

THE NOTICEBOARD

CHAIR REPORT FEBRUARY 2022

Happy New Year to you all.

I am glad to see that 2022 is getting off to a more positive start with us all being able to get back to the things which we were able to do, and it looks like there is light at the end of the very long tunnel.

Now that January has blown off, the days are starting to lengthen and the snow drops and daffodils are starting to make their way out of hibernation. A sign that spring and the better weather is on its way, something for us all to look forward to.

The big news for this month is the official launch of the Ferintosh Community Bus following the completion of our very successful pilot. Kate Forbes MSP will be coming along to “cut the ribbon” for us at the launch, and we look forward to the continued expansion of this community service. Thanks to all those involved with making this possible. Thanks also to the current volunteers who are doing such good work publicising the upcoming launch event. Please look out for posters and public events which will have more information on the launch details.

Ferintosh volunteers continue to do a great job for our residents, and they are happy to help you with any project, big or small. Thanks to them all.

There have been a number of consultations. It is always helpful for us to get your feedback as we are interested in how residents feel about these subjects, and your views are important for us to feed back to the organisations concerned. Please continue to participate in these or send feedback to Bruce via email.

We have other on-going projects and updates on these are in our minutes. You can also check out the updated information from our minutes on our website. We also share information on our face book page.

FCC continues to carry on with our monthly meetings via our online platform, but it is possible that in the coming months we may be able to meet together again face to face in our usual venues. If you do not currently receive regular updates from us, and you would like to be added to our email list, Bruce would like to hear from you. The contact details are ferintoshcc30@gmail.com.

Best wishes

Karen

DEADLINES FOR NEXT NOTICEBOARD!!

SUNDAY 10TH APRIL

Chair FCC

Gossip. Communication. **JungleDrums. Networking.** **Information Sharing.**

However, you perceive it, FCC need you to indulge in some of the above right now!

FCC are very aware that we are unable to reach all our residents by email or social media. Some do not have the technology; others are unsure how to make the best use of it.

We would very much like you to bridge that gap and consider sharing information and opportunities from this newsletter with neighbours who may not be aware of what's available in the FCC area.

Please begin with the launch of the **Ferintosh Community Bus** - see notice below- as we are finding it so difficult to reach out to some folk who may benefit most from this wee bus. Whether you print off this page and pop it through your neighbours letterboxes; take it to a neighbour and have a (socially distanced) chat or just start the jungle drums going with a phone call, **PLEASE** do pass on the message to anyone you know in your neighbourhood.

We have a community bus. **Available for all to use.**

Come along to the launch on the 28th of February or phone Bruce Morrison on the phone number below for more information. If you can't make the launch, the bus and its team of volunteers will also be making an appearance at the Community Market on Saturday 19th February. Come along for a chat if you would like to find out more about it.


- Article By Becky Richmond

*On behalf of the Community Bus Partners:
HITRANS, Ferintosh Community Council, The Highland Council,
Stagecoach, CSI Ross-Shire and Culbokie Community Trust*

**You are invited to the LAUNCH of
YOUR Ferintosh Community Bus**

With Kate Forbes MSP

**Monday 28th February 2022, 1:30pm-2:30pm,
Findon Hall Culbokie**



Come and find out about this new opportunity for journeys that are designed just for YOU. Over a cup of tea and a scone, take the opportunity to quiz existing bus users and the partners, to see what journeys are possible.

Young or old, retired or still working, the Ferintosh Community Bus is here for YOU.

**For further details phone Bruce on
01349 877 127**

Culbokie Church activities Our Sunday morning services have moved to the new time of 10.30am, run jointly with our sister church in Cromarty. We've more-or-less mastered livestreaming between the two churches now, using some new kit that we bought last summer. We also continue to relay the services on www.cruparish.online.church and via facebook (and available on Youtube afterwards).

Church Café - After an extended break over Christmas and New Year, the Church Café is open again for home-baking and a cuppa on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 to 3.45pm. It's a great place for a blether and a brew.

Senior Citizen's Friendship Group is due to resume on Monday 7th March, and the Women's Fellowship on Thursday 17th March. Contact Maureen Rose on 877435 for further information.

Women's Fellowship is organising a World Day of Prayer service on Friday 4th March at 7.30pm. The programme includes readings, hymns, and stories on the theme of "I Know

the Plans I Have for You" – a message of hope and reassurance in these uncertain times.

The Walking Group strides out again in February, meeting at 10am on Thursdays outside the Church Centre. If the weather is looking particularly inclement, please contact May Stevenson on 877213 to check if going ahead.

There's also an opportunity for some fun and exercise inside the church centre, with line dancing sessions run by Linda Lindsay on Wednesday mornings at 10am.

