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PROGRAMME ON CENTRE PAGES

Car Parking for Gala Day


To help with our traffic issues the Committee would appreciate if as many local people as possible could refrain from taking vehicles on Gala Day. Thank you.

Tombola Stand at Gala

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KIRKHILL & BUNCHREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Old North Inn on Tuesday 22nd February 2011 at 7.30pm.

Chairman- Cameron Kemp.

Present.

C.C Councillors Karen Young, Fred Geddes, Cameron Kemp, Ian Weir, Iain Urquhart, Ally MacNeill, Hamish Wood (Highland Region Councillor) and Jim Ogilvie Secretary.

Visitors to join the Council Nikki Maclean and Judith Rumbold

1). Apologies.

Margaret Davidson, Alasdair Christie, Drew Hendry and Helen Carmichael (Highland Region Councillors),

Chris Heaton Armstrong, Ian Cowan and Caroline Crawford. (Community Councillors).

2).Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th January were read and approved (proposed by Fred Geddes seconded by Karen Young).

Before going on to the next item the Secretary reported that one of our members, Caroline Crawford, has been taken ill and would not be with us for some time.

The meeting decided to send a message to Caroline wishing her a speedy recovery and best wishes from all the members.

3). Druim Ba Community Benefit Meeting.

This meeting took place on the 25th January at Brockie's Lodge Hotel in Kiltarlity.

Ten Community Councils had been asked to attend with two members and Caroline Crawford and I attended on our behalf.

WE WANT YOUR GALA PHOTOGRAPHS!!

For the Autumn edition of the Crannog we are asking everyone in the Community to submit their photographs of the Gala. Send to the editorial

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team at the contact details below. We'll pick the best for the next issue and maybe even print them in colour!



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Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Website

Please make sure and visit the new website at www.kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk.

If you have a Facebook account then you should also make sure that you have connected yourself to the Kirkhill and Bunchrew facebook page and make sure and share this with everyone you know. <http://www.facebook.com/kirkhillbunchrew>

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COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

By local Councillor Helen Carmichael

Spring has officially arrived, the clocks have moved forward we now have longer daylight hours and if this week's sunshine is anything to go by we should all be out enjoying the welcome light it brings.

BEAULY SQUARE.

Many of you have contacted me regarding the condition and potholes in the Square, I am delighted to tell you work will start on 18th /19th May, weather permitting with the complete scraping and resurfacing of the Square.

We are working closely with the Beauly Business Group to agree a schedule of works for the contractors which will not inconvenience the public any more than is necessary, however it may mean the Square will be closed to vehicles for three or four days, during this time all parking will be in Braeview Park.

RAILWAY STATION.

You may have noticed the work compound in the field beside the Station has been removed and the field reinstated.

We had hoped to take over this area for additional

parking, however due to legal and contractual constraints this has not proved to be possible.

We have however continued our efforts to extend the parking area and are working with Highland Council and Transerve Scotland to take this project forward as is anticipated. Beauly Station will see an increase in passengers during the resurfacing and partial closure of the Kessock Bridge scheduled for 2012.

LIBRARY.

Our local library has escaped the Budget cuts thanks to the community in and around Beauly and to everyone who signed the petition to retain the library in the Phipps Hall. The library service will now become part of the new arms length organisation set up by Highland Council to manage and deliver Community Learning and Leisure (CCL) services on behalf of the Council.

POLICE STATION

Unfortunately we have not managed to save the local Police Station. Even with the support of all four Ward Councillors, a first class campaign by the Community Council, a large petition signed by many members of the public, several meetings with the Deputy Chief Constable, and a plea to the Police Board, the Chief Constable Ian Latimer still saw fit to close Beauly station. So much for local democracy!

Make no mistake, this decision was not based on an operational need but on the Capital receipt from the sale of Beauly Police Station. We have however agreed there will be a Police presence in Beauly in the form of confidential surgeries with the officers every Wednesday 2-4pm

LOVAT BRIDGE.

The installation of the new traffic system and lights on the Lovat bridge is well underway. It has taken a long time to get this project started, we have had the funding in place for many years on the grounds of pedestrian safety so it is good to see it finally coming to fruition.

