

'Muir Matters'

Issue 17

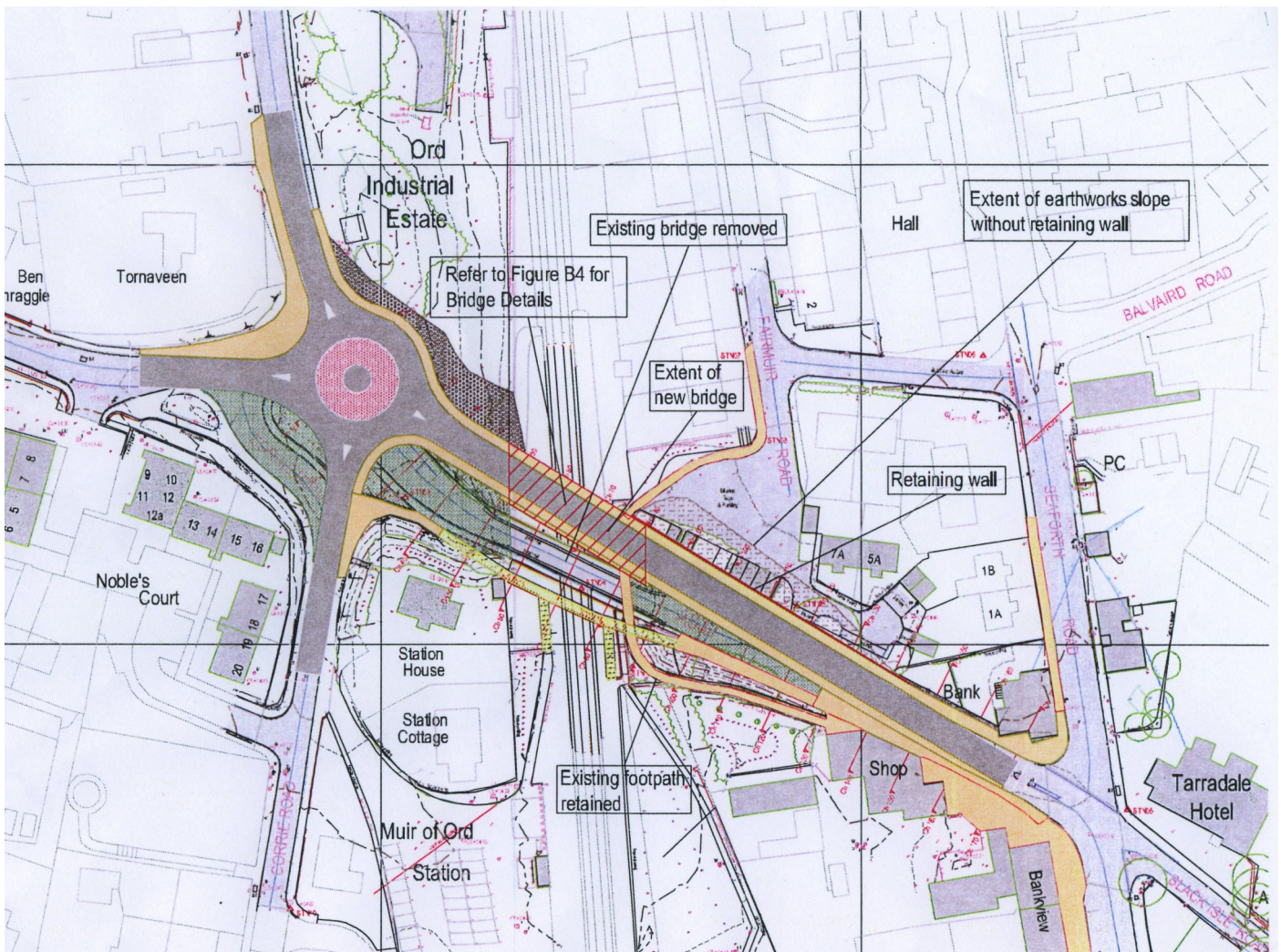
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Progress on the Bridge...!

A public meeting was held on the 28th January in Tarradale School to discuss the new bridge needed for Muir of Ord. There were design options presented to the community and the picture below is the one which the community felt was most suitable. When funding becomes available (don't hold your breath folks..!) then Highland Council has the plans and will be ready to go. We thought it might be a good idea to publish this drawing so that we could dispel some of the rumours that are circulating in the Muir, i.e. Forbes' shop was to be demolished to make way for the bridge or there would be massive traffic diversions for up to a year as the bridge was under construction. The new bridge will be built alongside the existing one which means the least disruption for the village. It has taken a long time and a considerable amount of hard slog on the part of our Councillors and Muir of Ord Community Council to get us to this point.

It remains now for our Ward Councillors to get our bridge into Highland Council's Capital Plan which would allow the finance to be assigned and work to begin at some date in the future.



Outdoor Curling

Muir of Ord is one of the few clubs still able to provide curling on their outdoor rink (weather permitting). There are three sheets available and although weather conditions did not allow play last year there have been several games arranged recently. The club are keen to promote the outdoor game and as such are willing to make the Rink available to any curlers looking for an alternative game to those played inside.

Enquiries can be made by contacting club member Finlay Mackenzie on 07759475379.

For more photographs and information why not visit <http://www.royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org> website.



A number of Curlers from Muir of Ord made their way to Nigel Murray's farm at Morvich, Rogart on Saturday 3rd January 2009.

There were three rinks available and there were curlers from Muir of Ord, Dornoch, Locheye, Belmaduthy, Caberfeidh etc. The furthest travelled were from Hamilton.

Jim Thomson from Muir of Ord piped the curlers on to the ice. An enjoyable day was had by all. Nigel and his wife Val laid on an excellent meal for the participants. Once again this would have been washed down with the traditional liquid for these occasions.



Information Please

Can anyone help us by providing information on our very attractive memorial cairn which proudly watches over our village.

We would love to know who commissioned it? When it was built? How was it financed and by whom?. If you know the answer to any of these questions or have any other information please get in touch with us at our usual address.



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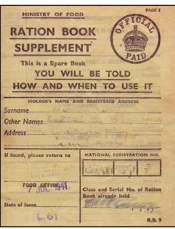
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Life in the Fifties...!

My memories of the fifties are a mixture of hard times and happy times. I was a ten year old boy in 1950 and by the end of the decade I was a time served tradesman. In the early fifties food was still rationed, we were still trying to get over the war



years and money was also tight. Most married women stayed at home and lived on their man's wages which wasn't all that good. Few people had a car in those days, you could play football in the middle of the road for long enough before one came along. You

had more chance of seeing horses going to the blacksmith to get shod.

Although they had tractors, the farmers still used horses quite a lot. Very few people had televisions or phones in the house and if you wanted to make a call you went to the phone box in the street. Television really started to come into it in the second half of the fifties.



It seemed that the summers were really hot then and the winters were severe. In the summer we would all go swimming anywhere there was water! There were plenty places to swim around the Muir at that time although lots of them have dried up now. Crowds would go down to the Orrin River at the weekends as well. In the winter, the snow and frost would last for around



three months. There would be crowds of us sledding down Castle Hill at the golf course every single night. Men and women would be curling at the old pond across from the

primary school- many of the men folk were laid off due to the heavy frost, especially in the building trades. No central heating in those days and there were burst pipes all over the place. A busy time for plumbers!