We continue to follow the Government's and Church of Scotland's Covid guidance, including use of face masks and hand sanitiser, and collecting Track & Trace contact information.

For further information about the Culbokie Church Centre activities, please check out our website www.culbokiechurchcentre.org and Facebook or contact Margaret Kinsman (Session Clerk) on 877631.

Rev. Terry Burns will be away visiting family in the US from 15th February to 24th March, and Rev. Carol Rattenbury will be covering for him during this time.

Findon Hall

The hall is quite busy at the moment with a lot of new groups starting up.

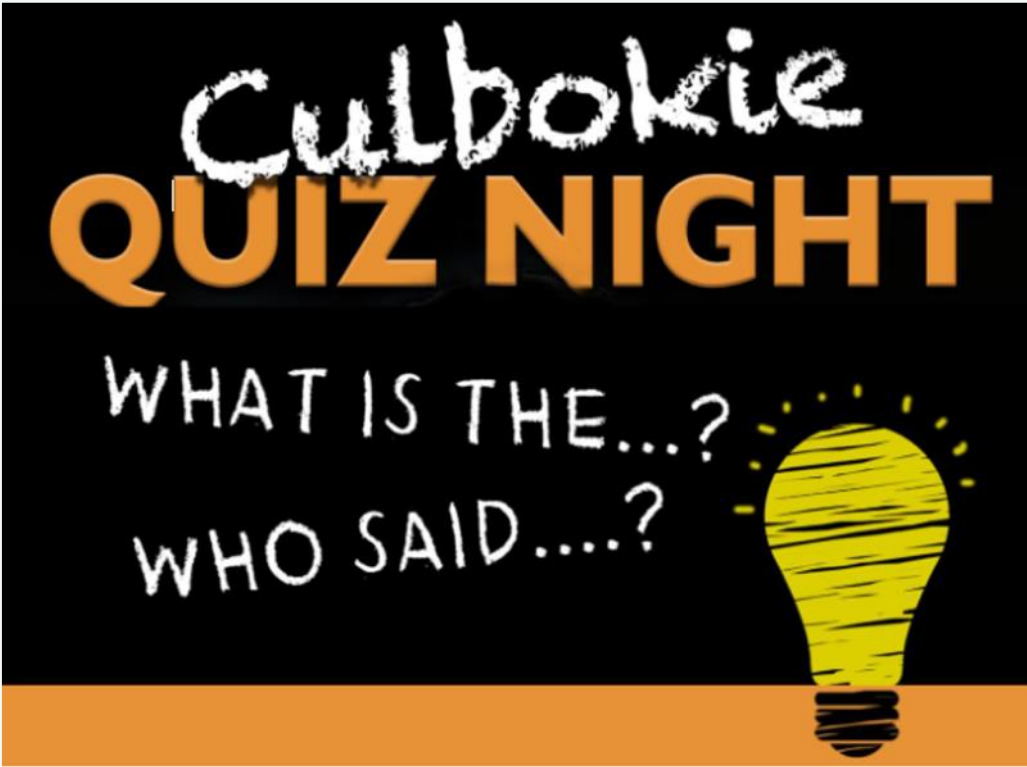
from Zumba next Tuesday to Tai Chi, adult badminton, and the community market

getting back into their swing. We are looking at getting the floor redone and have been granted £5k from Tullochs - can't remember if we had this in the Noticeboard last time?

The Panto Group would also like to note that the raffle that was due to be drawn at the panto performances will be drawn at a later date - WATCH THIS SPACE!

Quiz Night


Join us for Quiz Night at Findon Hall on Saturday Feb 26th. Following a series of virtual Quizes through lockdown, CCT are delighted to run this live event. To express an interest or register a team or part-team, just email event@culbokiect.org. If you are keen to take part, even without fellow team members, please contact us as we can build teams from individual volunteers. A big thank you to Cairn Housing Association for sponsoring this event.



Culbokie
QUIZ NIGHT

WHAT IS THE...?
WHO SAID....?

Saturday February 26th
7pm for 7.30pm
Findon Hall, Culbokie
BYOB
Tea, coffee and home-baking for sale
Maximum 4 per team / Entry £20 per team
Register your team or part-team
email to: event@culbokiect.org



In aid of Culbokie Community Trust

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Market and Tatties By

Anne Thomas

It's so good to see both Culbokie And North Kessock Community Markets up and running inside again. There's a real buzz about them both. They are key events for both communities and it is good that they are thriving once more.

Culbokie Community Market it was actually the first of the four Black Isle community markets. we very much copied it at North Kessock and again at Cromarty and Fortrose. the other two to our taking rather longer to start up again, but we are really hoping

The first Cromarty one will be in March. Sadly there's no potato day on the Black Isle this year, but there will be a series of 'tattie hosts 'again in each village. The following varieties will be available at the outdoor market.

