

THE ROUNDABOUT

Maryburgh's free Newsletter

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Tom Thomas BEM



Tom, with his couthy sense of humour, is the trusty village gardener – responsible for organising his small team of workers in the maintenance and planting of tubs for Maryburgh in Bloom - and to others a friend in time of need.

Tom, also a community councillor, moved north 19 years ago to be close to daughter Lynn Thomson, a retired police officer. He credits helpers Eilidh Green, Gail and Andy Barnett and Fiona and Euan McHardy for keeping flowers blooming around the village.

A retired gardener, he raises funds and works to keep the village spruce and, when he can, he now shares his green-fingered ways with Ben Wyvis Primary children. He also acts as befriender for Highland Hospice and regularly visits others in need of friendship and support.

In 2009, the pupils of Maryburgh Primary School Eco Committee, under the guidance of Muriel Thomson, adopted Tom as their “eco-grandad” as part of their work at earning the honour of becoming an Eco School. With his advice and help, the school became one of the few able to fly two Eco Flags. Those efforts have now earned him a British Empire Medal in the Queen’s birthday honours.

What's on in Maryburgh and District

Text in green 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: Available

Wednesday: Available

Thursday: Martial Arts 6 - 8pm. £5/1hr, £8 / 2hrs. First Class free.
Min age 6 yr First class free. No upper age limits.

Find Cameron's School of Martial Arts on Facebook. Phone: 0781000946

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:

Cottage Bar. 12 noon on Wednesdays. All welcome. A chance to socialise and have a great lunch!
Contact Traci 01349 861230

The Hall

Following the most recent Scottish Government announcement, we are now able to welcome groups of 10 people from up to 4 households from the 19th July. Children aged under 12 do not count towards the numbers or household limit.

This means that, with a few rules in place, children's bouncy castle parties are possible.

To book, please message the Community FB page or contact Steph on 07970 010718.



Loch Achonachie Angling Club

The majority of the club's fishings 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://highlandfishing.net/> or check us out on Facebook.

Maryburgh Indoor Bowling Club: To be updated

The Badminton Club (To be updated)

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 (to be updated)

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

150 Club

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£40. Catriona Berry (123)
£25. Dorothy Howie (20)
£10. Eilidh Green (126)

Congratulations to the prize winners! The next draw will return to being done at Lunch Club (Covid allowing).

Thank you to the residents of Maryburgh and the surrounding area for joining the club and helping to support the Amenities Centre.

There are still 4 tickets for sale so, if you aren't bothered about missing out on the last two draws, email:

contact @maryburghhub.com or phone Steph : 07970 010 718.

It would be great if we could have a waiting list . . . just like in the "old days"! **You could be in The September draw!**

Thanks, Steph, for stepping up to the mark!

Andy and Jillian, the new owners of 62 Mackenzie Place apologise for any inconvenience caused to their neighbours whilst building work was done on their home. They're certain that it has been vastly improved and are happy with the result and thank you all for your patience.

A word of warning!

The handrail on the bridge at Dunglass Island is loose. Take care when crossing!

Would the person/persons who continually drop/s their poop bags in a garden in at the corner of Mackenzie Place, rather than doing this please take it home and dump it in your own garden!

Also, the folk who are so sure of the biodegradability of their poop bags and drape them on the trees and bushes in the woods and around the village, please take them home and hang them on their own trees!





Ross and Cromarty Heritage Society

Maryburgh History

The Schools

Tollie school

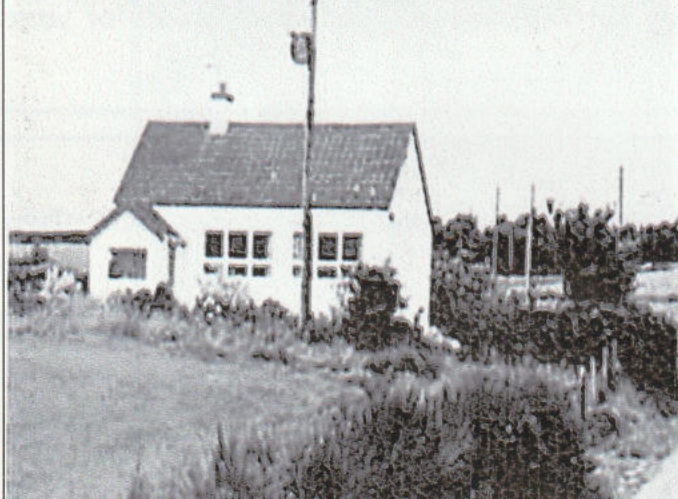


The second statistical account (1907), mentions a school at Tollie, attended by 70 pupils who were taught English, Gaelic, Writing and Arithmetic. This school was closed around 1882.



