



THE ROUNDABOUT

Maryburgh's free Newsletter

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**On 28th March the clocks
go forward 1 hour**

**There are brighter
days ahead.**

What's on in Maryburgh and District

Text in red means that these activities are running again but following the Scottish Government's guidelines with priority being to keep users safe.

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: Available

Wednesday: Available

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

First class free. No upper age limits

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:

The Cottage Bar 12 noon on Wednesdays. All welcome! There are, at the moment, 2 sittings. 12 and 1pm. Booking is necessary. Diners must only sit in twos – only two households together. Contact no. 01349 861 230.

SWI: Meets on the second Monday of the month in The Leanaig Centre, Conon Bridge, from September to May. (7.30pm) New members always welcome. Find us on Facebook: Maryburgh and Conon Bridge SWI

Maryburgh Outdoor Bowling Club:

Following the guidelines from the Scottish government times are:

Mondays: 10am – 11.30am. 12.15pm – 1.45pm. 2.30pm – 4pm

Only four people can play at a time.

Contact Alistair Gault for more information : 01349 862 422

Loch Achonachie Angling Club

The majority of the club's fishings will open on April 1st until 6th October. If you are interested in joining the club, contact the club secretary, Mr Okain MacLennan, 19 Seaforth Drive, Fortrose Tel: 01381620674, go to our website:<http://highland fishing.net/> or check us out on Facebook.

SWI

Leanaig Centre. Second Monday of each month. 7.30pm September - May

We are the ladies of **Maryburgh & Conon Bridge SWI** (aka 'The Rural'). A great opportunity for local women to come together and learn, laugh and love together. No knitting or baking required, but it's always welcome!

The Badminton Club

Mondays at The Leanaig Centre. 7.30pm – 9.30pm

£3.00 per session (£2.00 for Hi Life members) New members always welcome

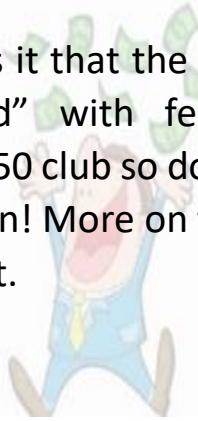
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Conon Church Hall: Beavers: - Tuesday, 6.pm – 7.pm,

Leanaig Centre: **Cubs are desperately in need of leaders.** (Thursday 6.30 – 7.30pm)

Scouts:- Friday 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Rumour has it that the lottery is to be “resurrected” with fewer numbers. Possibly a 150 club so don’t spend your £20 too soon! More on this in the June Roundabout.



£200 – D Sinclair
£100 – Jayne Ross
£75 - Fiona Mchardy
£50 -Lyn Steell
£25 - Alison Fraser
£20 - Ross Hrycenko
£15 – Helen Rodger

Birthdays etc

Lily Rodger on 26th March! Happy 8th birthday. Love you lots . . .
Mammy and Daddy xxx

Caroline Hrycenko on 1st April. Happy birthday to the best mum and granny in the world. Love from Ross, Lynne, Craig and grandkids. Xxxxxx

Lorna Rattray on June 16th. Happy 50th birthday. Have a great day!

Happy 65th Birthday Ganga! Lots of love from Jamie and all the family. xxx

A belated Happy December birthday Tom
from The Roundabout!

A belated Happy Birthday to Angie Whyte
80 yrs on 17th February from Babs.



Thank you!



Traci for making the Lunch Club Christmas meal so enjoyable despite the difficulties you must have had!

Babs Kennedy would like to thank Traci and Fiona for being so kind to the Lunch Club at Christmas Not only were they treated to a lovely meal but were also given a plant as a gift.

Jo Monckton for livening up the village with the 24 days of Advent extravaganza!

Rhona and Steph for their donations of prizes.



Ross and Cromarty Heritage Society Maryburgh History

(Extract from www.rossandcromartyheritage.org)

The founding of the village of Maryburgh is of comparatively recent origin. MARYBURGH as we know it dates from 1815 when Mary Elizabeth MacKenzie returned to Brahan Estate on the death of her father.

Prior to the name MARYBURGH the area comprised three localities known as: Brahan, Breacanord and Balblair



One of the oldest cottages in the village, presently called "Peartree Cottage" at the top of Hood Street has the date 1824 inscribed on the "skewputt" (the lowest stone on the coping). This cottage and the others, occupying the same side of Hood Street, all had thatch roofs.

