

Edderton Community Newsletter

Autumn Edition - September 2016

Editorial

Where did the summer go? Although the weather hasn't been too kind to us, there has been a lot going on, both locally and elsewhere, that has occupied much of our time. Now, as we enter the last quarter of the year, we shall start preparing for the winter months and Remembrance Sunday, as well as gearing up for Christmas and the New Year. There will be a lot going on, so please do let me know of planned events taking place in the village, and do send in reports of those events once they have taken place.

Reports, comments and notices can also be sent to me at anytime for immediate posting to the Community Website - www.edderton.com.

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Ted Venn

Edderton Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council will take place on Tuesday, September 6th at 7.30pm in the Community Hall.

Brief summaries of Edderton Community Council meetings can be found on the Community Website.

Edderton Community Hall

Two new Trustees were elected at the Management Meeting on June 8th to bring the total number of trustees to six. The newly appointed trustees had been recruited to take over the roles of Treasurer and Secretary.

At the same meeting a review of charges for the hire of the Hall was undertaken. It was agreed that charges should cover costs and take into account cleaning and energy consumption, but still be an attractive and competitive rate. The new charges, which came into immediate effect, are:

Small Hall £8.00 an hour

Large Hall £12.00 an hour

Both Halls £20.00 an hour

Weddings £300.00

Bookings by local residents for private and community events would attract a 25% discount.

Currently all Hall bookings should be made by contacting Sandra Hall on 01862 821 556 or by e-mailing her using sandrahall1943@gmail.com.

Edderton Primary School

After a relaxing but slightly damp summer holiday, all our children are back to school and looking forward to a fun filled year.

We are delighted to have a new Head Teacher, Mrs Kirsten Macneil, who is also Head Teacher at Gledfield Primary School.

Our school dates for the year are:

Term 1: 16th August - 7th October

Term 2: 24th October - 23rd December

Term 3: 10th January - 5th April

Term 4: 25th April - 30 June

Carol Shaw

Church of Scotland

Please let me know if anyone requires a pastoral visit, as well as any parishioners in hospital that would appreciate a visit.

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Rev Anthony M. Jones

Edderton Old Church

The Old Church will be open on Saturday, September 3rd and Saturday, September 18th from 2.00pm until 4.30pm.

Further information about the Old Church can be obtained from Duncan Finlayson by e-mailing him on: defin@btinternet.com

Timber Extraction

Work on the construction of a new forestry track to link Casandamff Woodland to the Struie Road (B9176) has now been completed. Removal of timber is now awaited. Fountains Forestry has indicated that the initial extraction will relate to wind blown trees. From sounds heard on Tuesday, August 16th, work on the fallen trees has now started. It is to be hoped that the footpath through the woodland will remain accessible throughout the timber felling operations and subsequent clearance.

Ted Venn

Community Broadband

Over the summer months many residents living further than 2km from the telephone exchange experienced difficulties with broadband, which has been intermittent and at times very slow. Despite claims from governments and BT to the effect that many more subscribers now receive superfast broadband, it does seem that many places in the North of Scotland are being overlooked.

The prospect of a Community Broadband scheme being set up using a radio connection is still being pursued by the Kyle of Sutherland

Development Trust (KoSDT), as well as by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE). Recent contacts with both KoSDT and HIE have revealed that both organisations are waiting for BT to announce the postcodes of areas that BT is prepared to release for a Community Broadband provision. The postcodes were expected in March, but BT has not yet managed to produce this information.

Planning Applications

Planning applications and decisions for Edderton are now being displayed on the Community Website.

Boat Club

The meeting that was held on June 8th in the Community Hall was not well attended and as a consequence the plan to establish a Boat Club for Edderton has been put on hold for the time being.

Art Group

A society of talentless artists meets at the Community Hall every Thursday from 10.00am until 12.00 noon. If you would like to join us, do come along and bring your paints, paper, pencils, knitting, clay, or even a 10 ton block of marble if you like, have a cuppa and a laugh and do your own arty thing,

Contact Steve or Margot on 01862 821 612 for more information.

Alison Scott

Edderton Ladies World Buffet Night

We had a very successful and enjoyable evening on Saturday, June 4th when we all got together and enjoyed some fantastic dishes from around the world. We also had some fun quizzes and party games, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the night. Those present each donated £5, which was shared equally between The Highland Hospice and SIMBA (Neo Natal Stillbirth);

each organisation receiving £61 each. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events.

