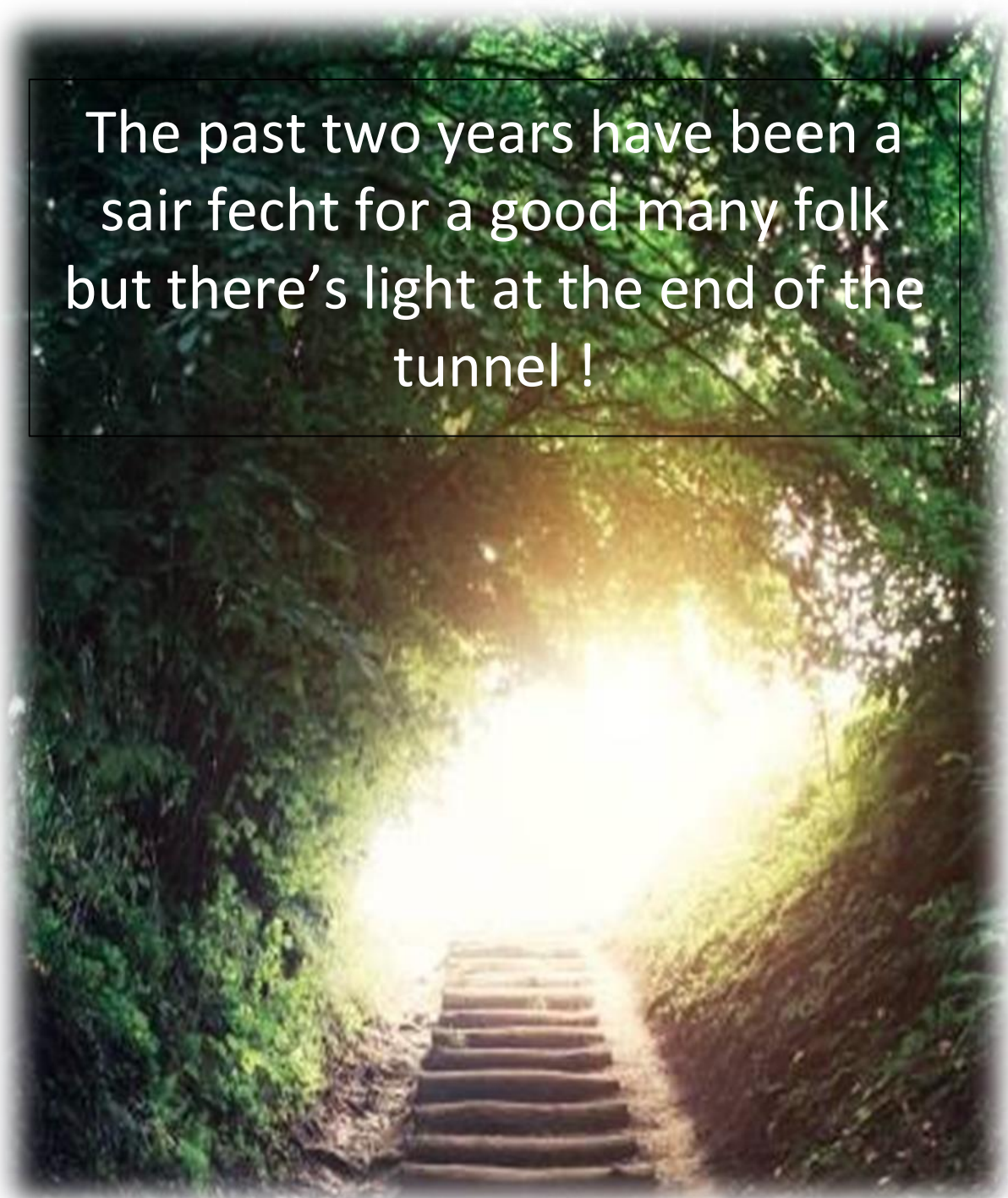


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The past two years have been a
sair fecht for a good many folk
but there's light at the end of the
tunnel !



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.

All information is correct at time of printing

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: Enjoyaball. Details on Page 11

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: 01349 861230

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Conon Church Hall: Beavers: - Tuesday, 6.15pm – 7. 15pm,

Leanaig Centre: – 6.30 =7.30pm

Scouts: - Friday 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Maryburgh Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.45am-11.30am

Free Church Hall £1.50 per child and 50p for siblings

All welcome with children 0-5 years

Tea, coffee and biscuits available for adults and snacks for kids.

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 MacIennan, 19 Seaforth Drive, Fortrose Tel: 01381620674, go to our website:<http://highlandfishing.net/> or check us out on Facebook.

**Badminton: Leanaig Centre Mondays 7.30 – 9.30 pm
£3.00 (£2.00 for Hi Life members)**

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November

£40. Siobhan Swanney

£25. Anne Macrae

£10. Ann Urquhart

January

£40. Sandra Reid

£25. Liam Roger

£10. Margaret Russell

December – the BIG one!