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Now it's the sunny months it's nice hearing the birds singing and children playing. People are starting to mow their lawns and do DIY. That's all necessary noise. If you are listening to music or the radio however, please think about your neighbours. The programme does not need to be loud enough for your neighbours to hear every detail or feel like turning it down. We want to enjoy sitting outside in the garden too. Please turn the dial down just a little. Thank you
Kirkhill resident

KIRKHILL TOTS

Kirkhill Tots meets every Wednesday and Friday morning in the Community Hall from 10-11.30, during school terms. The group is open to all pre-school age children. We provide a snack for the children and tea and coffee (and biscuits) for the parents. There is usually an activity such as painting or playdough as well as a wide selection of bigger toys and ride ons. Later this term we are going to Black Isle Wildlife Park and we will be holding a Teddy Bears picnic for the last session.

Please come along and meet us, first session free!

Please feel free to write to us (or e-mail) on any topic of interest to the local community or if you'd like to comment on anything you've seen or read in Crannog. Please include your name, address and a contact telephone number and do remember to let us know if you would like these details withheld from publication.

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Canteen Productions raising money to keep Inchmore Canteen

A big thank you to everyone who turned up at our fundraising evening bringing food, fun and music. A great time was had by all. We raised more than £300 which will go most of the way to paying for our annual costs.

We are planning another event at the end of June or the first week in July which will be advertised locally nearer the time.



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KIRKHILL & BUNCHREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The main part of the meeting was taken up by the Scottish Community Foundation Speaker explaining how they would help the local community in deciding with a local committee on the best way of disbursing any funds granted to the community by the establishment of the wind farm.

This would help in saving any disputes or recriminations from other members of the public in the area. They are at present involved with the Fairburn project.

The speaker for Druim Ba Donald Ross thought that the sum involved would be around £300,000 per annum but it was expected that around 40% would go to the region.

Hamish Wood said that this had not been decided and would be a subject for debate within the council.

They went on to say that not all the Community Councils invited would benefit annually as some would only get a grant for disturbance during the building period when heavy traffic would be going to the site.

The Community Councils most affected by the scheme would get more money such as Kiltarlity Community Council which covers the area most affected by the scheme.

As we would not be really affected in our area by the scheme, apart from construction traffic and some aesthetic appreciation being spoilt for ever, we would not get a great amount annually from the pot.

4), 5) and 6). Community Consultations.

The Secretary had circulated details of the three consultations, ie the Sustainable Design Guide, Trees Woodlands and Development and the Call for Sites. Any opinions we have on these items have to be in by the 18th March for the first two and by the end of April for the Call for Sites documents.

After discussion it was agreed to hold a special meeting on the 8th March to discuss these consultations giving everyone time to do their homework.

7). Planning Issues.

No real issues in our area but members were asked to keep their eye on the weekly lists on the web site.

8). Closure of Beauly Police Station.

The Secretary read out a letter he had sent to Ian Latimer the present Chief Constable giving reasons to keep the Beauly Police Station as all the others in the area had been closed.

A strong campaign was being led by the local regional councillors as well but as Hamish Wood pointed out it all comes back to money and if money can be saved this way then it will be difficult to influence the decision. We are still waiting on a reply from the Chief Constable.

9). Membership of the Community Council.

The two visitors Judith and Nikki were asked if they wished to join the council which is two under-strength since the last elections. They both agreed. Fred Geddes proposed Judith Rumbold and Cameron Kemp seconded

Karen Young Proposed Nikki Maclean and Ally MacNeill seconded.

The whole meeting then ratified these appointments and our two new members were welcomed by the Chairman and the other members.

10). Alzheimer's Scotland

The secretary had leaflets from the above organisation who wished to hear from carers in the area that looked after any relatives or friends that are suffering from this illness.

11 A.O.B.

a). Ian Weir brought up the subject of the houses in Achnagairn Estate some of which had still to be finished.

The houses now belonged to the Bank and although some were nearly completed others had a lot of work still to be carried out before they would be habitable - none had been sold.

b). Fred Geddes commented on the new road sign for Newtonhill which was now erected and had the Gaelic name first.

As he pointed out Newton Hill had never any Gaelic association and this was a waste of money and likely to confuse visitors.

The Chairman replied that it was Highland Council's Policy to have bi-lingual signs and all new signs were being done this way.