The site of the school is marked on the map, and the photograph shows what remains of the building.

Lochussie school



Opened in 1939, Lochussie School closed its doors in 1964. The children continued their education at Maryburgh Primary.

Pictured above are pupils and to the left, pupils with teacher Annie Mackenzie who taught at the school for 16 years



1936 . Mr Macdonald (Black Jock)



1936



A new Community Council was formed in December 2020. So far, our meetings have all been held via Microsoft Teams and anyone is welcome to join these. Contact details are at the foot of this page.

The dates and minutes of these are published on our Facebook page and posted on the noticeboard at the hall.

We'd love to have a junior member onboard, if you're aged between 16-18 years and interested in being involved in community work we'd love to hear from you.

To date we have:

- Had potholes at Seaforth Place, Dunglass Road & Wrightfield Park repaired
- Provided funding to Maryburgh in Bloom
- The trees lining Hood Street have been pruned back
- Grass cutting in previously missed areas of Seaforth Place has resumed
- Addressed the issue of contractors parking on Hood Street while working on the new house site
- Requested a new bin at the football pitch to address issues with litter and discarded dog bags
- Applied to Highland Council for all relevant funding
- Secured £1k funding from the Arnold Clark community fund
- Submitted comments on behalf of the community to the Inner Moray Firth Development Plan
- Worked with Dingwall Academy and Police Scotland to address the issue of wilful damage in the woods
- Spruced up the Community Garden with new bark, plants and a picnic bench

Ongoing:

- **Christmas lights** – we're looking into the possibility of funding and sourcing these
- **Defibrillator** – we're awaiting quotes for a defibrillator to be purchased and sited within the village
- **Winter resilience** – we had very little response to this last year but will circulate the information again this year

