



# The Roundabout

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**Maryburgh's back on form! A great Gala week and Gala Day!**



*Thanks for supporting your community!*



Just a few pics from Gala Week and Gala Day. More on P11





May:

£40 – Annette Mckee  
£25 -Mrs M Perry  
£10

June:

£ 200 -Lynne Hrycenko  
£100-Stanley Campbell  
£75 - Miss T Perry

July:

£40 – Liz Pirie  
£25 – Rhona Stuart  
£10 – Diana Budge



Congratulations to the prize winners! Thank you to The Lunchclubbers for doing the draw.

There is now a waiting list, Contact Steph on 07970 010718.



A very happy three score years and ten on  
10<sup>th</sup> September Hazel Ross!  
(Got it right this time!)

A belated Happy Birthday Nathan! The grand old age of 21 on 11<sup>th</sup> August. Love from Mam & Dad, Ashley and John, Megan and Iain xxx



**Thank you to:**

Gail and Andy for the beautiful hanging baskets, the folk who've adopted a flower tub and those who have, throughout the year, maintained the tubs, ensuring a colourful display especially in the spring and the group who tidied up the front and rear of the hall prior to Gala. What a difference! The folk who've tidied up the paths in the woods at Dunglass Road. And . . . the Fundraising group for making sure the Gala was such a success and for keeping the rain off to ensure a dry Gala! Your skills are beyond compare!

A resident would like to thank the person in the road sweeper for making such a good job of tidying up the roads!





## Ross and Cromarty Heritage Society Maryburgh History

### Brahan POW Camp 109



The site of the former camp can be found along the Maryburgh to Ullapool Road between the Tollie turn off and the north lodge.

During the second World War, a camp was founded in one of the home farm fields at Brahan for confining prisoners of war. It was used at different times for German and Italian prisoners

It comprised a guard camp and a fenced prison camp with recreation field. The land was according to Brahan Estate leased to the Ministry of Works from 1944 to 1957. The camp held Italian, German and other axis nationalities. The prisoners were delivered to local farms to help provide additional manpower.

Following the end of the Second World War the former PoW camp was repurposed as a Displaced Persons Camp and mostly held Ukrainians who, because they had fought on the axis side, could not return to the Ukraine which was then part of the Soviet Union, for fear of imprisonment or death. The UK government accommodated these former PoWs in old camps across the UK. The men were put to work in local farms and industries.

After which the camp was used for storing agricultural materials and equipment as well housing families and children for the potato harvest, until 1957 when the site was returned to Brahan Estate. Two concrete memorials were constructed at the entrance in 1949, one of which still survives



## Maryburgh Men's Shed.

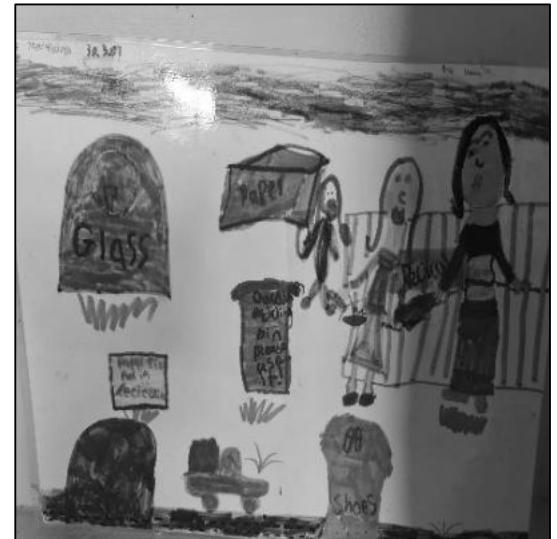
As you can see from the photos, the group have been busy, to say the least! They had a few open days during August to, probably, satisfy local interest . . . and the occasional nosey ex staff member!

As an ex-employee of Highland Council, I must admit to some trepidation prior to "popping in" but my fears were unnecessary. The interior is pretty much as it was before closure – even down to the wall staples, as Tom will vouch for. The main difficulty was trying to put the "ghosts" of the children sitting at their desks; on the floor at news time or at the work tops during topic work – which always involved glue, paint and any other messy substance to be found!

Thank you, Men's Shed team, for all the work you have done so far with the interior and exterior of our treasured school building!

I'm certain the community is looking forward to the official opening!

E.S.



## Maryburgh Gala

It was good to have the Maryburgh Gala back and see the beautiful Gala Queen and her attendants arrive in style in George Bowes car at the Hall piped in by the Strathpeffer Pipe Band. The Gala Queen was crowned by Gail Barnett who has been involved in several organisations in the village. Gail and her husband Andy are responsible for the wonderful hanging baskets that you see throughout the village.

The week was very successful from a financial situation as £4800.00 was raised and this will be reinvested in the running of the Hall and any improvements that can be done to improve the facility. The atmosphere on the Gala Day was very good and the crowd seem to enjoy the stalls/activities on offer which is also very important.

