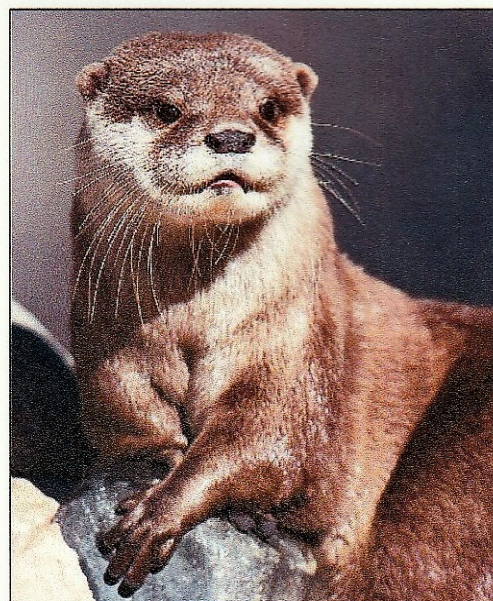
"The day will come when the MacKenzies of Fairburn shall lose their entire possessions; their castle will become uninhabited and a cow shall give birth to a calf in the uppermost chamber of the tower."

In 1851, by which time, the tower was used to store hay, the prophecy was fulfilled when a cow gave birth in the garret which was used to store hay. This explains what the cow was doing in the hay loft!

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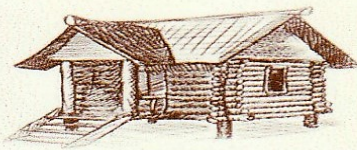
## The Otter King

Sleek, and playful, at home on land and in the water, the otter is a well-loved animal. The Scots name for the otter is the 'dratsie', and in Scottish tradition there are tales of 'Otter Kings' who were accompanied by seven black otters. When captured, these beasts would grant any wish in exchange for their freedom. But their skins were also prized for their ability to render a warrior invincible and were thought to provide protection against drowning. Luckily, the Otter Kings were hard to kill, their only vulnerable point being a small point below their chin. Some tales mention of its ability to shed its skin and take on human form in the same manner as a Selkie. There are tales of an Otter King on Brahan Estate so be watchful when walking up there!





Thank you to those who found the time to decorate a stone for Remembrance Day



## MARYBURGH MEN'S SHED

**A Men's Shed and usable Community space is coming soon to Maryburgh.**

Interested ? Contact:

maryburghms100 @gmail.com to register your interest and support or contact Tom Thomas : 01349 861964

We are currently in the process of procuring the former Maryburgh Primary School on Hood Street as the venue for future use by the Community and need as much support for this venture as is possible.

Our goal is to promote general well-being, lifelong learning and a healthy life style for retired members, shift workers and others who are free during the day and want to spend their time constructively and enjoyably.

Our Shed will be open for several days each week for members to drop in free of charge.

The building will also be used for a range of different activities including: a coffee shop, a meeting room for groups in the surrounding area and a local heritage centre.

The Highland Woodturners will also be housed in the building and anyone interested in being a part of this Club should register their interest on the web site : [www.highland-woodturners.org.uk](http://www.highland-woodturners.org.uk)

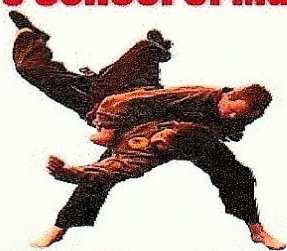
This is a well established club with very experienced members who are willing to share their knowledge. Why not give it a try? We're sure you will enjoy the experience.

A crowdfunding page has been set up. Please show your support for this venture by donating to: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/maryburghms>



# Come and try

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If you are tired of working from home and feel you are needing to socialise a bit more or would like to shake off the Covid Blues and get a bit more active, or simply try something new why not come along to our class in Maryburgh Hall. After a long hiatus we are returning to Maryburgh on the 19th of November but at the slightly earlier time of 6.00pm-8.00pm as this might suit younger participants and if there is a demand we will then go to 9.00pm for adults only.