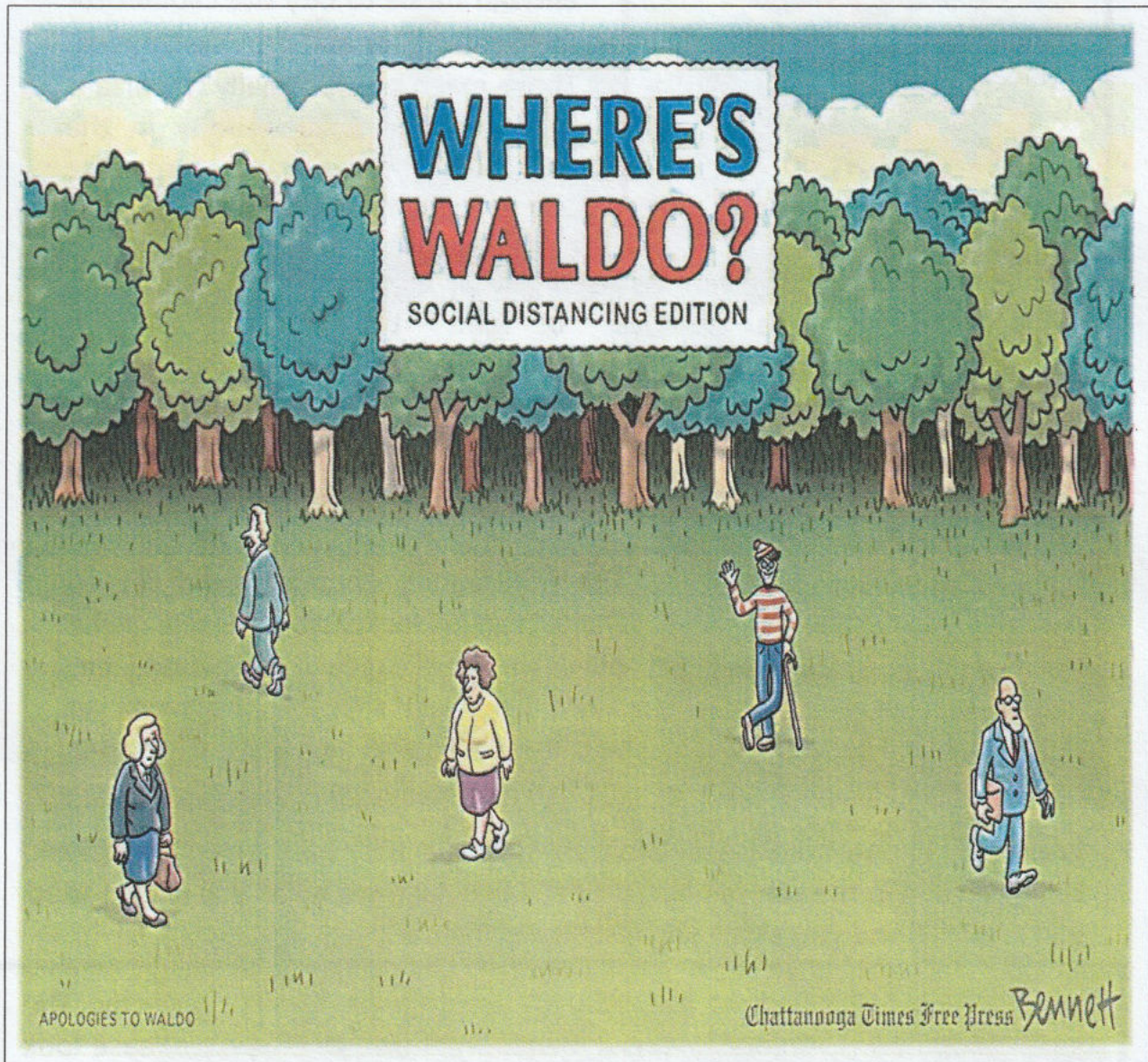
If there's an issue you'd like us to address or you'd like to help now and again with fundraising, gardening or would like to help in any other way we'd love to hear from you. **You can contact us via our Facebook page or by email to maryburghcc@gmail.com**



Conon/Maryburgh Scout Group is desperately in need of leaders. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile organisation and would like more information, contact: Corrina Lonnen – 07743 035948

M.A.C.

An AGM is in the process of being planned, possibly at the end of September. This will be held in the main hall and will be subject to Holyrood's Covid advice relevant at the time. Details of date and time will be advertised via posters, flyers and online. Once details are confirmed, please try to attend. MAC's focus will be on refurbishment of the hall so your suggestions and offers of help will be made very welcome.





The Community Council has ordered a Defibrillator/Cabinet/Training for the village. We would like to thank Duncan (Spankie) Stewart who lives in the village as he has offered to pay for the defibrillator and the Community Council will pay for the cabinet.

Spankie has lived in the village for many years and we are sure the village would like to thank him for this very kind gesture.

We would also like to thank MAC for agreeing to have the Defibrillator attached to the outside wall of the Amenities Centre.



Peter Dingwall will be organising and hosting a bingo night up at the Cottage Bar on the 30th of September and should be a good laugh! £10 entry this covers all your games, and we are hoping to raise enough funds to buy the cabinet for the defibrillator and provide training. These machines are really important to have in our community in the event of someone having a cardiac arrest. **Tables must be booked call : 0785188029**

If a defibrillator can be used within 6 minutes it increases the chance of life by 90%.
If a defibrillator is used within 10 minutes, the chance of saving the person's life is 50%.
Every minute counts.



The Community Council would like to thank Traci/Di for giving them one of the picnic benches from the Cottage Bar. Kevin Benstead supplied the wood to sort the bench and Tom & Marc Prasher sanded and stained the bench.

We would like to thank all of them for the help they have given. The picnic bench is now in the playpark in Rosshill Drive, and we hope this will be used in the future and you enjoy your picnics in the park.

There's been lots of effort put into the Community Garden recently. The newest addition is a fantastic picnic bench, feel free to enjoy it, please look after it and take any rubbish home with you.