Dates of Next Meetings: 5th April, 17th May, and 28th June. Special Meeting 8th March on Consultations

KIRKHILL & DISTRICT AMENITIES ASSOCIATION

MUGA opening success

Last month's joint opening of the multi use games area was a great success. The sun shone which helped! Kirkhill Junior footballers started off the day with a game in the MUGA followed by shinty led by Alan MacPherson. This was a chance for all ages to try the sport and take part in a fun competition. KDAA chairman Ken MacDonald said, "This a wonderful facility for our community. We're sure it will be well used and help create new stars in the future." You can see some photos from the day on the Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community facebook page. The project was funded by Rural Priorities, sportscotland, Highland Council and funds raised in the community.

MUGA tennis membership

With Wimbledon approaching and longer nights interest in tennis is increasing so we've decided to offer an annual tennis membership. Membership will allow you to play anytime the court is available. Of course, if you wish to ensure your game then you will still be able to book. Membership is only £20 for the whole family. Find out more at [www.kirkhill-](http://www.kirkhill-landbunchrew.org.uk)

landbunchrew.org.uk or phone Ken MacDonald on 831479.

Community Centre Survey

Don't forget we still want to hear your views on improvements to the Community Centre. Go to the survey at <http://kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk/news/community-centre-survey/>. Your responses will help shape our ideas and increase the likelihood of funding for any developments. Or come and see us on Gala Day and have a chat.

Gala Week

In this special gala edition of Crannog you won't be able to miss all the exciting activities going on. Thanks to our brilliant gala sub-committee things are shaping up for a fabulous fun week. Please give the events your support. The KDAA relies on funds from gala week to keep the community centre going, keep rents down for local groups and provide funds for developments such as the MUGA, solar panels and the future improvements that we are beginning to plan. Let's make it the best yet!

Kirkhill MUGA and Kirkhill Community Park opening

Kirkhill was lucky to have two new developments completed last year.

Kirkhill District Amenities Association (KDAA) delivered a high spec multi-use games area (MUGA) and Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Trust raised funding for a new toddler area and swings in the park.

Both developments represent an investment of nearly £100,000 into the community.

MUGA after school sessions

The KDAA has agreed that the new MUGA will be open to young people free of charge on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4pm to 6pm from now until the summer holidays.

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7TH INVERNESS (KIRKHILL) SCOUT GROUP

Sliding all the way

Sixteen scouts between the ages of 11 and 14 attended an amazing ski weekend at Cairngorm, Aviemore. We stayed in the comfortable Highland Council Lodges at Badaguish near Aviemore. This

meant we were close to slopes for a quick start. The ski equipment and two days of ski instruction were provided by the Highland Council instructors Ron, Davey and Alastair. The scouts were divided into beginner and intermediate groups and after kitting out went

off with their instructors. The weather was a bit of a challenge with some high winds and icy slopes but the instructors knew the best spots and we all learned new skills. The lodge was great to come back to after a tiring, cold day and the scouts had great fun playing games and chilling out. Appar-



ently the weekend was "beast" and "epic"!

Trip report by Cameron Kent, Aird Scout

On the 1st - 3rd April the scouts went on a skiing trip to the Cairngorms. We took a minibus to

Badaguish. On the way there, we stopped to hire our ski kit. At Badaguish we stayed in one of the big lodges. It was very nice and it had a T.V for watching DVDs and some of the rooms had bunk beds. In the morning we had breakfast and went skiing. After skiing we came back and most of us played football in the indoor hall. On Sunday we skied and at lunch time there was a ski and snowboard competition

so we watched some of it while we were skiing. We had two groups for skiing, a beginners and an intermediate. On Sunday it was sunny so only a few slopes were open. When we came back from skiing we packed up and gave our skis and poles and other ski kit that we rented to the instructors. After that we drove back home on the minibus.

Kirkhill Indoor Bowling Club Season 2010/11



The indoor bowling club had mixed success this past winter. In the League we finished in a moderate ninth place. However we had a good run in the League Cup reaching the semi-finals

before being knocked out by the British legion. The winter season finished with the Annual Dinner and Prize Giving on Friday 8th April in Brockies Lodge. A very enjoyable meal was provided by the hotel and this was followed by the presentation of trophies for the club competitions which were played for over the winter. We had a new club champion this year with Willie Maclean beating Madda Georgeson in the final.