Covid mitigation steps will be in place for 12 year olds and over to minimise the risks. If interested drop me a wee message for more details and you can find Cameron's School of Martial Arts on Facebook. Phone: 0781000946



We are very excited that the Bowling Club has been selected for the CO-OP Local Community Fund! So if you are local to the Club we need your support! Ways you can support us:

If you aren't already a CO-OP member, get yourself signed up for a £1, and select Conon/Maryburgh Outdoor Bowling Club as your cause (as well as earning yourself some rewards!)

If you are already a member then please select Conon/Maryburgh Outdoor Bowling Club as your cause and support us to carry on our well-being work with the young and young at heart.

The more members who select the bowling club and shop at the CO-OP, the more funds we will receive!

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/52818>

Thank you! We really appreciate your support!



**Conon/Maryburgh Scouts are desperately in need of leaders, especially Cubs.**

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

Leanaig Centre: Cubs (Thursday 6.30 – 7.30pm)

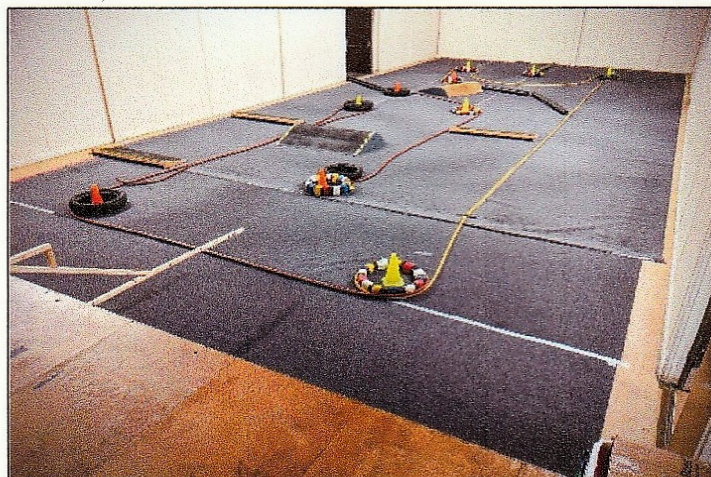
Scouts:- Friday 7.30pm – 9.30pm

If you would like more information on volunteering for this worthwhile organisation, contact:

Corinna Lonnen – 07743 035948

#### Scout Post:

Unfortunately, there will be no Scout Post this year but we will, hopefully, be back to help you with your Christmas Cards next year. See you all then!



R/C Car Racing! Fun for young children and big kids (adults) who haven't grown up yet. Join us on a Monday evening for some fun model car racing.

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## Quick family quiz – to use up space!

1. What birds are popular on Christmas cards?
2. Stephen I was anointed king of which country in the year 1000, on Christmas Day.
3. What did Scottish nationalist students take from Westminster Abbey on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1950?
4. Where did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel after leaving Bethlehem?
5. What gifts did The Three Wise Men give Jesus on his birthday?
6. What are you supposed to do when you find yourself under the mistletoe?
7. Which soft drinks company is the first to have ads featuring Santa?
8. What was the first carol broadcast from space?
9. What did the Kremlin send MI6 in their Christmas hamper?
10. Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?



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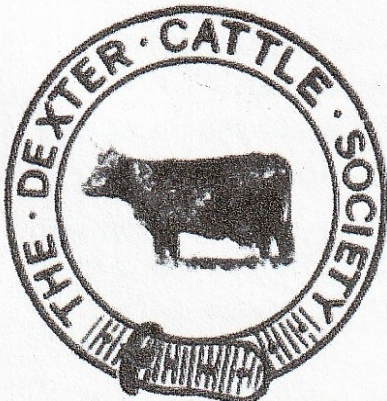
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Answers to quick quiz on P12

1. Robins
2. Hungary
3. Stone of Scone (Destiny)
4. Egypt
5. Gold. Frankincense and Myrrh
6. Kiss
7. CocaCola
8. Jingle Bells
9. A mince spy
10. He was picking his nose



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