Culbokie outdoor market 10-11am: Feb 26th, Mar 5th, Mar 12th (possibly 10am-noon, Mar 19th - if any tatties left) General seeds available also 1st E. Orla, Duke of York 2nd E. Maris Peer, British Queen M. Carolus, Lady Balfour LM. Pink Fir Apple, Sarpo Mira Duncan Scot is Culbokie's host

(glenugie@hotmail.com) He will have 1st E. Colleen, Swift 2nd E. Charlotte, Kestrel M. Sarpo Kifli LM. Arran Victory For other varieties look on the Transition Black Isle Website and collect them from another host. <https://www.transitionblackisle.org/>



Heating your home - three evening workshops in March

Today the cost of energy is a major topic, with those with access to mains gas facing costs that have been common to us living off-grid and using oil, electricity, coal, wood and LPG to heat our homes. With electricity also generated from gas, the time will come when electricity prices will rise, but thanks to renewable sources the rises should be more modest. With Scotland's Climate Commitment to attain Net Zero in decades, there is no better time to consider how our homes can be efficiently heated with lower energy demand, and to see what the options are when current boilers are no longer economic to repair and must be replaced.

With support from Home Energy Scotland, Transition Black Isle are providing a series of three on-line evening workshops in March with the title "How to make the switch to low carbon sources of home heating". This is how Transition Black Isle describe the event:

How to make the switch to low carbon sources of home heating

Over three evenings we will look at best practice in improving your home's energy efficiency, choosing the best source of heat, and how to manage the process.

Session 1 (8th March) looks at how you can make your house warmer and cheaper to heat, without compromising on internal air quality or risking damage to the fabric of the building.

Session 2 (15th March) considers the various low carbon methods of heating the house (heat pumps, biomass and electric heaters) and the circumstances which suit each.

Session 3 (22nd March) deals with managing the change - including financial assistance, choosing contractors, and advice from those who've already been through the process.



All sessions include an expert speaker and an opportunity to discuss specific problems in smaller groups.

Home Energy Scotland Highlands and Islands advice centre manager Grant Mackay said:

"We are delighted that our home energy specialists will be speaking at two of Transition Black Isle's forthcoming online events. Our specialists are aiming to help householders make informed choices about low emission heating systems and highlight some key considerations before installing."

Because smaller groups discussions are an important part of each evening, the number of attendees will be limited to 60.

You may register for the workshops through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/low-carbon-home-heating-tickets-256962721417>.

More detailed information is available on the Transition Black Isle website. www.transitionblackisle.org and in Transition Black Isle's monthly newsletter. To subscribe to the newsletter go to <https://www.transitionblackisle.org/newsletter-sign-up.asp>.

-Julian Paren, Convenor Transition Black Isle

Culbokie Community Trust History Group report.

The History Group now have their own identity on the web and can now be accessed through history.culbokiect.org or through the usual portal on the Community Trust web site, culbokiect.org.

The opportunity has been taken to enhance the visual appearance of the site and a few minor adjustments. Recent additions have been the inclusion in the Transport & Communications section of a series of photographs showing the roadworks associated with the re-alignment of the B9169 through the village during 1989 and 1990. Family history research in a local family unearthed some fascinating photographs of the Ross brothers, wood cutters who operated throughout the area working for the big estates. These are available in the Gallery of the Rural Life, Farming & Crofting page.

A list, prepared in 1951, of all the properties in the parish of Urquhart & Logie Wester liable to pay rent is also available through the Rural Life, Farming & Crofting page. As the images of the pages are not conducive to research a searchable spreadsheet has been created. As always we would welcome any additional material to expand the coverage of our history and contact can be made through history@culbokiect.org

Culbokie Community Market

Every Saturday 10.00-11.00

Car Park beside the Church

High quality local food

All the usual food stalls and much more

Indoor market and café in Findon Hall

Saturdays 19th February and 19th March, and
Easter Saturday 16th April 1000-1200

A great opportunity to buy local produce, patisserie items, cakes, chocolate etc. or a locally made craft item

(Food vans still outside 1000-1100)

Enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat in the café

Make it a date and support our local producers

Please wear a face covering

Culbokie Sharing Shed

Open Every Day 1000-1530 beside Church

Many thanks for ALL the donations over the festive season.

The shed is being very well used by folk of all ages.

Please continue to come along, bring and/or take items.

(Donations can be placed in the bins at the back but please ensure items are complete, in date, clean and no clothes/shoes/material etc)

Thanks to everyone for their support

To keep up-to-date with what's available join the Culbokie Sharing Shed group on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/34354512016021/>

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