



The Roundabout

Issue 140

Gala Day

Saturday 17th

June

12 - 3pm

Gala Week Events

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Saturday 11th: Gala opening Dance
Doors open 7.30pm £10 entry
BYOB 18 +

Tickets available at The Cottage Bar and online.

Monday 13th: Tour de Maryburgh Bike Race
Meet at the foot of Birch Drive 6.30pm. No fee but donations gratefully received.

Tuesday 14th : Family Prize Bingo.
Doors open at 7pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book.

Wednesday 15th : Pet Show.
6.30 pm. Entry £2

Thursday 15th: Car Treasure Hunt.
Register at the Hall. 6.30pm – 7pm.

Friday 16th : Hall set up.

Bring along: Bottles, plants, baking please!
No bricabac please!

Saturday 17th **GALA DAY 12 – 3PM**

Come along, spend your money, have a bit of craic and
SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!





January: Mary Graham, Ross Hyrcenko, Maureen Budge

February: James Stewart, Bill Rainnie, Nicky Anderson/Scott Macdonald

March: Celia Little, Angela Crossley, Heather Henderson

April: Fiona Will, Jodie Hepburn, John McCallum

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

Subs are now due. Contact Steph on 07970 010718.



Conon and Maryburgh Scout Group

Congratulations to our Group Secretary, Lauren Beaton, who has been awarded The Chief Scout's Commendation of Good Service in recognition of her support to the Scout Group.

Thankyou Spankie for making the War Memorial area look more than respectable. A tribute to those who gave their lives for all of us. Your work is greatly appreciated!

Well done MAC with the Community buy out of the woods. It's refreshing to discover that Maryburgh folk take pride in their surroundings and hopefully many will get involved in any way possible, even if it's just picking up the occasional bit of litter. Perhaps, also, we will be spared the sight of doggie poop bags decorating the trees and paths as folk take a greater interest and pride in their environment.

Thank you Scott, Hannah and Aimee for the, yet again, excellent Christmas Party. A grand time was had by all. You did us, and yourselves proud!

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Old Dingwall.

Extract from The Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette. August 1792.

EDINBURGH.

Accounts of a furious nature have been received from Ross-Shire. The people there exasperated at being turned out of their farms by the present custom of their landlords letting out their grounds for extensive sheep-walks, and rendered desperate by poverty, had assembled in great numbers and proceeded to several unjustifiable acts of violence particularly in destroying the sheep no less than 3,000 of them belonging to one gentleman having been drowned. Some woods are also said to have been also burnt.

A detachment of the 42nd regiment has been sent to quell the insurrection and Mr Macleod of Geanies (Sheriff of county) at the head of the party had arrested 16 of the ringleaders who were sent as prisoners to Dingwall.

A meeting of the Country Gentlemen was immediately held to consider what measures should be adapted on the occasion.

N.B. From the Web

In a rare (or at least, rarely recorded) organised protest against the Highland Clearances, over 6000 sheep were driven from Sutherland and Easter Ross, south towards Beaulieu near Inverness, by up to a hundred ordinary people angry over being forced off their land to make way for sheep. This happened in 1792, against the backdrop of the French Revolution. Some of the leaders of the protest (or 'sheep-drivers') were banished from Scotland for life, while others were sent away 'beyond seas' for at least 7 years, on pain of death. 1792 became known as the 'Year of the Sheep'.

Yet again, not Maryburgh but fairly local. Note the date!

Old Dingwall.

Extract from The Ross-shire Journal – May 1897.

A Sensation in Dingwall.

Yesterday afternoon the people of Dingwall were considerably excited by a report that number of naked madmen were seen running about the wood and shrubbery of Mitchell Hill. How the report originated we cannot say, but shortly after one o'clock the story reached the ears of the police, who, followed by number of youths, proceeded to search the Hill. Their operations were watched by very considerable knots of people who gathered on the High Street and discussed the alarming rumour with feelings of fear and curiosity.

The reconnoitring of the ground by the police did not, however, result in the detection of any visitors of an unusual character, and the alleged escape of lunatics is still matter of speculation. We suspect, however, that some practical joker must have been victimising the public. No two descriptions of the alleged scene on the hill agree, and the number of madmen supposed to have been seen is variously stated at from one to seven, but we believe a good number of our townspeople seriously believe that the story is perfectly true.

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If either can by any possibility be true, it would be most interesting to know how the madmen, being stark naked, have been able to live through the bitter cold of the past few weeks.

Maryburgh Football Club

Maryburgh Football Club lost their popular Chairperson Kevin MacLennan when he passed away on the 15th of January 2023 which took the Club by surprise. Kevin was a hardworking member of the Football Club and could be seen carrying out various duties round about the pitch or the hall. I was fortunate to attend many league meetings over the years with him where he fought the causes for Maryburgh Football Club. Kevin will be missed by many non-more so than the family and his work colleagues. The Football Club has lost a valued Committee Member but for me I have lost a very good friend.