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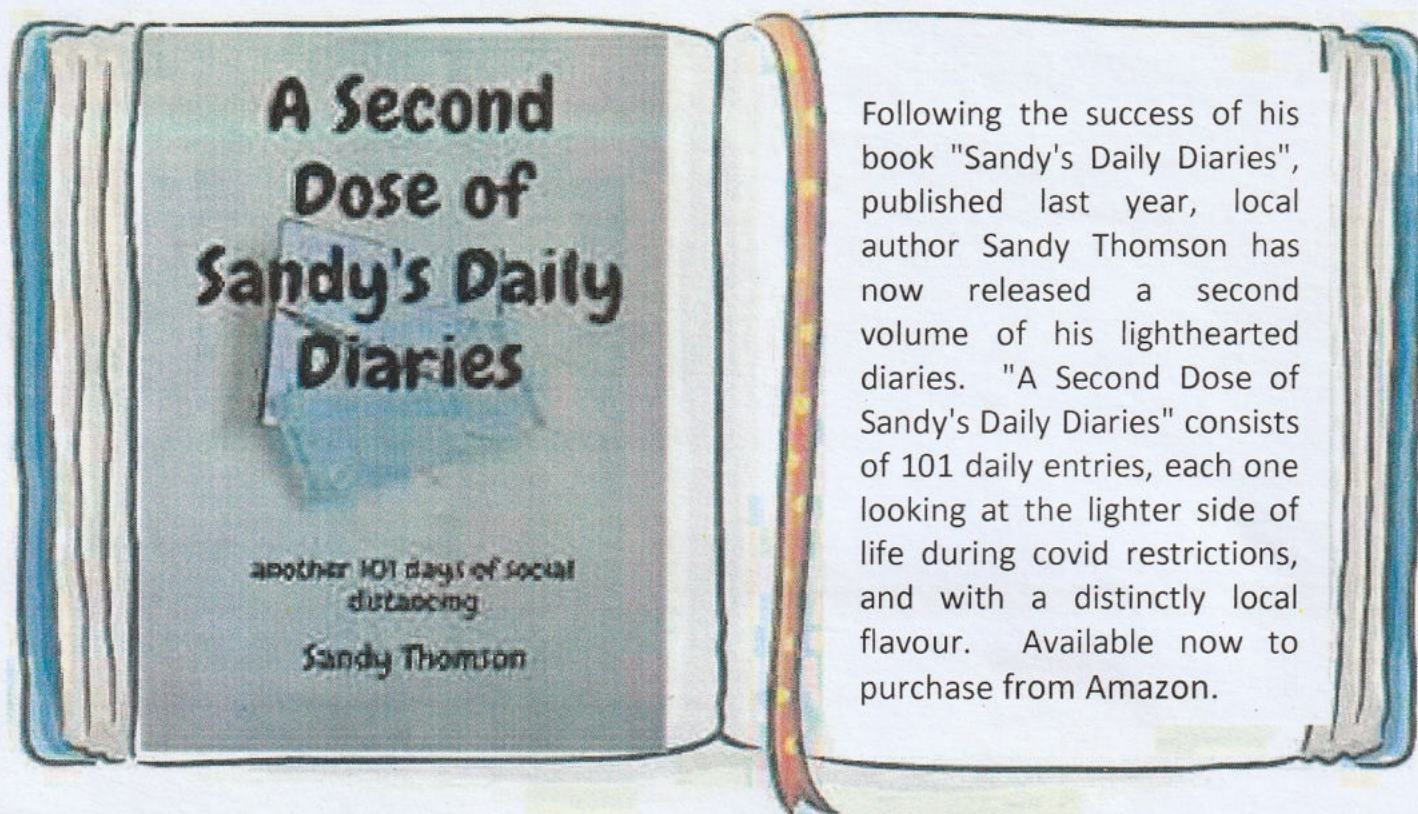
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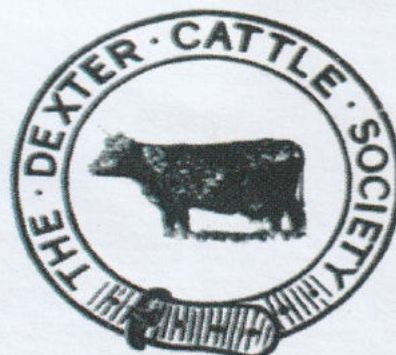
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