When we were young we were hardly ever in the house because we could always find something to do outside and you always got plenty of craic in the street. That was because there were lots of people out and about but nowadays it's all just cars. I remember old Jocky MacDonald the painter who used to live opposite the post office and did all the

jobs around the village. He was up a ladder painting windows one day and who comes along but my little brother Frankie who was a "bit of a lad" at the time. Frankie asked "What are you doing up there Jocky?" "I'm painting the clouds with sunshine Frankie" replied Jocky. Frankie thought about it for a minute and then retorted "If I kick that ladder from below you, you'll be painting your a**e with iodine..!!" Duncan Logan, the builders, used to have a stone masons' yard in that big space round the back next to Forbes car park. It was all fenced off with big wooden railway sleepers and a big double gate. It was called Cabers Yard. We used to go in after school and watch the masons dressing the stones with their mallets and chisels. They all wore bonnets and canvas aprons and they stood in a big open shed. There was another shed where there was a stone cutting saw and an office & tea hut and they had a crane for lifting the stone on and off the lorries. The stone came from the Tarradale Quarry about 1½ miles down the Black Isle Road.

We had the Boys Brigade and the Army Cadets in Muir of Ord back then and there used to be badminton twice a week in the Village Hall for the grown-ups. For most of the fifties there were Picture Shows every Tuesday night with a film at 5pm for the young ones, 8pm for the adults. It cost a shilling (5pence..!) to get in and it had hard bench seats to sit on but you could buy a cushion for tuppence if you



wanted. There were plenty of dances and concerts on at the Village hall and they were always packed. At the concerts all the kids would sit in the windows

and get the best view of the singing & dancing, plays and sketches. It was a real laugh.

The second half of the fifties was the rock 'n roll years; Skiffle groups and the era of the Teddy Boys. The Muir had its own Skiffle group then called the "Candlelighters". It was Malcolm Munro, Jim Pirie, Billy Logan and Fraser Sutherland. They used to sing all the Lonnie Donegan songs and performed at half time at the dances. They also played at hotels in Inverness. They practiced in any old building they could find often under candlelight hence the name "The Candlelighters".

The Teddy Boys wore their ¾ length jackets with the velvet collar and cuffs, drainpipe trousers and crepe soled shoes called brothel creepers. If you weren't a Teddy Boy then you were known as a Square!



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I was a Square as I was still in the Jimmy Shand era, I could hardly afford a suit then never mind a Teddy Boy outfit.! There was a place in Inverness called the Northern Meeting Rooms, a huge venue with two dance halls. We used to go there most Saturday nights- upstairs for the Teddy boys and downstairs for the Squares. That's where all the nurses from the West coast and the Islands used to go. When you were dancing with a girl they would ask you what

you did for a living, I used to tell them I was a doctor..! With me in the building trade they must have been thinking he's got awful rough hands for a doctor. Nylon blouses were very popular then and when the dance ended you would take your hand away and big long threads would come away in your hand and you had to try to break it off without it being noticed...!!!

I could go on and on but that's all for now folks.

William Fraser (Bingo)



Meta, a 100 not out!

On Sunday the 1st February, a surprise party was held in the Conon Bridge hotel for Meta Schmitz of Fairmuir Road. Meta celebrated a very special birthday, her 100th..!!

53 members of her family and friends gathered to help celebrate this very special day. When Meta arrived at the hotel and saw all her family and friends she was quite overwhelmed. The local press arrived to take pictures and a very special presentation took place – her birthday message from her Majesty the Queen. which was presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty, Janet Bowen. But after the excitement and photographs were taken Meta suddenly announced that she needed a bowl of soup. She obviously wanted to keep her strength up..! A song which had been especially composed for her by two lovely lassies from Fortrose Academy, was sung to her accompanied by one of the lassies playing the harp. After a very enjoyable lunch there was a slide show about Meta's life. Born in 1909, Meta was in service most

of her working days, working for the Burns family in Dingwall and then for Lord and Lady Trotter in Perth, London and later India. She returned home when her mother became ill and subsequently married her first husband Andrew and had two children Jean and Donnie. Sadly Andrew later died of Tuberculosis. During the Second World War Meta met her second husband Josef Schmitz. Joe, as he was known, was a prisoner of war, captured in France and was put to work at Bindal Farm which was owned by the Gordon's family, at Portmahomack. They married and had a son Gordon. Joe went on to become a civil engineer and the family lived in various parts of Scotland as Joe's job dictated but eventually they settled happily in Muir of Ord.

We would like to take this opportunity to send our congratulations and very best wishes to Meta on her "coming of age".



The Cameron's Snow Family!

Pictured is a photograph of our 'Snow Family' who visited us on Thurs 12 Feb. On that date we had finally got a snowfall during a day off from school. Lots of our neighbours have commented on our Snow Family and how good it was to



see them. There is nothing nicer than passing a snowman or two, it really warms the heart to see these

delightful creatures in our gardens. Our 'Snow Family' consist of Daddy (as you can see a keen Ross County Fan), Mammy, Emma, Fraser & Scott, I am not sure if you can see in the photo but they have branches for arms and are all holding hands.

We hope you like our photo.

The Camerons of the
Meadows, Muir of Ord

Rev Alastair Gordon; The Same but Different

It was with a great sense of joy at my induction that I heard Rev Colin Macleod (former Free Church minister) “tear” into Rev Alastair Gordon, teasing him about his mannerisms and especially his driving. (He is a mad driver). Joy because I could tell that these two ministers had a good friendly working relationship and I was able to anticipate the same.

And so it turned out. Alistair and I belong to different church denominations and have different views on some secondary issues but fundamentally our view of the world is the same. That means we are able to work together quickly, without having to spend time establishing ground rules.

In these two years I have become aware of several commendable qualities in Alistair. First would be his prodigious work output. I don’t think anyone in the community will know just how many “man hours” have been required to fulfil the obligations that have been laid on him. Add to that his role as secretary and driving force behind the Joint Outreach Committee that operates between the local congregations and you learn that he is someone who likes to get things done!

Second would be his faithfulness. Alistair is an honest faithful pastor who emulates his Lord. Like Jesus he speaks the truth, knowing “that the truth will set you free”. Like Jesus, I would imagine that Alistair could offend people. He is the kind of pastor who would want



David, Sharon, Alastair & Cherith

to bring the conversation round to spiritual things and the state of your soul or your eternal destiny. For that he should be praised.

Third would be his evangelistic zeal; his desire to reach anyone and everyone in the community for Jesus Christ. He reads widely and listens to material that challenges his own thinking and methods. He is willing to become all things to all men in order to win some for Christ.

We have forged strong links with Alistair and the congregation in these last two years; we will miss him along with Sharon, David and Cherith. Our loss is Northern Ireland’s gain and we trust that God will bless Alistair and his family in their new ministry.