Donald Stuart

Football Season

The football season started on the 17th of April 2023 where Maryburgh Football Club will be defending the Premier League title. The squad will be very similar to last year and most of the players will return apart for Russell Macintyre who is away to Australia. After the first two league games we are top of the League, and we hope to continue with the good start. On the Committee side we have managed to add Ian Grey as a Committee Member and Ian's experience of been involved with football will be of great benefit to the Club. We are always looking for Committee Members so please contact us if you would be interested in joining the Committee.

Donald Stuart

Maryburgh Amenities

So far, it's been a very busy year for MAC. Early in the year, a group was formed to manage the woodlands purchased behind Birch Drive and the Woodlands Committee are keen to get your views on what the land should be used for.

MAC's primary focus is the running of the hall. As it stands, the hall is not currently financially viable. Most will be aware that the building is not energy efficient and struggles to attract people looking for a hire space.

We believe that it's vitally important to have a space in the heart of the village for community use. To that end, the long-term vision is to see a complete renovation of the hall and to ensure that it is energy efficient.

As ever, the MAC board are keen to welcome new members and volunteers. If this work is something you'd be interested in, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Meetings take place in the hall every third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Maryburgh Community Council

We would like to thank everyone that supported us by voting with the blue Tesco tokens which resulted in an award of £1000, this will be used to purchase more Christmas lights for the lampposts.

Community Council representatives have attended meetings with Dingwall Medical Group and Police Scotland, the purpose of the meetings is to enhance community engagement, share information and raise concerns relevant to our community.

The drainage issue outside the hall has been rectified, many thanks to the members of the Community Council, MAC, local Councillors and Highland Council staff who persevered until the issue was identified and repaired.

And finally, it'll soon be time to start the regular upkeep of the community garden. If anyone has a keen interest in gardening or would like to help with weeding occasionally, please let us know or keep an eye on the Facebook page for appeals for help, many hands make light work.

Men's Shed

The dark nights and cold weather didn't deter our volunteers from progressing with work inside the old building. Thanks to them for all their hard work and time. After some final painting, the Men's Shed is almost ready for use. We intend to be open every

Tuesday from 9am -12 in the next few weeks. When open, please come in for a look and, if interested, join up with The Shed's goals which looks to welcome people who wish to meet, and take part in creative, purposeful and recreational activities of their choice; to help reduce isolation of members in the area thus improving relationships, mental and physical well being. Importantly, sharing skills and a bit of craic over a cup of tea! Hopefully, the Men's Shed will open more often as we grow in numbers. Two more rooms will be available which will be available for community activities, helping to bring the old building back to life. We will update as we make them ready for use.

What's on in Maryburgh and District

All information correct at time of going to print.

Hall: Monday: Available

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 Maclennan – 01381620674, <http://highlandfishing.net> or check us out on Facebook.

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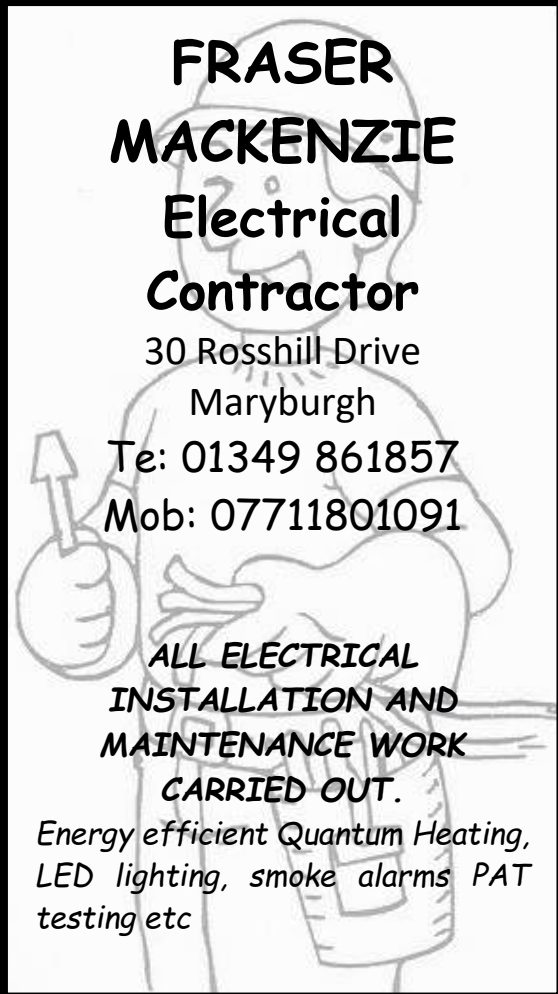
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Despite the fact that the weather had changed to a northerly breeze there was a great turn out . . . kids, mums, dads and even a few grandparents! Well done, Aylene and the rest of your team! And . . . all the teddies who came to have fun!



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