FERNLEA TROPHY (Club Champion) Winner – Willie Maclean Runner up – Madda Georgeson

MACGILLIVRAY TROPHY (Triples) Winners – Heather Rhind, Norma Scrimgeour, Willie Maclean

Runners up – Catherine Sawicki, Neil Maclean, David Scrimgeour,

J & J TROPHY (Gents Singles) Winner – Duncan Gray, Runner up – Neil Maclean

MALDUN TROPHY (Ladies Singles) Winner – Anne Gray, Runner up – Heather Rhind

DRUMCHARDINE TROPHY (Pairs) Winners – Neil Maclean & Anne Gray
Runners up – Billy Horne & Kenny MacColl
Spoon Winner – Willie Maclean

The season will start again in September 2011 in the community hall on Monday nights – we are always looking for new members to keep up our membership so watch out for a notice about the start of our new season in the Crannog this autumn.

David Scrimgeour

7TH INVERNESS (KIRKHILL) SCOUT GROUP

Kirkhill Scout Group news

Young cubs and scouts from the community have recently been taking part in some fantastic adventurous challenges. Aird Scouts sloped off to Aviemore for a weekend of slipping and sliding on Cairngorm Mountain and Kirkhill Cubs chugged down to Dalguise in Perthshire for a no holds barred adventure experience. Both activity weekends were made possible thanks to a generous grant from Cashback for Communities and local

fundraising efforts.

Find out more about Kirkhill Scout Group at www.kirkhilland-bunchrew.org.uk or

come and see at Gala

Day where we'll have a bottle stall and information about scouting.

Sandra Hogg, Group Scout Leader



Cubs reach new heights

By Peta Koczy, Young Leader Kirkhill Scout Group

Following months of planning, fundraising and excitement, twenty-four cubs and four leaders met at the train station during the Easter holidays to start their adventure! Even the most hyperactive cub had butterflies (and the leaders too!). We were heading to Dalguise in Perthshire for a PGL activity weekend. Uneventful journey over we settled in, had dinner and then played 'wacky races' - a silly relay game to win equipment to protect a water bomb from bursting when dropped from a tower! Most were successful, celebrated with a loud rendition of 'Staying Alive'! 'Another One Bites The Dust' rang out when one team's efforts failed to protect its cargo!

The first day's activities started with the GIANT SWING - like the one at the park but a lot higher! Cubs were hoisted 30 feet into the air in pairs by the rest of the group to 30ft then had to pull a ripcord to send the swing towards the ground at high speed. And, as if we hadn't had enough high-up things to do, abseiling and zip wire were also big hits, with many of the kids conquering their fears.

Later navigation skills were tested with orienteering and one group entered a time of 55 minutes the 2nd fastest time ever set!

There was no rest in the evening as the cubs donned dark clothing and war paint (MUD!) and hit the woods for a game of Ambush! Many cubs said that this was the best bit of the weekend. A good night's sleep was had by all!

On Sunday morning, following some rushed sleeping bag stuffing and shoe hunting (packing for the journey home), we set off on a hike where we heard scary and magical stories, some of which were acted out by the cubs. We found the original whomping willow, hugged the wishing tree, and ran with sticks on our heads for protection through drop-bear woods (the haunt of escaped, pre-war, genetically-engineered bears!). Later there was time for fencing and problem solving.

For thirteen of our cubs this was their last camp as a cub scout - we hope that they will move on to scouts, eager for even more adventure!

Without the enthusiasm and support of the cubs, leadership team and parents, we would not have had such a fantastic time - many thanks to all who have helped.

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Kirkhill Community Centre - Development Project

The committee of the KDAA are moving forward with plans to develop the Centre following an initial consultation exercise with users of the Centre. The issues being addressed include improving the kitchen and toilet facilities, creating more storage space, improving the acoustics and insulation of the main hall and creating a meeting room for smaller groups.

Drawings of two possible options for the development have been prepared with the assistance of local architect Erik Lundberg, and the committee plans to seek the views of current and potential user groups and individuals about the proposals.

The current estimate for developing the hall is in excess of £200,000.

This means the community will need to be engaged in a significant fund raising effort. We need to show evidence that developing the com-

munity centre is needed by and will benefit the local community. We need to know what things are most important to you and what opportunities you think the development will bring.

So, if you have any interest in the centre and its facilities, please complete our survey so that we can find your views.

We hope that we get a great response so that a strong body of evidence can be provided for the development. And perhaps do it now, before you forget. . .