Gordon Martin

New Outreach venture

The premises that were previously used by Logic Alarms have been kindly offered by them to the Community Church, Free Church and Church of Scotland for use as a base for various activities.

The name “The Living Room” has been chosen.



It was decorated and furniture has been installed. It will take some time to develop its use but we do give thanks for its provision. The intention is to develop better links with the community, from the young to the old.

When you see the premises open why not pop in for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. We look forward to seeing you.



Churches present £700 cheque to Urray House

Last summer a Fun Day organised by the three Muir of Ord Churches was held in the grounds of Tarradale Primary School. Money was collected on the day from all the various activities and recently a cheque for £700 was presented to Mrs Ann Paton a resident of Urray House, along with Joy Ferguson, Friends of Urray House and Tim Blackie, Interim manager of Urray House.

From left to right representing the Church of Scotland, Free Church and Community Church are Cherith, Kathryn and Jill.

We thank everyone who attended and supported us at the Fun Day.

Our next Fun Day is Saturday 13th June 2009. A date for your diary!

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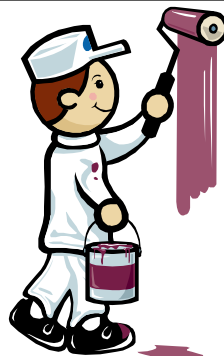
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Need a pick me up after Christmas and New Year? Why not join the Muir of Ord jogscotland group?



What does it cost? Absolutely nothing!

Who can join? Anyone 16 or over (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult)

Is there an upper age limit? No. The only problem if you are over 60 is that you have to choose once a month on a Wednesday whether to forego the jogscotland session for the 'over 60s' group!
Our current age range is 18 to 65.

What if you have never run or jogged in your life before? One of the jog leaders will help you start by first of all jog/walking ('scouts pace') and will take it slowly until you feel a bit fitter and more confident. You will never be left on your own.

What if you are already a runner/jogger? There are runners/joggers of all abilities in the group so you will almost certainly find someone to jog with at your pace.

What should you wear? In winter you should have a light waterproof and preferably something fluorescent (we can lend a few fluo running jackets if you don't have one) – loose jogging bottoms/ trousers or running tights and trainers. If you have never run/jogged before, wear something comfortable to begin with and we can then advise on the right kind of trainers if you decide to continue. Don't buy special trainers until you have tried jogging first.

Where do we go? On winter evenings we have to keep to the streets of the village. However on Wednesday afternoons, if you are able to join us then, we jog off-road – eg Clash Wood, Spittal Wood or Monadh Mor. We always meet first of all in the village. Group members with cars are able to offer lifts to the start of the jog and back to Muir of Ord.

How far do we go? That depends on how fast you jog/run. We all spend about 10 minutes warming up, then folks set off – for between 45 and 50 minutes – so the slower people will cover between 2 and 3 miles, and the faster up to 6 miles. We then all do a bit of stretching at the end of the session for 5 – 10 minutes.

What if the weather is bad? We still go out!! The only thing that might cause us to cancel a session would be icy pavements. Wind, rain, sleet and hail are no deterrent.....

When does the group meet?

- **Monday Evening:** meet at the Library car park opposite the Highland Grocers shop just before 7pm. We finish back at the Library car park about 8.15
- **Wednesday afternoon:** Meet at the Library entrance opposite the Highland Grocers shop just before 1.30. We finish there about 3pm.
- **Wednesday evening:** again meeting at the Library entrance at 7 pm – finishing at around 8.15 pm.

What are the benefits of joining the Muir of Ord jogscotland group?

- You'll make lots of new friends!
- There are several trained jogscotland leaders and we try to have at least 2 at every session so that beginners as well as those going a bit faster and further can also be supported.
- Exercise is great as a 'stress buster' and can relieve anxiety
- Helps weight loss programmes
- Great for your general health
- Helps you to sleep better

Where can you get further information?

Joan Munro 01463 870237

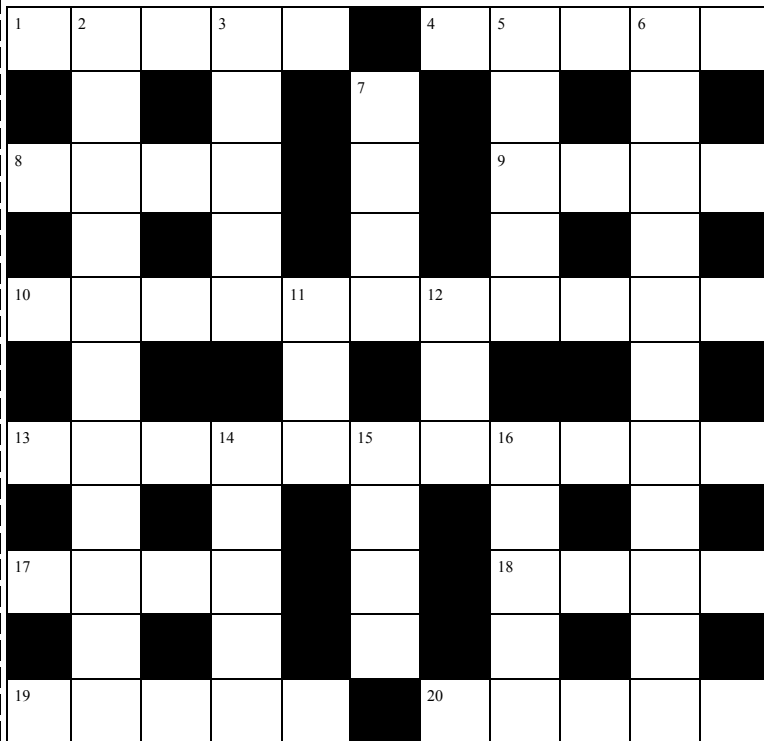
Ian Dempster 0772 419 9880

Hazel Keiro 01997 414376

Christine Paul: 01463 870590

Or email joan.munro1@virgin.net





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For a chance of winning a £10.00 Book Token, fill in the above form and send the completed grid in a **sealed envelope** (photocopies not accepted) to **‘Muir Matters’ Prize Crossword No 17, Village Hall, Seaforth Road, Muir of Ord, IV6 7TA**. Entries must be received by **Friday 24th April 2009**.

The first correct entry drawn after the closing date will win the prize. Answers and winners name will be published in our next Issue.

Across

- 1) Private school/Ball game (5)
- 4) Grain husks (5)
- 8) Uncovered (4)
- 9) Cobblers tool (4)
- 10) Hard physical work (5&6)
- 13) Tipples for huntsmen (7&4)
- 17) Wind instrument (4)
- 18) A smart lad perhaps! (4)
- 19) Aberdeenshire town & Boys name (5)
- 20)Entertain (5)

Down

- 2) Unappetising not like 6 Down (11)
- 3) Game of chance (5)
- 5) Famous orchestra (5)
- 6) Tasty take-aways perhaps! (4&7)
- 7) Card game or boast (4)
- 11) Conflict (3)
- 12) Salesman (3)
- 14) Did he go with the wind? (5)
- 15) Egg on (4)
- 16) Abyss (5)

Congratulations to Ronald MacLean, Corry Place, on winning our prize crossword No. 16. The Prize is a £10 book token. Issue 16 Solutions

Across

- 1) Me and my Girl 7) Edward Elgar
- 8) Eros 10) Yoyo 13) Ego 14) Ebbs
- 17) Cane 19) Broomsticks
- 20) The King and I

Down

- 2) Elder 3) Nears 4) Midnight Sun
- 5) Gully 6) Ready 8) Eve 9) Orb
- 11) Ova 12) Ode 15) Burgh 16) Spook
- 17) China 18) Naked

The winner of the Issue 16, ‘Spot the Difference’ Competition is Chrissy Macintosh, aged 10 years of Highfield Circle, Muir of Ord.

