



The Roundabout

Maryburgh's Free Newsletter
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Santa's Sitting Room

Maryburgh Hall

Saturday 17th December

5.30 pm onwards

**Toddlers, Nursery and Primary
age children are all welcome.
Mums, Dads Grannies, Grandads etc
too!**

**Mulled wine and juice.
Activities for children !**



Scout Christmas Post

Have your Christmas Cards delivered by the 1st
Conon Bridge & Maryburgh Scout Group
for the very reasonable price of 15p per card.

They will be delivering them within the 30mph
signs in the villages of
Conon Bridge and Maryburgh.

Christmas Cards can be dropped off at

THE CHURCH HALL IN CONON
Or
MARYBURGH AMENITIES HALL

Guess the weight of the cake £1 per guess
Between 10am and 12noon
on
Saturday 3rd December.
No post accepted after this date

Tea/Coffee with Mince Pies and Shortbread
available throughout the morning

Same day delivery not guaranteed.
For more information contact Lauren
863794



Christmas Hamper Raffle 🌲

Members of the Gala
Fundraising Committee will be
selling raffle tickets for 3
hampers and all money raised
will go to the running of the
Amenities Centre.

If you would like to donate items
for the hampers, please contact;
Rhona Stuart, 2 Proby Place,
01349 863179

Gillian Meikle, Rosehaugh
Cottage, Seaforth Place, 01349
865081

Donald Stuart, 29 Wrightfield
Park, 01349 861668



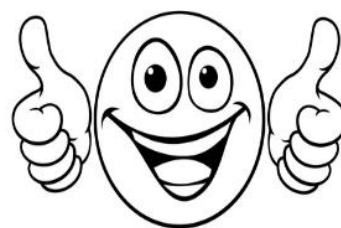


August

£40 Stephen Calder
£25 Alexander Black
£10 Fiona Will

September

£40 Christine Strachan
£25 Liz Pirie
£10 Cat Berry



October

£ 40 no number.No prize winner
£25 Charlotte Low
£10 Jackie Stuart

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 proud Granny and Grandad would like to congratulate
Ashley and John on the birth of their beautiful grandson.**

Welcome to the world Jay McCallum - 11th September 2022.

Roundabout News

The job of organising and running The Roundabout has been made so much easier due to the fact that Donald Stuart found a printer and the workload of anyone willing to take over is virtually next to nothing. So . . . interested in taking over? Are you an aspiring journalist? It would great on your CV. Contact MAC via Maryburgh Matters.

The Roundabout would like to take this opportunity to thank: Mhairi for helping to sort and count the printouts, Dot and Linda for helping with the stapling, Ryan, Annie, Hazel, Julie, Jackie, Anne, Caitlin, Andrew, John, Sandy, Marta, Rachel, Gillian, Dot, Linda, Rhiannon, Choire (when she was in Primary School), Jean, Ian for uploading the Roundabout files to the hub and Donald and Fiona for taking the time to share MCC news with The Roundabout.