The questionnaire can be accessed on the internet at: -

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZGBWLJS>

For those without access to the internet the survey questionnaire will be available in the community at places such as the School, the Church, the Post Office and in the Centre itself. Alternatively, contact Ken MacDonald on 831479 or Alasdair Morrison on 831185.

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KIRKHILL & BUNCHREW COMMUNITY TRUST

If you go down to the woods today....

Construction of a log building to be used as a base and store by the Woodland Group and others users of the Upper Reelig Community wood is under way. Work is being done by contractor Mike Cooper from Cannich, and should be concluded in early June. Funding for this project came from the Trust's own funds and LEADER. This will be a considerable asset for the Group for use as a base for their work parties within the Wood. Speaking of which the Group's work is over again for the Summer and will be starting up again in the Autumn. Over the past season the Group has focussed on producing firewood to generate income and works aimed at improving access and biodiversity.

Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Web Site

Development of the new community web site continues apace. Have a look at www.kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk The site, set up by Fergus Weir and Sean Botha is becoming an important resource for community wide information and news. We have added a calendar app which provides information about future events and activities in the community. If you want to let people know of a future event, please get in touch with the Community Trust chairman George Hogg at chair@kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk and we will get your event into the calendar.

We are also keen to use the web site to help promote local businesses based in the area. We already have some logos and details for local business on the site. If you run a business based in the Kirkhill and Bunchrew area and would like to have your details promoted on the web site, again please get in touch with George. Part of the Trust's remit is to promote economic wellbeing within the area and on that basis we won't charge for listing businesses.

Over the coming months we will be updating material on the web site. If you have any suggestions on new pages or material you would like to see, please get in touch with, yes you guessed it, George.

Transport & Paths Group

A major project to design two sections of off-road path from the Lovat Bridge to the Kiltarlity junction and from Clachnaharry to Bunchrew has now been completed. The work to raise funds to undertake these two sections is now beginning. It is likely that the Lovat Bridge to Kiltarlity section will be undertaken first as it is much simpler to construct and therefore considerably cheaper. Congratulations are due to the Group led by Trust



Director Aileen Armstrong for the considerable work undertaken to complete the design project.

Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Programme

The Trust has been successful in applying to the Climate Challenge Fund for money to deliver this Programme over the next year.

The objective is to raise awareness within the community of both the environmental and financial benefits of using energy more efficiently. Archie Prentice is delivering the project and will be coming to, if not organising, an event near you. For information on the project as it progresses keep an eye on the Community web site.

Volunteers Get Tough On Alien Weed

It's feared the spread of a dangerously invasive plant from the Orient could soon threaten fragile wildlife habitats in the Fairy Glen. Worried residents in the Clunes area grew alarmed last summer when Himalayan Balsam was discovered near water courses draining into the Moniack Burn. Also known as Policeman's Helmet, Himalayan Balsam has already taken root in a number of local gardens and surrounding marshy areas. Indeed it was gardeners from Kew who first introduced this relative of the Busy Lizzie to the UK more than a century ago. Its pretty, pink, orchid like flowers are also attractive to pollinating insects. Alas the botanical experiment soon backfired spectacularly with its escape into the wild. Experts warn if it isn't controlled it will soon choke native plants to oblivion and cause erosion. Nobody wants that to happen along the Reelig Glen - a designated SSSI.

**Beauly Gallery
Art Around the
Firth**

Highlands Open Studios Open Doors
Event **2011 23rd
-31st July.**



Highland Open Studios (HOS) is a collective of artists, makers and galleries based in the Highland Region of Scotland. Members of HOS open their studios and galleries to the public at various times throughout the year. Here at Beauly Gallery we will be open as usual during this years Art Around the Firth HOS Event, which we have organised in conjunction with Tore Art Gallery between Saturday 23rd and Sunday 31st July 2011. We have a number of in-house demonstrations taking place within the week, these events provide a fantastic opportunity to engage with the artists themselves, allowing you to discover how ideas are formed and see works evolve, providing a valuable insight into the artistic process. This years participating demonstrating artists and crafts people include:

Fiona Matheson - Artist

Eileen Addly - Artist

Theresa Brown- Artist

Jane Macrae - Artist

Sally Chadwick & Sandy Whiles - Crafts

Jenny Hepburn- Artist

So why not pop in grab a coffee and a naughty cream scone, sit back and admire a work of art as it develops before your very eyes!