Well done to Chrissy who wins £10.00

Congratulations to Stephen Tarr, Torvean Avenue, Inverness, the winner of our “Find the Snowman Competition”.

Well done to Stephen, aged 8 years who wins £10.00 for correctly finding 9 hidden snowmen.

Muir Matters were disappointed that no entries were received for our “Spot the Football” Competition. However we will console ourselves by eating the box of luxury chocolates at our next meeting!!

Just for Fun!!

Can you solve these anagrams? They all spell out a breed of dog.

- 1. OPINE CRACKLES 6 and 7
- 2. RICE DOORBELL 6 and 6
- 3. TEA GARDEN 5 and 4
- 4. LUCKLESS JAR 4 and 7
- 5. SHE COWGIRL 5 and 5



A - Z of The Muir Clubs/Associations

Art Group

Tues @ 7.00pm & Sat 10.00am / 12 noon
The old School
Contact Annie MacLean on 870274
Meet all year round.



Football Club (The Rovers)

Football for all ages.
Further details can be obtained from Team
Coach Billy MacGruer on 870093
Anyone wishing to join the Committee will be welcome.



Bowling Indoor

Saturday evening @ 7pm
Village Hall, Seaforth Road
Contact Ann Bell 01463 870170
Meet October to April



Jogging for Beginners

Age no barrier-all levels
Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesday 1.30pm & 7pm
Contact: Joan Munro 870237, Hazel Keiro 01997
414376 or Ian Dempster 07724 199 880



Bowling Outdoor

Meet April to September
Club nights Wednesday & Saturday & 7pm.
Contact details ;
Maureen Howie 870282



Lunch Club

Wednesday @12 noon
Village Hall, Seaforth Road
Contact details 01463 870065



Bridge Club

Thursday evenings 7.00pm - 9.30pm
GP Room, Tarradale School
Contact Dot Chalmers on 870045
Meet September to April



Over 60s Club

2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7.00pm
Tarradale School
Contact details Ken Howie 01463 870282
Meet October to May



Community Association

Meeting are held Bi-monthly in the Pavilion .
Next Meeting 26th March 2009@ 7.30pm
Contact details; 870033

Scrabble Club

Monday afternoon 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Church Hall, Seaforth Road.
Contact Muriel Mackay on 01463 870917
Meet all year round



Community Council

All meetings are open to the public.
They are normally held in Tarradale School and are
advertised locally.

Amateur Swimming Club

Monday
Children must be Age 7 plus
Meet in the Square
For an application form contact Helen on 01463 871428



Country Dancing

Monday evenings
October / April
Village Hall 7.30 - 9.30pm
Contact Ellan Cromb 870860



S.W.R.I.

1st Monday of the month @ 7.30pm
Village Hall, Seaforth Road
Contact Mrs W Stephen 01463 870065
Meet September to May

Curling Club

Monday evenings, 7.30pm & 9.30pm
Inverness Ice Rink, Bught Park.
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Step it up Highland 01463 729997



Are you a member of a local club or group which is not mentioned above? To advertise your club or group free on this page contact 'Muir Matters', our contact details can be found on page 9.

Weekly Activities

Monday

In the Village Hall
Country Dancing @ 7.30pm
(not 1st Monday of month)
In the Church Hall, Seaforth Road
Scrabble Club meets @ 2.00pm.
Meet in the Square
Swimming Club, contact Helen, 01463 871428
Jogscotland @ 7pm contact Joan 870237 or
Ian 07724 199 880

Tuesday

In the Free Church Hall, West Road
Noah's Ark Tots 9.30am - 11.00am
Youth Group 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Fortnightly)
In the Old School
Art Group @ 7pm - 9pm

Wednesday

In the Village Hall
Babyzone from 9.30 to 11.30am
(for more details phone Health Visitor 783403)
Lunch Club @ 12 noon (870065 for further details)
Scout Group @ 5.15 to 9.30pm
(For further details telephone 01349 862287)
Meet in the Square
Jogscotland @ 1.30pm Contact Joan 870237,
Hazel 01997 414376 or Ian 07724 199 880
Jogscotland @ 7pm Contact Joan or Ian
Healthways Step-it-up Walking Group @ 2pm

Thursday

In the Village Hall
Egyptian Dancing 9.30 - 11.00am
Line Dancing 6pm-11pm
In the Church Hall, Seaforth Road
Beginners Ballet Classes - 3.00 to 3.45pm
(P1, P2 & P3 classes)

Friday

In the Free Church Hall, West Road
Jam Club @ 4 to 5pm (contact Deirdre 871257)
Friday Zone @ 6.30 to 7.30pm (contact Gordon 871223)
In the Church Hall, Seaforth Road
Challengers academy age @ 7.30pm
In the Village Hall
Step & Step Dance @ 6.15 - 8.30pm

Saturday

In the Village Hall
Indoor Bowling @ 7.00pm
In the Old School
Art Group 10am to 12 noon

School Calendar Session 2008/2009

Open	Close
	Friday 27th March
Tuesday 14th April	Thursday 2nd July

Muir of Ord Scout Group Wednesdays in the Village Hall

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Alf McGregor 01349 862287
Cubs (8 - 10 years) 6.30pm to 7.45pm
Gordon Simpson 01463 782043
Beavers (6—8 years) 5.15pm to 6.15pm
Brenda McGregor 01349 862287

2nd Muir of Ord Guides

Meet in the Church Hall, Seaforth Road
Wednesdays 7.15pm to 9pm
10 to 14 year old girls
All welcome
For more information contact
Janice at Forbes (01463 870240)

1st Muir of Ord Brownies

Ages 7 - 10
Meet Wednesdays 6.45 - 8.00pm
Tarradale School
Contact Frances MacGruer
01463 870093

2nd Muir of Ord Brownies

Ages 7 - 10½

1st Muir of Ord Rainbows

P1 - P3

Both groups meet Wednesdays 5.45 - 7.00pm
in the Church Hall, Seaforth Road
For more information contact
Margaret Anderson 01997 433231

The next issue of 'Muir Matters' will be on sale
from Early June 2009.