I would like to thank the Gala Fund Raising Committee who are responsible for organising the Gala and the many helpers during the week because without you there would be no Gala. We had many prizes donated from the local businesspeople and residents for the raffle which is much appreciated. I would also like to thank the many people in the village who bought raffles/donated baking/ donated bottles for the bottle stall. Once again, never underestimate the people of Maryburgh when support is needed which was again noticeable by the support on the day of the Gala.

Moving forward the Gala Committee will try to arrange a fundraiser in late August early September and then arrange a meeting in January to discuss next year's Gala Week which anyone interested would be welcome to attend. We would like to make it bigger and better so get your thinking caps on ready for the January Meeting

The Gala Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted/donated/attended the Gala. Special thanks to our compere on the day, Alister Matheson, who kept us all up to date with proceedings.

Donald Stuart



“I’m going to put this somewhere safe,” is an incantation that opens a portal to another place in another time through which things travel often never to be seen or heard of again.

## **What's on in Maryburgh and District**

**All information correct at time of going to print.**

**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. Maryburgh Hall. 4-5 yrs 2.30pm – 3.20pm.

P 1 / 2 : 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

P 3 / 4 : 4.35 pm - 5.35 pm

**Wednesday:** *Available*

**Thursday:** Martial Arts 6 - 8pm. £5/1hr, £8 / 2hrs. First Class free.

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**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:** Cottage Bar. Tuesdays. 12 noon. All welcome.  
A chance to have a great lunch and socialise.

### **Beavers, Cubs and Scouts :**

Maryburgh Hall – Beavers : Tuesday 6.15 -7.15pm

Leanaig Centre – Cubs : Tuesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Leanaig Centre - Scouts: Friday 7.30pm – 9.30pm

**Maryburgh Baby and 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 snack for kids.

**Badminton:** Leanaig Centre. Mondays. 7.30pm – 9.30pm. New members  
welcome. £3.00 (£2 for Hi Life members).

**SWI :** Leanaig Centre. September – May. Second Monday of the month. 7.30pm

**Loch Achonachie Angling Club:** The majority of the club's fishings open on April  
1<sup>st</sup> until 6<sup>th</sup> October. If you're interested in joining the club, contact Okain  
MacIannan – 01381620674, <http://highlandfishing.net> or check us out on  
Facebook.

## **MAC**

The MAC Board have received a Grant of £47,000 from The Highland Council to improve the Hall and the first task will be to sort the roof of the store which is leaking and requires to be fixed immediately - we have received a quote of £7000 to have the necessary work done. The portacabin outside the Hall is going to be removed but as the Wi-Fi connection is in this building this will be another bit of work to be done. I am sure you remember the fundraiser to raise money for CCTV cameras at the Hall and this is another task being costed now as at the end of last year there were several incidents of broken glass in the car park.

MAC Board has also been successful in obtaining a grant of £2500 to improve the dressing room facilities at the Hall which is very much needed.

The Board will sit and look at other ways to improve the hall for example heating/lighting, but I can assure you the money will be spent wisely and some of the professional people in the village could be approached for advice, which I hope you will assist us with.

The MAC Board are a new group of Board Members who are very positive in their approach to improving the facilities available, but without the support of the community this will be very hard to do.

I hope this information gives everyone a bit of insight to what is going on at the MAC meetings and what is planned in the coming months.

Donald Stuart

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## **Maryburgh Football Club.**

With football back to normal or as normal as it can be Maryburgh Football Club has returned to a successful run of results in the IDFA Premier League and with three league games to go they sit in a very strong position. If they win their final three league games, they will win the Premier League which will be a terrific achievement. One of these games will be at home and we all hope that Liam/players can get the results required to take the trophy back to the "Gulch".

*We have had a big problem this year with dog fouling on the football pitch and we must check the pitch before every game and remove the droppings. This is only a small number of dog owners; therefore, can we ask you to work with us and pick up any droppings.*



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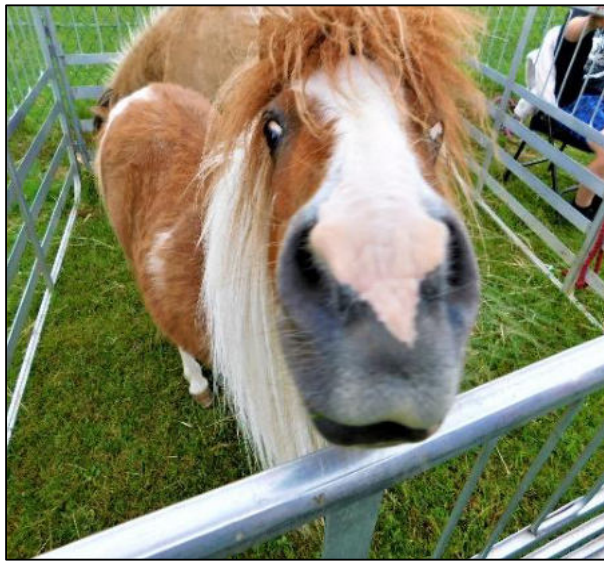
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