The village was created to house Brahan Estate workers, many of whom were displaced crofters from the Highland Clearances, notably from Strathconon. Proby Street, the second street of the original village was then, as now, the main thoroughfare from Dingwall to Conon Bridge but was also part of the main North Road from Inverness to Wick



The original bridge over the river was opened in 1809 prior to which the river was crossed only by a ford and the "Skuddell Ferry" which operated throughout the 1600s and 1700s.

The houses on the South side of Proby Street also contained estate workers, each of whom had been allocated a narrow strip of land, approximating to one acre, which extended down to the river Conon. These rigs of cultivated land were known as the "Maryburgh Acres".

One of the many fine houses along Proby Street, "Sunny Holm", is dated 1828. One hundred years ago this was the home (and business) of The Flesher (the butcher) now the home of a surrealist artist and family.

In 1841 the population of Maryburgh numbered 403 rising to 503 in 1851. By 1870 the community had developed to 45 houses. By 1885, Ordnance Survey records state that Maryburgh was a modern place inhabited chiefly by crofters and tradesmen and had the benefit of a Post Office, a Free Church, an Inn, a Public School, Brick and Tile Works, Carden Mill, Corn and Meal Mills, and a Lint and Snuff Mill.

Maryburgh Community Council is back up and running. Your councillors are: **Sandy Law, Fiona Shand, Donald Stuart (Chairman), Tom Thomas and Fiona Ross.**

Because of the current situation, the CC have held meetings via Microsoft teams.

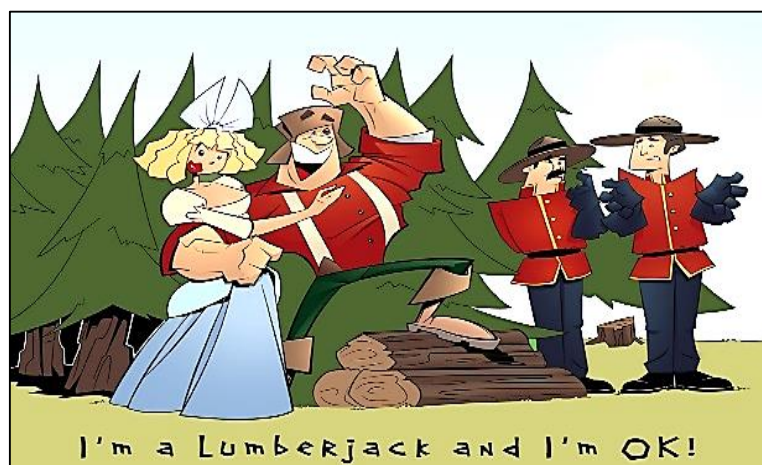
Minutes of meetings are posted monthly on the FB Community page and also displayed at the hall. There will be more information, hopefully, in the next "Roundabout".

At long last . . . **great news!** The Men's Shed and transfer of the school has been approved by the Communities and Place Committee and the Old School Building will be put to good use at long last! Maryburgh, for once, has managed to hold on to part of its heritage! Well done to those involved!

According to a resident, some folk seem to think that the hedges in Seaforth Place are a suitable place to display their dog poop bags! Now that the bins at the hall have been fitted with locks – due to the thoughtlessness of a minority - please, when you pick up your dog poo make the effort to take it home for disposal. It's not as if folk are walking elephants round the local area!

Another resident has shared concerns about the number of empty plastic bottles left at the sports pitch. Perhaps those using the pitch to train could make the effort to take their waste home?

There has been a fair bit of lumberjack activity in the woods recently causing some consternation among walkers. Not to worry! The trees which were taken down had suffered from Ash dieback and were dangerous. No live trees were harmed in this activity!



Maryburgh's 24 Windows of Advent

Thank you to all the boys and girls and adults who took part in the hunt for the 24 windows of advent and the word hunt around the village.

A special thank you goes to our households for their wonderful window displays that have brightened up the village and kept the youngsters busy.