Any articles for inclusion *must* be submitted by our
deadline of Friday May 22nd 2009

The Really Really Useful Page

Telephone Numbers

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Highland Council - 01463 702000

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Tarradale - 01463 870484

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Library Opening Hours



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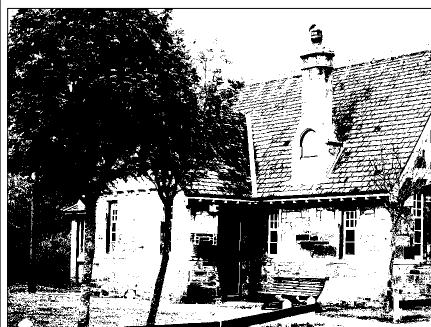
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Do you know something we don't?



Muir Matters is constantly growing and evolving, so if you're aware of any new material, information or stories that you think we could include then please get in touch. Please write, email or give us a call.

The Communications Group are looking for old photographs of Muir of Ord as part of our Living History Project. If any of our readers are in possession of old snaps of the village and surrounding area we would love to hear from you. We promise to take great care of your photographs and return them to you as soon as possible. Please contact us using the details as shown above.

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Train Times to and from The Muir

Muir of Ord to Inverness

Monday to Saturday

0728, 0752, 0829, 1013, 1155, 1305, 1415,
1609, 1630, 1646, 1925, 1950, 2024 & 2249

Sunday

1154, 1446, 1542, 1647, 1729, 2249



Inverness to Muir of Ord

Monday to Saturday

0706, 0900, 1038, 1103, 1216, 1331, 1356, 1439
1715, 1752, 2053 & (2320 Friday & Saturday only)

Sunday

1000, 1111, 1249, 1521, 1804, 2053

Muir of Ord to Dingwall

Monday to Saturday

0729, 0920, 1058, 1120, 1236, 1351, 1419, 1459
1735, 1812, 2113 & (2340 Friday & Saturday only)

Sunday

1020, 1131, 1309, 1543, 1824, 2113

Dingwall to Muir of Ord

Monday to Saturday

0716, 0742, 0816, 1004, 1145, 1254, 1403, 1557,
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Sunday

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Bus Times to and from The Muir

Muir of Ord to Inverness

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1505, 1605, 1705, 1805, 1917, 2017, 2217.

Saturday

0640, 0811, 0905, 1005, 1105, 1205, 1305, 1405, 1505,
1605, 1705, 1810, 1917, 2017, 2217.

Sunday

1139, 1339, 1539, 1739, 1959.

Inverness to Muir of Ord

Monday to Friday

0615*, 0650*, 0745, 0845, 0945, 1045, 1145, 1245, 1345,
1445, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2100, 2320

Saturday

0755, 0850, 0945, 1045, 1145, 1245, 1345, 1445,
1600, 1705, 1800, 1900, 2100, 2320.

Sunday

0945, 1145, 1345, 1545 & 1830

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Muir of Ord to Dingwall

Monday to Friday

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1738, 1844, 1944, 2144 & 0004

Saturday

0833, 0928, 1023, 1123, 1223, 1323, 1423, 1523, 1638,
1743, 1844, 1944, 2144 & 0004

Sunday

1032, 1232, 1432, 1632, & 1917

Muir of Ord Square to Dingwall Tesco

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Dingwall to Muir of Ord

All times from the Royal Hotel

Monday to Friday

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1650, 1750, 1905, 2005, 2205

Saturday

0756, 0850, 0950, 1050, 1150, 1250, 1350, 1450, 1550,
1650, 1755, 1905, 2005 & 2205

Sunday

1128, 1328, 1528, 1728, & 1948

From 27th October 2008



Church Chimes



Church of Scotland

Service times:
 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at the
 West Church Urray, 11.00am.
 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays at the East Church,
 Seaforth Road, 11.00am
 Evening Services at 6.30pm in the East Church.
 Morning crèche available

Pastoral Care Group

In the Church of Scotland we have a pastoral care group that visits the house-bound, sick, elderly and others in need. If anyone who presently does not receive a visit feels they would like one, please contact Ivy on 01463-870308.

Church of Scotland Guild

Church Hall, Seaforth Road @ 7.30pm

April 27th

Blythswood Care - Buckets of Love

May 26th

Guild Rally

(St Clement's Church, Dingwall @ 7.30pm)

Free Church Youth Fellowship

7.45 - 9pm Fortnightly (contact Gordon 871223)

A Date for your Diary

Our next Fun Day is Saturday 13th June 2009.

Free Church

West Road, Muir of Ord
 Service Times :
 Sunday 12 noon and 6.30pm
 Crèche Available

Muir Community Church

Every Sunday @ 10.30am & 6.30pm

Village Hall, Seaforth Road

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Contact Church Secretary 01463 870564

Church of Scotland

The Challengers Youth Club

Takes place on Friday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.15 pm in the Church of Scotland Hall, Seaforth Road, Muir of Ord.

We offer indoor activities to boys and girls of secondary school age. This includes indoor football, table tennis, pool and occasional visits to Rollerball.

Part of the evening will include a short Bible-based talk, given by one of the Leaders. Each evening is adequately staffed by Church volunteer members.

Entry is free but there is a small charge for drinks and snacks.

You are most welcome.

Come on in and check it out!

If you need any further information please contact Raymond on 01997-433395

Diary Dates

S.W.R.I

Village Hall, Seaforth Road @ 7.30pm

6th April - A.G.M ; Election of Office Bearers

4th May - Visit to Drovers Exhibition
 (Dingwall Mart)

Muir of Ord Art Group

16th & 17th May

An Exhibition of Art
 by the Muir of Ord Art Group in the Old School.
 Saturday 9.00 to 5.00 & Sunday 12.30 to 4.30
 All welcome

Muir of Ord Community Council

28th April

The venue of the next meeting will be displayed in the usual places around the village.

Muir of Ord Over 60's Club

11th March - Illustrated talk by David Birkbeck on his World Travels

April 22nd - A Musical Evening
 Tarradale School at 7 p.m.

Conon Bridge, Maryburgh & District Gardening Club

Monday March 30th - Talk by Highland Liliums
(Plants for sale at end of talk)

Monday April 27th - A.G.M
followed by Question time

Church Hall, Conon Bridge @ 7.30pm

Muir of Ord Community Assoc. Thursday March 26th

Community Pavilion @ 7.30pm
All Welcome

Muir of Ord Bowling Club

25th March – Whist Drive in Golf Club at 7.30 p.m.
Admission £2 (includes refreshments). Raffles.

18th April – Opening Day of the Bowling Season.
2 p.m. at the Bowling Green.
Old and new members all welcome.

29th April – Whist Drive (last of the season).
In the Pavilion at 7 p.m.

16th May – Fair in the Square. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

23rd May – Muir of Ord Bowling Club will
celebrate its Golden Anniversary with a Reception
in the Pavilion and on the Bowling Green.

Community Association News Round-up

In December, the Community Association once again hosted the very successful Senior Citizens' Christmas Party in the Priory Hotel. As in previous years, the lead in the organization of this event fell to Heather Maclean and we know everyone agrees that she and her helpers made a fantastic job of it. As usual, the Priory Hotel pulled out all the stops and provided a great meal with a fantastic atmosphere. Volunteers from the Football Club and other individuals provided transport for all. We want to make a special mention here of "Corrie Hire" known to most of us as Calum and his minibus who not only donated his time and vehicle for free but spent some considerable time later on in the evening, driving around Muir of Ord trying to track down a lady who had accidentally left her house keys with us!