We look forward to welcoming you again soon

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Police Surgeries - Beauly

Commencing Wednesday 11 May 2011, Northern Constabulary will be holding weekly police surgeries within the old police station at Beauly. Anyone wishing to come along and discuss routine policing issues with a local officer is invited to do so. The surgeries will be held at the following times until further notice and depending on local demand.

Every Wednesday
2 p.m. to 4 p.m
Old Beauly Police Station

If no officer is present during the stated time period, this means that a priority operational matter has demanded their attention elsewhere.

These surgeries are supplementary to routine day-to-day police officer presence within the community. Any more urgent calls for police assistance should be made by calling 0845 600 5703 or in the case of emergency always dial 999.



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www.northern.police.uk

KIRK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

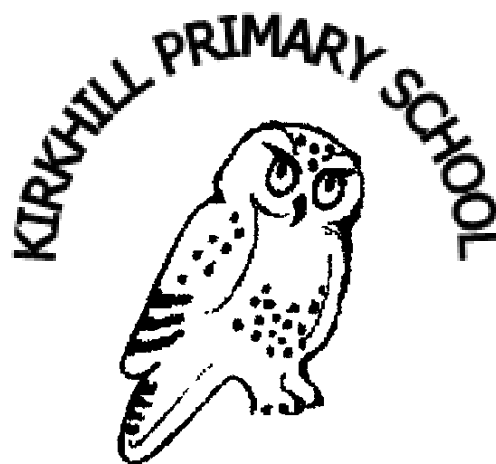
Kirkhill Primary would like to welcome Families and the Community to attend the following:-

Sports day – Tuesday 7th June - weather permitting at 1.30pm at the Community Centre or Wednesday 8th June, if the Tuesday is cancelled.

Open afternoon – Friday 17th June 1.30pm onwards.

We regret to announce that Mrs Jean Gibson our Principal teacher is retiring from teaching at the end of this term after teaching since 1990 firstly at Inchmore as a supply and class teacher and then at Kirkhill as class teacher, Principal teacher plus being acting head for 2 terms when Miss Kelly left and before Mrs Ford became head teacher. The pupils, parents and staff of Kirkhill Primary will miss her greatly and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

NB If past pupils or parents wish to contribute to the school retirement collection or send a card or message would they call into the school office or email Christine.ford@highland.gov.uk. Thank you



Kirkhill MUGA

Kirkhill multi use games area (MUGA) has an all weather surface and is suitable for a range of sports including football, tennis, shinty and basketball. It also has floodlights so you can use it in the evenings and into the winter.

Contact Ken MacDonald on 01463 831479 for MUGA bookings or see www.kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk for bookings forms and tariffs.

We can arrange a viewing of any of our facilities to discuss your requirements.

Kirkhill Community Centre

Your community facility in the centre of Kirkhill is available for bookings for a wide range of activities. It can be used for groups, clubs, meetings, drama, music, sports, fitness, parties, celebrations, sales, fundraising events and more.

We have excellent facilities available at very reasonable rates including: large car park; main hall; toilet facilities; fully equipped kitchen; large selection of crockery, chairs and tables; storage for regular users; stage area and lighting; changing rooms and shower facilities; disabled access and toilets; barbeque; badminton net and stands; full size grass football pitch and training areas.

Contact Wilma Williamson for further information and bookings on 01463 831737.



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KIRK HILL & BUNCHREW COMMUNITY TRUST

Last summer local resident Gordon Fisher – with support from Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Trust – organised a series of work parties to attack the weed's march of destruction. Its ability to spread is quite breathtaking. It quickly forms dense clumps up to 3 metres high. The seed heads react to the slightest disturbance and explode hundreds of seeds a distance of 7 metres. These seeds can survive two years in the ground or be transported even further through water courses. Specialists at SNH have been consulted and fully support the work already underway by the community volunteers. However more help is needed over the coming weeks. Himalayan Balsam is an annual. In fact it is believed to be one of the fastest growing annual plants in the UK, and is also recognised by environmental agencies as one of the most destructive species of non native weed. So it has to be uprooted and destroyed

before the explosive seed heads get a chance to form. Experts advise that because the seeds only last 2-3 years the problem is very controllable - if it is tackled consistently over two or three successive seasons. This summer's work is being carried out under the auspices of the Trust to build on the start which was made by last year's local volunteers

The battle is already all but lost in some other parts of the UK. Please prevent this happening in the area feeding into the Moniac Burn. If you can spare a few hours please contact Gordon Fisher on 01463 831540 and join one of this summer's work parties. The good news is the roots of the mature Himalayan Balsam are easily pulled out. It isn't toxic and doesn't sting.