Donna Laing

Land Rovers in Edderton

At the end of July well over a hundred Land Rovers converged on Edderton and stayed for a couple of nights, camping near the railway bridge. The Land Rovers were part of a charity fund-raising motoring event from Land's End to John O'Groats - Lejog Charity Run 2016



One of the signs used to direct drivers

The long drive from Cornwall to Caithness by this convoy of Land Rovers raised funds for three charities: these were Air Ambulance; RNLI; and UK Homes 4 Heroes. Each vehicle paid £20 to take part, and the event took four days to complete.

Coire Na Cloiche Wind Farm

Work on the construction of the Coire Na Cloiche Windfarm will begin from August 8th, and proceed on a gradual basis. This will include 4-5 weeks of light preparatory site work during the autumn months, though without any significant disturbances to public roads.

Full-scale construction is scheduled to start on April 1st, 2017 and end in September 2018, with work only taking place in the second and third quarters of each year.

The Coire Na Cloiche Wind Farm looks forward to a fine co-operation with Highland Council, as

well as with community councils, neighbours and the wind farm community group.

Henrik F. Christensen; Ph.D.; M.Sc.

Coire Na Cloiche Windfarm Partner & Director

Editorial Note: *This wind farm will have 13 turbines with each turbine having an average overall height of 99.5m (326 feet). The relevant planning application reference was: 12/00479.*

The Easter Ross Deer Management Group

The Easter Ross Deer Management Group (ERDMG) has just completed its new Management Plan. This important document sets out an effective strategy for the management of wild deer across the Group's area.

The full Management Plan can be viewed on the Group's new Website at www.deer-management.co.uk, which is hosted by the Association of Deer Management Groups. The site itself is rather bare at the moment, but will be added to substantially in the very near future, in order to provide much more information, and to encourage interaction between the Group and the Community. The Plan itself is a weighty document, but a good starting point for anyone interested in the subject. Do click onto the site, view the map and click onto the Easter Ross section. This will take you directly to the Plan.

Wild deer have had a unique place in the history and culture of our Upland areas. Red deer in particular are a truly iconic species. The area included within the Plan extends to some 20,000 hectares and clear maps illustrate this. There are differing land types, but the area is principally made up of open heather moorland, woodland and some improved farmland.

The Plan outlines the principal aims and objectives of each of the participating estates as well as the Group's overall objectives arrived

at by a collaborative approach, and with support from Scottish Natural Heritage, who recently carried out a helicopter count of the current population of Red deer.

The Plan also highlights the need for a collaborative approach to deer management, the financial implications, the need to ensure sustainable environmental methods and to explain to the wider Community how this is carried out.

We really do want to engage with those who live in the area, local businesses, organisations and schools, with an aim to strengthen the economic benefits, deliver the maximum public benefit and to improve the management of the deer and the habitats within which they live.

My contact details are shown on our website. We hope that you will find the new Plan interesting and we promise to keep you informed as the plan develops.

Gordon Robertson
Secretary and Treasurer to the ERDMG

"Jazz in the Village"

A tour by IAN MILLAR & DOMINIC SPENCER - saxophone & piano jazz duo - that will include Edderton in its itinerary on Friday, October 7th.

Ian and Dominic have worked together for a number of years playing melodic improvisations on jazz standards and original compositions.

Based in Edinburgh, the duo has regularly and extensively toured Scotland, often bringing jazz to remote rural communities for the first time. The beautiful Scottish scenery that they have seen on their travels has inspired the writing of many pieces of music by Ian.

More information about the duo can be found on their website - www.millarandspencer.co.uk

Forthcoming Events

Friday, August 26th - Village Clean Up - Please meet at the Community Hall at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be provided after the clean up has finished.

Saturday, September 17th - Stage 8 of the Deloitte Ride Across Britain - Fort William to Kyle of Sutherland. Cyclists will be travelling along the Struie Road (B9176). The event is a multi-day leisure cycle ride (not a competitive race) and is made up of nine stages starting at Land's End and finishing at John O'Groats. Up to 800 riders will be taking part.

Friday, October 7th - Jazz in the Village - Community Hall (see separate report above, as well as posters nearer the time).

Saturday, December 10th - Ladies Night in the Community Hall. Another fun packed night themed on Christmas. Please keep this date free and come along and join in the fun, more details will follow at a later date. For the time being do put the date in your diary.

Bus Shelter

The village's bus shelter was replaced on August 18th - and it now has a seat!



The new bus shelter

**Deadline for the December edition:
15th November 2016**