At the beginning of the year we took delivery of a new bin for the Pavilion Playpark which is to be installed very soon. But this is a litter bin with a difference, because it can talk..! After some research on the subject the Community Association felt that installing this type of bin will help encourage our younger children to dispose of their rubbish properly and they're a lot of fun too! The talking options provide added interest and novelty and they can be programmed to teach polite greetings. They can even be used to communicate a particular environmental message! We have had several suggestions as to what the message should say (most of them quite hilarious but unprintable..!) but we thought it would be a good idea to run a competition with the local schools and let the children decide. See page 20 for details.

Another subject that we've taken action on is the continued use of the recreation ground by cars and quad bikes etc. As we've said before this is completely unacceptable as it poses a risk to children using this area. New fencing is to be erected around the car parking area which will prevent access for these vehicles.



Finally, the Community Association has been looking carefully at the situation with the Village Hall. Although no formal request to take ownership of the hall has been placed on the agenda, as the community group which represents the whole community, we must now give this matter serious consideration. If we wish to continue with our plans for improved facilities in Muir of Ord then the future use and ownership of the Village Hall must now be taken into account.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

During the 2009 season the Muir of Ord Bowling Club will be celebrating its Golden Anniversary. Several events are being planned and we would very much like to put on display photographs taken of the Club over the years. I feel sure that former members must have some photographs. We would be very grateful if you could lend them to us so that copies could be made for our display. I can assure you that great care will be taken and they will be returned to you.

Thank you
Ken C.G.Howie,
President,
Muir of Ord Bowling Club.

Dear Editor,

It was very gratifying to read in the local press of the operations by the Police in curbing the underage drinking in our area. Their actions in intercepting the busload of teenagers heading for Muir of Ord from Dingwall with their backpacks full of alcohol was very pleasing.. No doubt this prevented windows being broken in Tarradale School, bottles being smashed in the children's' playground, cans and bottles littering the pond area and the village square

being left looking like a rubbish tip.

Too often we hear complaints about those drunken rampages – followed by “and what are the Police doing about them”. Well here is proof that they are taking action and those of us who care about Muir of Ord are very thankful.

Yours etc.,
Muir of Order
(Name & Address Supplied)

Taken from the Tarradale School Blog

‘Scoop the Poop’ and ‘Bin your Rubbish’ were the messages from Nell our Dog Warden when she visited our school on Friday 6th February. If dog owners are irresponsible and do not pick up after their dogs they can be fined £40. Toxins in dog poop can seriously damage our health and lie dormant in the ground for up to 5 years. Littering can also be an offence and you can be fined £50 so make sure you ‘Scoop the Poop’ and ‘Bin your Rubbish’ and you won’t get fined.

Katie Reiss
Tarradale P6/7

Denise McGregor and Family would like to thank everyone for the kindness that was shown to them over the this very sad time with cards, food parcels, flowers etc, and for attending the funeral. It's true that Muir of Ord is a very special place to stay

URRAY HOUSE CORNER

Introducing a new regular article for ‘Muir Matters’ Readers

UPDATE ON NEW CARE HOME

Urray House is one of Highland Council care homes and is being replaced by a brand new 32 bedded care home on the site directly to the north, between Urray House and the police station. The new care home will meet modern standards and provide improved facilities for all of the residents. The plans include a sensory garden for residents with sheltered seating areas and raised

flower beds. Residents and staff will transfer from Urray House to the new building in the spring of 2011.

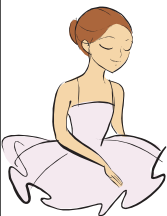
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Urray House is currently looking for volunteers who can spare an hour or two per week to help with activities, entertainments, and fundraising. Residents and day care attendees enjoy and benefit from the involvement of the local community.

If interested please contact Tim Blackie, Manager of Urray House 01463 870516

ORDKIDZ

ORDKIDZ are as busy as ever. **Babyzone** parents and children enjoyed another musical visit from the wonderful Monica Neeling, and attendance is high. Hazel is stepping down as organiser, and many thanks are due to her for the huge amount of work she's put in. Anyone out there willing to lend a hand on Wednesday mornings in the Village Hall from 9.30 to 11.30 am preparing snacks, putting out toys etc then please do get in touch with ORDKIDZ.



Cecilia's **beginner ballet classes** have some new recruits and there's a plan to put on another show at the end of this session. There are some spaces available for P1, P2 or P3 children, do contact Lina on 870448 if you're interested. Classes are in the Church of Scotland Hall on Thursdays from 3 to 3.45 pm.

NEW SESSIONS will have started by the time you read this: **Animal Antics** meet on Tuesdays in the



Pavilion from 2 - 2.45 for Playgroup and Nursery children and from 3 - 3.45 for P1, P2 and P3. Islay Macrae from **Eden Court** is running these sessions on the theme of Nature; there will be storytelling, arts and crafts and lots of running around! Cost £10 for 5 sessions, contact Lizbeth on 870865 for more information.

MORE NEW SESSIONS! With help from ORDKIDZ, Active Schools Coordinator Dawn Fraser is trialling some **Have Fun and Keep Fit** exercise classes in the school gym on Mondays. These sessions are for Nursery and P1 children, are FREE, and will run from 2.45 to 3.15 pm on Mondays starting March 2nd for four sessions. Contact Lizbeth on 870865 if you want to know more.

We're already planning our summer activities so if you've got any suggestions for what you'd like your children to try, or if you'd like to help out on the ORDKIDZ committee, in classes etc then do get in touch - we'd love to hear from you.



Surely Not...!!!

Today at Muir Matters we heard the most unspeakable rumour which filled our hearts with fear and dismay.....Mrs Jean Lornie, our most revered and beloved librarian, is considering.....wait for it... ..RETIREMENT...!! It shouldn't be allowed, we say.

It's all very well, when one attains a certain age and dreams of hazy days filled with friendly chit chat with neighbours and taking up hobbies that you always

promised yourself, but what about us...??

Our library service is stuffed full of well qualified, very pleasant and knowledgeable staff who would be an asset to our village, but let's face it – they're not Mrs Lornie are they.?

They don't remember our now thirty year old sons and daughters coming into the library and asking for yet more books on the big space ships they saw on Star Wars (on it's first time around). They won't remember that sweet wee Mrs McGlumpher has a particular interest in explicit and gory forensic crime solving or that 'thon big chap' who lives near Highfield who has an enduring passion for Mills & Boon novels.!

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Mondays @ 7.15pm and returns 9.15 approx.

Parents will be required to do 1-2 duties per term.

For an application form contact Helen on 01463 871428

Whilst we welcome and look forward to receiving letters and articles for publication in 'Muir Matters' we reserve the right to alter or amend them as we deem necessary.