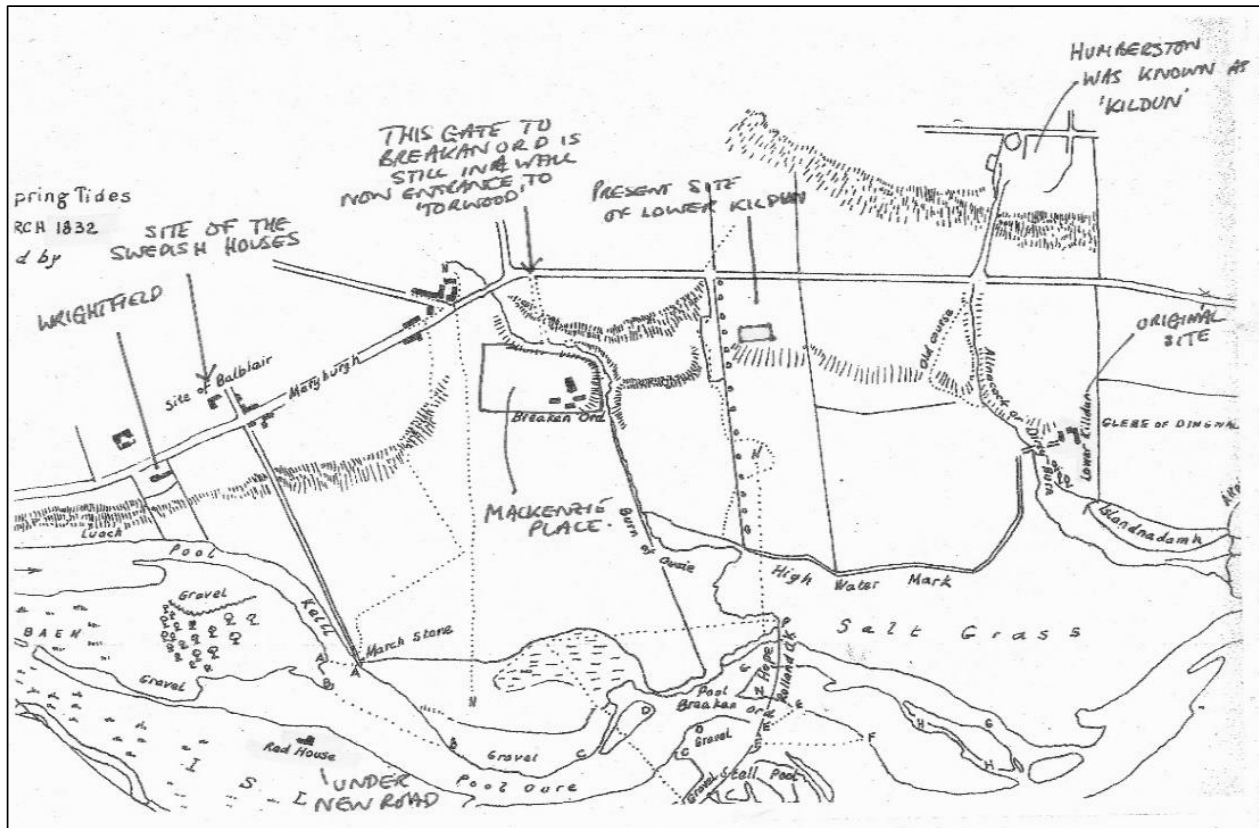
Thanks also to the advertisers who have supported all issues!

You were all so helpful! Couldn't have done it without you!



Ross and Cromarty Heritage Society Maryburgh History

RCHS recently received a query about Balblair Farm in Maryburgh. Apparently, as you can see from the map, it stretched from the foot of Shilling Hill (where the Swedish Houses are now) as far as the Church. Thanks to Alasdair Macnab for the information!



Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2022.



Maryburgh Football Club held their Awards Night in the Cottage Bar on the 22nd of October 2022 and detailed below is the deserving Awards winners.

Committee Player of the Year – Blair Morrison

Players Player of the Year – Jake Lockett

Young Player of Year – Struan Coli

Leading Goal scorer – Jake Lockett

Managers Choice – Jack MacKay

Goal of the Season – Jake Lockett

Maryburgh Football Club won the Premier League Title again and the Manager/Players deserve a lot of credit for another successful season.

The Football Club would like to offer a big thank you to the Cottage Bar for hosting the night and, they would like to thank Peter Dingwall for arranging the Bingo Night before the awards.

Donald Stuart

MAC Update November 2022

There's been a hive of activity at the Amenities Centre this month!

Thanks to funding from the Highland Council work on the store room roof has started and is just about complete. The board would like to thank those responsible for all the work carried out.

The Wi-Fi in the hall has been improved and the lighting around the outside of the Hall is being repaired just in time for the dark nights. The disabled toilet is up and running, and the renovation to the men's toilet almost complete, thank you to Andrew Steel for driving that forward.

MAC have worked in partnership with the Muir of Ord HUB this year to employ Gareth Meadows and Jade Skea the Village Operatives for Muir of Ord and Maryburgh. Funded by the Highland Councils Place Based Investment Fund the Green and Clean team have been working to maintain the green spaces in the 2 villages. They've been doing a fantastic job of clearing paths and keeping areas of the village tidy. If you see them out and about please say 'hi', they will be delighted to meet and speak to community members. We hope that their positions can be extended if funding is found for next year. We would welcome feedback from the community to support an application, if you would like tell us what difference you have seen please email contact@maryburghhub.info.

Mac will be holding their AGM in January 2023 (date TBA) but we would encourage you to come along and be a part of it if you can! Posters will go out via Facebook on the Community FB page nearer the time.