£200 Liz Glashan

£100 John Junor

£75 Pauline Kerrison



Congratulations to the prize winners! The draw has returned to being done at Lunch Club. There is now a waiting list, Contact Steph on 07970 010718.



A heartfelt thanks to Hannah, Scott and Aimee at The Cottage Bar for the lovely dinner laid on for the Lunch Club and senior citizens in the Maryburgh community. It was a wonderful night; enjoyed by all who attended. You certainly did us, and yourselves, proud!

Thankyou to the anonymous donor responsible for the generous donation towards expenses incurred in printing the Roundabout!

HAPPY RETIREMENT

HENRY ROSS!

Independence day on 20th May

Our list for you is growing longer every day!!!

Lots of love from all the family xxx





Ross and Cromarty Heritage Society

Maryburgh History

Maryburgh Folk

The Brahan Seer

From out of the shadows of Highland folklore emerges Coinneach Odhar, Fiosaiche, or “Sallow Kenneth”, “the one who knows” - otherwise known as Kenneth MacKenzie. MacKenzie is said to have been cursed with ‘The Sight’ and foretold many events in Scottish history which have since come to pass, such as the Battle of Culloden and the building of the Caledonian Canal. The ‘Sight’ was definitely a curse, for it ultimately led to him being burnt to death. Little written evidence remains of his life and even his prophecies were written down long after his death



However, nuggets of truth have been found in the Gaelic culture of the Highlands was rich in oral tradition, and in stories which were passed down through generations.

He is thought to have used an Adder stone - a stone with a hole in the middle - to see his visions Having become famous as a diviner and wit, he was invited to work as a labourer at Brahan Castle, which eventually led to his downfall. Undeterred by his prophecy of the downfall of the House of Seaforth, the Countess of Seaforth determined to have her revenge on the man who accurately and publicly “saw” her husband’s infidelities in Paris. As the flames arose from the spiked barrel, in which he suffered a “witches” death, a dove and a raven circled overhead. The dove rather than the raven landed on his ashes, indicating his innocence.

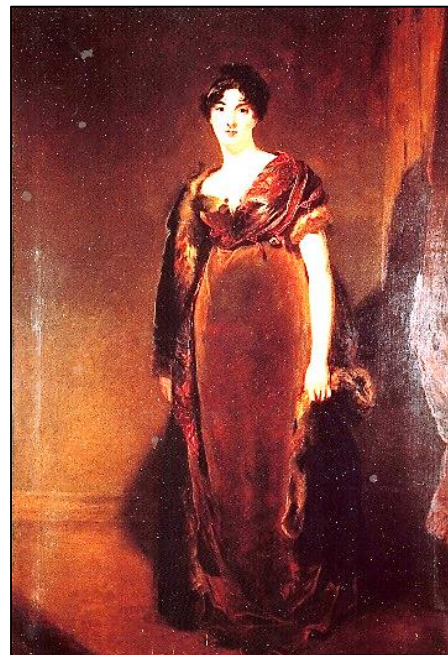
The Highland Clearances: He predicted the land reforms put in place by the Duke of Sutherland, whereby the people were forcibly removed from their small holdings to make way for sheep. This became known as the ‘Highland Clearances’. With no home and no means of supporting their families, thousands of Highlanders were forced to emigrate to the New World. *“ that the day will come when there will be a road through the hills of Ross-shire from sea to sea, and a bridge upon every stream.” “ That the people will degenerate as their country improves.” “That the clans will become so effeminate as to flee from their native country before an army of sheep).”*

“ that the day will come when the Big Sheep will overrun the country until they strike (meet) the northern sea.” Big sheep here is commonly understood to mean deer, but whether the words signify sheep or deer, the prophecy has been very strikingly fulfilled.”

Culloden: *“ Oh! Drum Mossie, thy bleak moor shall, ere many generations have passed away, be stained with the best blood of the Highlands. Glad am I that I will not see that day, for it will be a fearful period; heads will be lopped off by the score, and no mercy will be shown or quarter given on either side”*

Elizabeth Frederika MacKenzie

Mary Elizabeth Frederika MacKenzie returned to Brahan Castle in 1815, upon the death of her father, to take over her inheritance. She was born on 27th of March 1783 at Tarradale. She was married twice. Firstly, on 6th November 1804, to Vice-Admiral Sir Samuel Hood, who had been in command of British Naval Forces in the Indies. He died at Madras, in India, on 24th December 1814. The family bereavements in the period up to her possession of the estate and beyond to the time of the Disruption must have been a time of poignancy for her, and of particular sadness perhaps, was the accidental death of her younger sister, Caroline, in a carriage accident at Brahan in 1823:



This is commemorated by a monument by, what is now, the old roadside at Brahan. In Maryburgh the title of Lady **Hood** and the name of her son, Francis Pelham **Proby**, who died in 1844, are established in the names of the two main streets. Her interest in the affairs and well-being of the community continued up to her death at Brahan Castle in 1862 at the age of 79. Her burial place can be found at Fortrose Cathedral.