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Muir of Ord Bowling Club

A very good turnout of members attended the Annual General Meeting of the Muir of Ord Bowling Club on 16th January. In the coming 2009 season the Club will celebrate its Golden Anniversary and several celebratory events are being planned

In his annual report the President reflected on the substantial improvements which had been made to the bowling green and its surrounding area during the 2008 season and thanked all of those members who gave so much of their time and efforts to achieve this. He also thanked all the office-bearers for the work they had carried out to make last season such a successful and enjoyable time for all, and looked forward to the coming season being even more special as the Club celebrates its fiftieth birthday.

The following office-bearers were elected for Season 2009 – President Ken Howie, Vice-President Willie

Stewart, Secretary Maureen Howie, Minutes Secretary John Black, Match Secretary Heather Stewart, Treasurer Stewart Torrie, Tea Convenor Moira Torrie, Committee Ann Bell, Ian Bremner, Dorothy Chalmers, Ken Diss, Barbara Gordon, Chris Robertson and Ernie Smart. Willie Stewart was re-appointed as Greenkeeper.

The President also congratulated Heather Stewart on her appointment as President of the Ladies' Section of the Northern Bowling League.

The new season will open on Saturday 18th April. New members of the Bowling Club are assured of a very warm welcome.



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'Spot the Difference' Comp. 'Muir Matters', Seaforth Road, Muir of Ord, IV6 7TA.

Entries by April 25th
Please

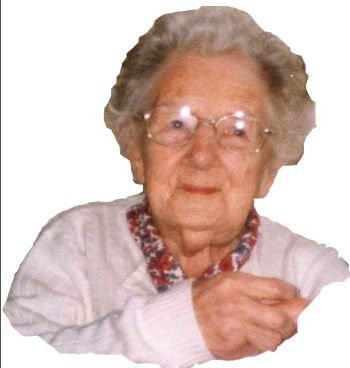
Kids Competition

What do you think your new Talking Bin should say?



We've got some smashing prizes for the winning entry.

If you would like to enter, more details and entry forms will be available from Monday 16th March at Tarradale and Mulbuie Schools.



Mrs Betty MacKay

A couple of weeks ago, we were told about a lovely little narrative which had been written by the late Mrs Betty MacKay of Ord Road. It was penned a few months before her 90th birthday and gives details of her life and family in Muir of Ord and beyond.

In it, she talks of her parents, family & friends and growing up in Muir of Ord. It's a fascinating glimpse into life around that period. Unfortunately it is too large for us to include in Muir Matters as an article and to break it down to a few paragraphs really doesn't do it justice so we've decided to reproduce this

story in booklet form which will be available from our local library at the end of March. As most folk will know Muir Matters is very keen to record and preserve stories about our community for future generations and we would just like to thank Mr John Mackay for his help with this.

Over 60s

In spite of the cold and windy weather there was a very good turnout at the January meeting of the Over 60s Club.

A highly entertaining and instructive presentation was given by Martha Chisholm and Susan Wilson on

the history and production of the highly successful and award winning "Muir Matters". They also gave the audience an inside glimpse of the work which went into the production of the 2009 "Muir Matters" calendar. Of particular interest was the viewing of a selection of photographs from the on-going local history project which the "Muir Matters" group organises.





Dog Fouling

Yet again it would seem that an uncaring minority of our dog owners are allowing their dogs to foul pavements, gardens and play areas around the Muir. We have had numerous complaints from residents on this subject. The areas most affected seem to be around the Burma Road, along the Great North Road (including outside Forbes Café) and the open plan gardens areas of The Meadows and Wards Drive.

The Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 is the key legislation which empowers the council to issue Fixed Penalty Notices. Anyone identified as failing

to clean up after their dog is liable to receive a fixed penalty of £40, which rises to £60 if not paid within 28 days.



Dog 'Scoop the Poop' bags are free from the service point, owners can then dispose of the bag and its contents in their own bin at home or in dog fouling bins situated around the village.



Please, be a Responsible Dog Owner and Pick up after your Dog.

If you think it's time to name and shame the culprits please contact the Dog Warden on 01349 868440

Lock It or Lose It.!

You may have read in the local press recently of another theft from local householder's oil tank. Although this type of incident is relatively rare in our area we wanted to remind everyone that we should still take reasonable precautions to prevent this. A sturdy padlock on your tank will deter all but

the most determined thief and could save you a great deal of money and hassle.

Anyone looking for more advice on this and other household security issues can contact Northern Constabulary's Community Safety Section on 01463 720406.



Village Hall Update.

Over the last few months there's been quite a bit of activity on the Village Hall issue. Although the situation remains the same in that Highland Council will no longer maintain or manage the hall, to help the community they have agreed to make several improvements before it is handed over. We're delighted to say that a long overdue new kitchen is to be installed along with a new fire alarm system. Highland Council are also currently costing some extra works that are required on the roof and the area of rising damp at the side of the building and are hoping that they may be able to repair these problem areas too. These problems were



identified by the building survey commissioned by our Community Council and has shown, that despite lack of maintenance and it's obvious problems (that kitchen again..!) the hall is in reasonable condition for its age.

The Community Council and the Community Association along with all of our Ward Councillors have been working closely on this one to make sure that this resource is not lost to the community. Councillor David Chisholm and Councillor Angela MacLean have

been particularly active in ensuring that the community do not lose this facility. Initially a new steering group is being set up and they will spend the next few months working out how best to set up a management committee for the hall. Remember, even if an organisation such as the Community Association were to take ownership of the building, the hall will still need its own committee to oversee the day to day running of the facility and that's where we need everyone who uses the hall to step up. We understand how much pressure people are under these days, working long hours and fulfilling their family commitments but we cannot continue to rely on the same old faces to do this. If you can spare a couple of hours a month then please get in touch with Highland Council's Hall manager Mr Ian Goode on 01381 621252.

One of the Eco Group's targets is to improve the Health and Wellbeing of our school community.

During discussions on how to achieve this, our group mentioned GMTV and Mr Motivator, a new character to everyone except Mrs Smith, a fan from years gone by.

It was suggested he may be able to motivate the group with new ideas which could then lead to Eco members working with groups during break and lunchtimes or even as a regular slot within the class. A few of the pupils emailed GMTV with their request. And the response? GMTV visited our school only 5 days after sending the email!!

If you missed out and would like to see the GMTV broadcast copies are available to borrow from the school.



over. When Sophie and I got back to class everyone cheered. It was a great day even though we had to get up early!

By Katie Reiss P6/7



Tarradale School Blog

Our blog started in November 2008. It has loads of pictures and lots of information about what we are up to here in Tarradale Primary School. We have video clips and a tour of our school. Since January we've had nearly 3000 page views from all around the world and we've had lots of people leave comments. It would be really great if you could go on it and leave us a few comments.

Our address is:

<http://tarradaleblog.edublogs.org/>

Kelsey R P5/6

Ania D P4

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Tarradale Primary

GMTV VISITS TARRADALE!



On the 21st January me and my friend Sophie were asked if we would like to represent our class on GMTV! "Yes!" I said immediately. "Ah, but," Mrs Smith had put in, "You'll have to be at the school for...seven in the morning tomorrow!" "Seven! Seven!" me and Sophie exclaimed. She gave us each a note for permission. Sophie and I went into the class giggling.