If you have any questions about work that may be going on in the hall or would like to contribute and help in any way, shape or form please email us: contact@maryburghhub.info

The Christmas Quiz!

1. If you're born on Christmas Day what's your star sign?
2. What colour are mistletoe berries?
3. In which year was the first Christmas card sent? 1743, 1843, 1943?
4. In which ocean would you find Christmas Island?
5. Which horned figure is said to punish naughty children?
6. Which of Santa's reindeer has the same name as the Roman god of love?
7. How do you say Happy Christmas in Gaelic?
8. What was Frosty the Snowman's nose made of?
9. What is the name for the shortest day of the year?
10. What famous scientist was born on Christmas Day 1642?
11. What drinks company has been using Santa Claus in its advertisements since 1931?
12. In Japan, which takeaway food is traditionally eaten at Christmas?

1. Capricorn 2. White 3. 1843 4. Indian Ocean 5. Krampus
6. Cupid 7. Nollaig Chrìdheil 8. A button 9. The winter solstice
10. Isaac Newton 11. Coca Cola 12. KFC!



The usual suspects from MCC ask you to put those wee blue Tesco tokens in their box . . . please! If not offered at the checkout, you can help yourself at the self service area on the way out.

What's on in Maryburgh and District

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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.

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. 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 1st until 6th October. If you're interested in joining the club, contact Okain MacIennan – 01381620674, <http://highlandfishing.net> or check us out on Facebook.

The Woods

Maryburgh Amenities Company (MAC) has successfully agreed to purchase the woodland between Birch Drive and Dunglass Road. This will ensure that the woodland will be kept in the community for the local people and future generations.

More information will follow but MAC will require assistance regarding management of the land going forward and we hope to receive the support of the Community.

A lot of work has been undertaken in a very short timescale to secure the purchase and thanks go out to members of the MAC board, members of Maryburgh Community Council, our local councillors and other parties.

MCC

On the 17th August we hosted a Defibrillator training session, led by Lucky 2 be here. This was attended by representatives from several groups from Maryburgh and Conon. Another session is to be held on the 9th November, these sessions are free to attend but you do need to book a space. If you'd be interested in a daytime session please message the Facebook page and if there's enough interest we'll see if this can be arranged.

Over the past few months some of the community council members and a few folk from Wrightfield Park have been helping Jade & Gareth from Clean and Green to tidy up around Wrightfield. I'm sure everyone will agree they've made a fantastic job. It'd be great to see more folk out giving them a hand as the sooner one area's done they'll be able to move onto the next. The wooden handrail at the top of Wrightfield leading onto the footbridge has now been fixed.

Christmas lights fundraising - please use the blue tokens in Tesco to vote for us between 1st October and the 15th January. We aim to extend the Christmas lights and will continue fundraising to light up the village. Maybe you're a local business or family group that would like to 'sponsor' a light.

We're just a small group trying to make a positive difference in the village, please feel free to attend any meetings, we promise you'll not be roped into being on the committee if that's not your thing, but it'd be good to have folk willing to help with things 'in the background' or maybe with fundraising events. Maybe you just have some suggestions for things you'd like done around the village or events you'd like to see, to get in touch you can private message on Facebook or email : MaryburghCC@gmail.com

Dog fruit! It seems that some people still believe that dogs are bred in wee blue poop bags! The Roundabout has been contacted by a disappointed – not to mention irate- local gardener, aka Tom Thomas, to bring to dog owners' attention that leaving your dog's offering in a blue bag beside the flower tub at Mackenzie Place is totally unacceptable . . . and could present itself as a health hazard. Dog poo isn't all that heavy. Take it home and place it attractively beside your own plant pots!

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What's been happening?



Wrightfield Park
Another
successful day in
Wrightfield.
Thanks Donald,
Tom, Colin, Betty,
Nick, Phoenix and
Sally and Anne.

A huge thanks to everyone who came along to our Halloween afternoon on October 30th and for all the effort that was put into the pumpkins. We hope you all enjoyed it.



A very successful Fun Day was held in September. Thank you for your support. The day was well attended and the feedback on how the kids enjoyed the inflatables/the events arranged by OJ SPORTS was very encouraging.

The day raised £1213.50 from the burgers/teas/sponsored cycle/raffle and this money will go to replacing the bunting for next year's Gala. Thank you to the cyclists who raised a large amount of the total raised. Well done to you all.



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