So make new friends. Help to eradicate Himalayan Balsam.

Above all SAVE OUR GLEN.

Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Programme.

Who will forget in a hurry the cold snaps we experienced over the last 2 winters. The prolonged cold weather meant many of us had higher energy bills. Anyone trying to buy heating oil in December last year would have found not only was it hard to get an accurate delivery date, but prices fluctuated dramatically from week to week.

Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Trust have been awarded Scottish Government Climate Challenge Funding to run a year-long programme that raises awareness of energy efficiency and low carbon energy (also known as renewable energy). The programme will raise awareness about how we can make our homes more energy efficient and how micro generation equipment like solar panels or heat pumps can make use of renewable energy.

There will be three strands to the programme, the first being to **increase awareness of energy use and energy efficiency**. We would like to recruit volunteers to use a free energy monitor which raises awareness of how we use electricity in our homes. We will supply energy monitors for a 2 month period and a list of energy saving tips. We would like volunteers to provide some feedback about their experience and will be providing prizes for the best suggestions on being more energy efficient...

The second is to **maximise uptake of subsidised and funded energy efficiency improvements and insulation deals**. There is a range of assistance available to help make our homes more energy efficient. Depending on individual circumstances you may qualify for subsidised or free home improvements and insulation deals. We will promote this support and any new deals, throughout the year.

The third is to **increase awareness of renewable energy/low carbon energy solutions**. We are planning to run a renewable energy fair late in September or October at the community centre. There will be micro generation equipment on display and experts available to talk about different domestic renewable energy and low carbon heating systems. If you are interested in finding out more about renewable energy, we will arrange a free home visit from a qualified advisor working with the Energy Saving Scotland advice centre. They will discuss the best options for your home.

We hope to hear from you if you are interested in volunteering for a home energy monitor, want to find out about possible support and assistance or would like to know more about renewable energy options for your home. We have established a short survey at the following web address <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PS8S6KK>

which collects contact information. We will pass contact information onto the regional Energy Saving Scotland advice centre who are supporting the programme. They collect specific information which helps identify the appropriate steps and support you can get to make your home more energy efficient. Alternatively you can call the local office on the freephone number 0800 512 012.

We have also created an Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Programme page on the community web site. Keep an eye on this page for regular news and updates. Over the coming 12 months there will be regular updates as the programme develops. With forecasts of rising energy prices, now is the time to make sure your home is an energy efficient one. We hope you find the support offered through the programme will help achieve this. For more information you can contact Archie Prentice on 07584 297485.

Kirkhill Gala Programme 2011

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Opening of Gala Week & Crowning of the Gala Queen at a

Family Ceilidh with Frankie Fraser and guests in Kirkhill Community Centre 7pm – 10pm
tickets sold at door



Sunday 29th May

Gala Golf at Muir of Ord Golf Course 9am (contact Colin MacMillan on 01463 831656 to enter)

Church Service at Kirkhill Community Centre 10:30am with tea to follow

Car Treasure Hunt & family BBQ at Kirkhill Community Centre – starts at 4pm

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Bingo Night by Kirkhill Bowling Club at the Community Centre 7pm

Tuesday 31st May

“Antiques Road Show comes to Kirkhill Community Centre” 7pm

(bring along your treasures to be valued by Ian Marr and colleague £2.50 per item)
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Wednesday 1st June

Pets Parade 6:30pm – Fun Run – family BBQ – Dog Agility Display – Inflatable's

Thursday 2nd June

Glittering Fashion Show & Champagne Reception featuring Dress to Impress and Guests in Achnagairn House 7:30pm
tickets at £12.50 available from committee or contact Fiona on 07760162931 or Amanda 01463 831776

Junior Shinty Competition 6pm

Friday 3rd June

Junior Football at Kirkhill Community Centre – Family BBQ – Inflatable's 6:30pm

Quiz Night at The Old North Inn 9pm teams of 4

Saturday 4th June Gala Dance

Dance the night away to the fabulous BIRO doors open at 8:30pm (byob) £10

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