That afternoon, when I got home, I shrieked out loud, I was going to be on TV! At tea I poured it all out to Dad and gave the note to Mum to sign.

The next morning I put on some colourful clothes because we were told to wear lycra like Mr Motivator! When we got to the school, at about five to seven, I gave my note to Mrs Smith and sat down in the staffroom. We waited until half seven. A lady called Michelle took us to the G.P. room and made us warm-up, then at twenty to eight we did a "teaser" which is a little snippet of the real thing. It was quite hot in the G.P. room because of the powerful lights. The "teaser" lasted five minutes and it was quite scary because the camera made you giggle!

At five to eight we did another "teaser" and at a quarter past eight we did the real thing!! It was really interesting! We all grouped round the TV and Mrs Smith and Rachael Anderson P7 were interviewed. After touching the T.V. screen we got into our places to copy what Mr Motivator did on the TV! We did another real thing at quarter past nine! That time only Mrs Smith got interviewed. Then, after touching the screen, we did lots of press-ups. Then it was all



Primary 1 Model Makers



Primary 1 were set a challenge to make 3D junk models. They were learning all about 3D shapes. We had some fantastic robots, a castle, a horse and many more wonderful ideas.

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MULBUIE HIGHLIGHTS

Mulbuie Primary School invited parents and relatives to celebrate Robbie Burns' 250th birthday. This took place on Friday 6th February at the Royal British Legion in Dingwall.

We loved the whole experience and at the end the audience gave us a huge round of applause.

Written by
Sophie Nairn P.4
&
Hollie Reid P.4



Toast to the Lassies

The Toast to the lassies performance was an act performed on stage by the Primary 1/2/3 class along with their teacher Miss Delmonte. All the children looked as if they were having fun and certainly the audience enjoyed it.

The toast to the lassies was a way for the younger children to show

how much they love their Mums! Callum Dickinson P.2 and Mark MacLennan P.2 led the act with the rest of the class



following in. They sang a 'Supermum' song which was sung terrifically, with solos accompanied by Miss Delmonte on the guitar. Eleven children held up posters of Scottish words to describe their mum, including Sansei, Bonnie and Giggly!

Overall it was a brilliant, enthusiastic performance enjoyed by all!

Written by Alice
Brydon & Kirsten Dilley

Address to the Haggis



In respect of Robbie Burns before you all sit down to eat your haggis the normal procedure is to have an address to the haggis.

On our Burns evening Mr Aiden Brennan was asked to 'Address the Haggis.' Firstly the haggis was piped into the hall by Karla along with the chef from the Red Poppy.

Mr Brennan recited Robbie Burns' address to the haggis, spoken in Scots language. The children had never experienced this before which they enjoyed immensely and the reaction from the audience was phenomenal!



Written by Kiera Brennan, Jenny Mackenzie,
Kirsty Dingwall

Tam O'Shanter

The P6/7 class came onto the stage dressed in black and they acted out the story of Tam O'Shanter. There were 10 narrators that told the story of Tam O'Shanter to the audience. They had loud clear voices which kept everyone's attention. Overall it was exciting and wonderful because they all must have been really nervous and scared when they saw the large audience.

When the play had finished the audience stood up and clapped and cheered loudly. Every one that took part felt happy and proud.

Written by Ella Downie P.4 & Alexander Lashley P.3

Haggis Sketch

4 boys from class 6/7 did a fabulous 'Haggis Sketch.' They ran out onto the stage and performed a really funny dance to the song 'Hot Stuff', what made it even funnier was their costumes, they wore brown tights on their heads and legs along with a brown top stuffed with a pillow to make them look like fat delicious haggis. The whole audience laughed and cheered loudly.



Once they had finished their dance they acted out a short comical script about haggis running away from a butcher. Overall it was very well performed and well done to those lads,

Robert, Jake, Ryan and Cullan for making everyone laugh and laugh!

Written by Sarah Martin P.5 & Saskia Simpson P.3

A Night to remember

The Primary 3/4/5 class entertained the audience by doing a famous Scottish country dance, 'Strip the Willow'. It was hard to learn all the steps but with great determination we all succeeded.

All the girls wore their Mulbuie tartan kilts and the boys wore smart black trousers. We were split into groups of 8 by our teacher Mrs Macarthur, two of these groups performed their dance on the stage and one performed on the dance floor in front of the audience. We all felt very excited and our hearts were going

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

More from Tarradale



I enjoyed the concert and I'm sure everyone else did, the infants seemed happy and entertained by the performances.
By Mhairi Hallford P6/7

Roving Reporters Fearghas Lyall & Jack Green P6/7

Isla Beaton P1
Enjoyed the
Drumming

Rhona Urquhart
in P3 enjoyed
listening to the
violins.

Jessica Golden
In P 3 enjoyed
the Gaelic
singing

The infants thoughts on the

Burns Concert

Ryan Wallis in
P2 enjoyed
the highland
dancing

Laura McGregor
P 1/2 enjoyed
the guitar music

Rebecca
Spence from
P2/3 enjoyed
drumming

Rachel Gillies
in P1 enjoyed
the singing.

Eve Dingwall in
P1 enjoyed the
violin music.

On the 23rd of January we had a Burns Concert. There were stunning performances including highland dancing, violins, Scottish songs, poetry readings, tin whistle, drumming and bagpipes, as well as short pieces of information about Robert Burns. I enjoyed taking part. Megan MacPhee P7, Hollie Shand P7 and I read out the poem "O my Love is Like a Red, Red Rose." We were performing to the infants so we may have made a few mistakes but they didn't understand everything we said anyway. I liked gathering at the end to sing "Auld Lang Syne" while Mrs Boardman played the guitar. A few of the girls at the front held up Hollie's Scotland flag so the audience could see it while we were singing and some of the infants joined in as well.

MORE FROM MULBUIE

Musicians United



Kelsie accompanied by Miss Delmonte played beautifully on her violin 'My luvie is like a red, red rose'.

Shannon entertained the audience by playing a well known Scottish tune, 'Highland Cathedral' on her Oboe.

Ruth also played 'My luvie is like a red, red rose' on her saxophone.



We all felt very nervous and scared while we were performing, but once we heard the reaction from the audience once we had finished we felt really proud of ourselves!



Written by Ruth Foster P.7, Kelsie Nairn P.6, Shannon Birnie P.7

Reply from the lassies

After the P.1/2/3 toasted to the lassies, two mums Mrs Slyvie Main and Mrs Louise Foster responded with a hilarious reply.

The mums kicked off with a stress-o-meter display which went down with a roar of laughter from the audience. Then Mrs Main brought out her scroll of the day which hit the

floor it was that long with a list of chores that mums have to do within their normal day of life. Once again the audience response was roars of laughter.



The mums began to read out abilities of being a super mum. After Mrs Main got the microphone working to the hilarity of the audience the mums carried on with their presentation. The whole audiences' attention was then captured under their control. The rest of the night continued to be a huge success!

Cameron Main P.6, Jack Dickson P.6, & Calum Adams P.6

Once again the children at Mulbuie Primary School excelled themselves with the highest quality of entertainment which resulted in a very successful evening.