Donald Cameron, Piper



Donald Cameron Piper to Seaforth 1861

Donald Cameron and his brother Sandy were in fact born in Strathconon and moved to Maryburgh around 1845. They competed annually at the World Championships ("The Northern Meeting")

Donald won : The Prize Pipe in 1843 and 1844; he Gold Medal in 1849, 1850, and 1859; Champion of Champions in 1862; King of Pipers

In 1845, Donald was appointed Piper to Keith Stewart Mackenzie of Seaforth.

Sandy Cameron was a very successful competitor of his day and won Prize Pipe in 1846 and Gold Medal in 1862. Sandy died at the early age of 49 years.

Donald had three sons, Colin, Alick and Keith who were all outstanding players of Piobaireachd. Colin. taught by his father. won

.Prize Pipe in 1861, Gold Medal in 1865, and was Piper to the Duke of Fife.

Seaforth Cottage was given to Donald Cameron, pupil of John MacKay of Raasay and source of the Cameron school of Piobaireachd playing, in 1864 and was lived in by him, then his son Colin and grandson Colin.

Colin's son, also called Colin, was the last member of the Cameron family to live at Seaforth Cottage - the finest house in Maryburgh at that time.



The Christmas lights certainly gave the village a festive feel last year and there will be more fundraising throughout the year in the hope of extending them further. Thank you to those involved in this venture!

A Topsy Tea Party has been organised to help with fundraising for more lights and other ongoing projects in the village.

Topsy Tea Party

30th April

Maryburgh Hall

2 – 6pm

£10 per person



Maryburgh Matters We have been successful in this year's round of Co-op community funding. This will enable us to house a community fridge in our community room at The Old School / Men's Shed. Please support us by going to: <https://causes.coop.co.uk> and becoming a member.

1 st Conon Bridge & Maryburgh Scout Group

Great news from the group



Group Scout Leader Corinna Lonnen and Assistant Scout Leader Martin McLauchlan were awarded long service awards from Ross, Skye & Lochalsh District for 25 & 40 years respectively.

We are delighted to say that all three sections Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are back up and running again after a very long break due to Covid. Recently 14 Beavers along with their Leaders, Steph and Claire were invested and we welcome them to our Group.

To ensure that Scouting can continue within the villages of Maryburgh and Conon Bridge, we are looking for new leaders, especially Cub Leaders. If you would like further information please contact our Group Scout Leader, Corinna Lonnen gsl1stcononbridgeandmaryburgh@gmail.com

All training, PVG, uniform and support will be provided by the Group, we look forward to hearing from you.

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteer/volunteering-with-scouts/>

Fun and Games at the Christmas Cottage Bar!



Looks like you all had a good time! Good food, good company, and a good bit of revelry!

Thanks is due to The Cottage Bar and also to the behind the scenes organisers who are seldom thanked but without whom the event could not take place – you know who you are!

Photos courtesy of A.M



Thank you Rhona, Gillian and Donald for organising the wonderful Christmas hampers yet again!

A total of £904 (including £270 from raffles sold in, and donated by The Cottage) was raised for CCTV equipment at the Hall.

And the winners of the hampers and other prizes were: Willie Meikle, Susan Lonnen, Diana Budge, Nathan Meikle, The Camerons c/o The Cottage Bar, Willie Thow, Louisa Gibb





For any would-be singing enthusiasts out there – did you know that a small group of cheery folk meet in the Dingwall Men's Shed each Friday morning at 10am? This is the latest in a line of venues for our wee group, and we're hopeful of moving into the even better (!) brand new Log Cabin building very soon.

To be clear, most of us are not men, although everyone is welcome! We vary in number from about 5 to around 10 each week, and would be delighted to welcome anyone to join us for a morning and see if you would enjoy what we do. The aim is to sing for fun and hopefully learn and make some joyful music together.

What's it all about? No auditions, no pressure! A wide variety of songs. Lots of rounds or canons; mostly easy to learn and a bit of fun; often deceptively effective. Recently we've also learned a few Scottish songs, 'The Bressay Lullaby' from Shetland, 'Yundah' which is about The Hebrides, and 'Coorie Doon', for example. We've more or less mastered a simple Gaelic lullaby, without the aid of a safety net or any Gaelic speakers in our midst!

We attempt to sing some of our songs in parts for a bit of challenge; but don't be put off as we take it slowly and most of us don't read music. A few of our songs are in Latin or have African traditional roots. Last week we felt rather pleased with our (slow but rewarding) progress with 'Pleni sunt coeli et terra' (roughly translating to 'Full are heaven and earth of glory'). Appropriate festive songs are often the order of the day.

Please feel free to get in touch to find out more, or come along and join us in Dingwall, as the title suggests, it's free, and you would be made welcome - as would a donation towards the Men's Shed!
Sally will be delighted to hear from you on 01997 423209.

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Bible stories

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2pm – 4pm
Easter Egg Hunt

Snacks
P1-P7
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