Prize winners from the draw:

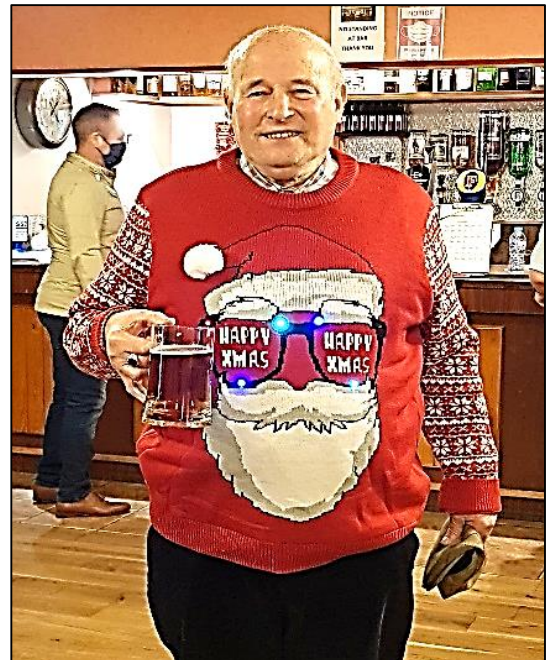
24 Windows of Advent (Christmas Eve hamper prize kindly donated by Rhona Stuart) - Flora Macrae

Word hunt (musical reindeer prize kindly donated by Steph O'Connell)

- Amelia & Emily Prasher



Christmas at The Cottage During “lockdown”, we had to do lunch club in two sittings but it just wasn't the same. Following the guidelines of only two households, we managed to get everyone together. There was a lovely Christmas atmosphere, maybe the glass of fizz helped! The menu consisted of broth, roast turkey and Christmas pud to finish. We also had 5 raffles, two hampers and 3 gifts. Santa gave each guest a Christmas cactus.



We treated our Tom to a Christmas jumper. Very flashy !



Thank you Traci, for always rising to the occasion!

Roundabout's version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire.
(Each correct answer is worth £100, 000. Can you reach £1,000,000?)

1. A spork is a utensil that typically combines a fork with which other item?

A. Colander B. Whisk
C. Spoon D. Corkscrew

2. Which of these is regarded as a national symbol of Canada?

A. Maple Leaf B. Fig Leaf
C. Fern Leaf D. Tea Leaf

3. Which of these is most likely to be used by an archer?

A. Bitterbow B. Crossbow
C. Furiousbow D. Iratebow

4. A controversial situation which is awkward to deal with is often referred to as a 'hot ...'

A. Leek B. Onion
C. Potato D. Tomato

5. Someone expressing anger is said to be 'venting their... ' what?

A. Spleen B. Liver
C. Intestines D. Pancreas

6. In the novel 'The Hobbit', Bilbo, comes from which region of Middle Earth?

A. The Green. B. The Borough
C. The Shire D. The City

7. Which of these words can be typed on a single row of a standard UK 'QWERTY' keyboard?

A. Cheese B. Pork
C. Salad D. Lager

8. Which term means a dry wind blowing from North Africa, that picks up moisture crossing the Mediterranean?

A. Mistral B. Sargasso
C. Pampero D. Sirocco

9. In the Bible, which land is said to be 'east of Eden'?

A. Nineveh B. Nod
C. Nazareth D. Nimrud

10. The name of which European capital city means 'Bay of Smokes' in its native language?

A. Copenhagen B. Amsterdam
C. Reykjavik D. Vilnius

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. C
7. C
8. D
9. B
10. C

Sorry folks! No prizes this time!

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Conon/Maryburgh Scouts are desperately in need of leaders, especially Cubs.

If you would like more information on volunteering for this worthwhile organisation, contact:
Corinna Lonnen – 07743 035948



If you aren't already a CO-OP member, get yourself signed up for a £1, and select Conon/Maryburgh Outdoor Bowling Club as your cause (as well as earning yourself some rewards!)

Come and try
Cameron's School of Martial Arts



Learn lifeskills, have fun & get active.
Maryburgh Amenities Centre

After a long hiatus we returned to Maryburgh on the 19th of November but at the slightly earlier time of 6.00pm-8.00pm as this might suit younger participants and if there is a demand we will then go to 9.00pm for adults only. Covid mitigation steps will be in place for 12 year olds and over to minimise the risks. If interested drop me a wee message for more details and you can find Cameron's School of Martial Arts on Facebook. Phone: 0781000946



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