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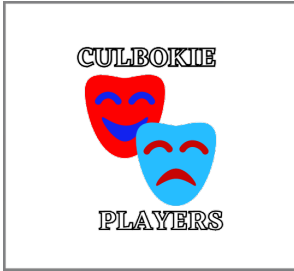
THE CULBOKIE PLAYERS CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

This year the Culbokie Players will be celebrating 10 years since the first ever Panto Performance, Babes in the Woods back in 2013. What started out as the 'Culbokie Panto Group' established by the esteemed Sheena Young, has become an almost legendary amateur theatre group! In 10 years, our group has evolved into the 'Culbokie Players' branching out from a yearly Panto, to doing a Radio Play 'When the Wind Blows' during Covid, and Murder Mystery Play 'The Spa, A Black Isle Mystery' last summer, written by local author Mike Walters. We now have a strong core group of 22 members, made up of 9 kids, 2 reoccurring panto police officers, a 'sort of knows what they're doing' Director, a highly qualified Assistant Director, one Serious Actor and the occasional talking camel.

And this summer, to showcase just how 'talented' we've all become in these 10

years, we are holding a 'CULBOKIE SPECTACULAR' on the 1st July in Findon Hall. This event will be a riotously entertaining evening of sketches, comedy, and music, but don't worry we do have a couple of outside acts as well! This is an 18+ event, cash bar on the night. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased from Culbokie Spar or by contacting Sheila whose details can be found on the poster.

For more information on what the Culbokie Players are up to keep an eye on our FB page @CulbokiePlayers. It won't be long until we announce what we know you've all been waiting for – This year's Panto!! If you would like to get involved, we are always on the lookout for more people to come along and join us. In particular, we are looking for people to help behind the scenes making props and set, helping with set changes during performances and working the curtains.

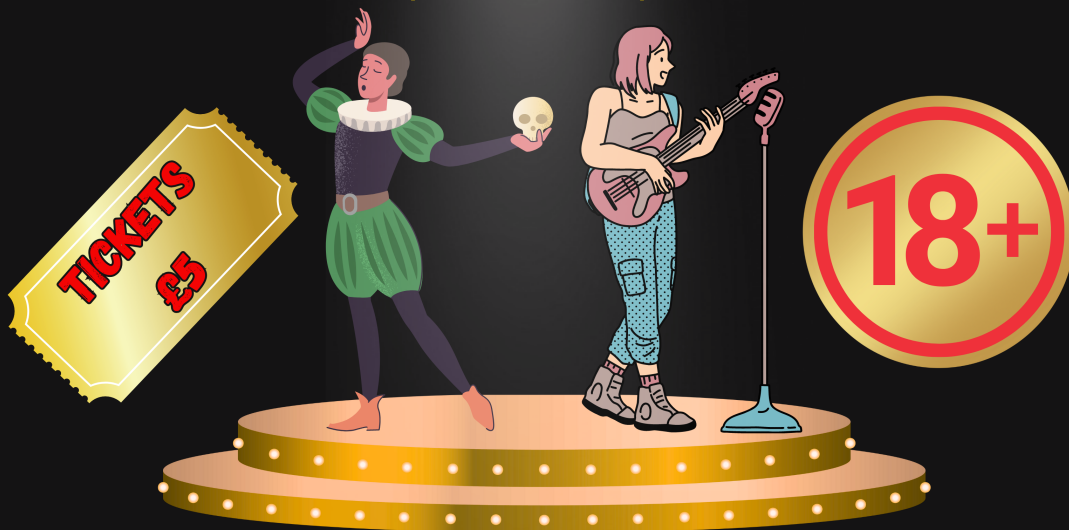


Culbokie Players

THE CULBOKIE SPECTACULAR

SATURDAY 1ST JULY
FINDON HALL
7:30PM
DOORS OPEN 7PM

A RIOTOUSLY ENTERTAINING EVENING OF
SKETCHES, COMEDY, AND MUSIC



THIS IS AN ADULTS ONLY (18+) EVENT
CASH BAR ON THE NIGHT
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS



TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE
CULBOKIE SPAR OR BY CONTACTING SHEILA ON
07889 706 539

Findon Hall

'Strictly' for fun!

New Beginners modern jive class are starting up in Findon Hall from May.

If you would like to learn some beginner jive moves, this is your chance. A one hour session where we will demonstrate some moves and have time to practice and freestyle. You don't need any experience and you don't need to bring a partner. Non beginners also very welcome.

First session is on Thursday 4 May at 6.30pm at Findon Hall Culbokie.

Let us know if you plan to attend by email to betitaichi@gmail.com so we have an idea of numbers.

Donations for the hall maintenance of £3.

Activity	Details	Contact
Adult Badminton	Friendly badminton for the not so serious. September until end April. Monday 7.30pm	Allan Mackenzie on 01349 866494
Beavers	Tuesday 6.00pm	culbokiebeavers@gmail.com
Tai Chi	Wednesday 11am	Beti at betitaichi@gmail.com
Baby and Toddlers	Parents, grandparents and other carers all welcome to come along and play. Friday 10am	Message us on Facebook – Culbokie Baby and Toddlers Or just come along on a Friday.
Indoor Bowling	Indoor carpet bowls for beginners and experienced players. Wednesday 7.30pm	Contact Bruce on 01349 877127 Or just come along as club equipment is available for use.
Kendo	Kendo, the way of the sword, is the art of Japanese fencing. Beginners welcome. Sunday 9.30am	www.contact@kendoinverness.com www.kendoinverness.com www.facebook.com/Invernesskendoclub
Culbokie Music Initiative	A variety of music lessons with drums, guitar and piano in person at the hall. Mondays	Contact Marc on 0773 492 4720 or Liam on 0787 663 0137 or Culbokie Music Initiative / Facebook
The Black Isle Orchestra	Grade 8 or very near standard playing please	black.isle.orchestra@gmail.com The Black Isle Orchestra/Facebook
Culbokie Community Market	Indoors, local food and crafts and café on the 3 rd Saturday of every month 10am – 12 noon <u>Also</u> fish and meat vans outdoors every Saturday 10-11am.	Culbokie Community Market/Facebook or sylviemain@googlemail.com
Culbokie Panto Group	Rehearsals start mid-August for December performance	Contact Sheila Robinson on 01349 800153 during office hours for details
Vinyasa Yoga	Wednesdays 6-7pm From 15/3/23	Booking not necessary, just drop in. marthakennayoga@gmail.com
Beginner Jive	From Thursday 4 th May 6.30 – 7.30pm	Let us know if you plan to attend by email to betitaichi@gmail.com so we have an idea of numbers. Experienced dancers also very welcome Donations for the hall maintenance of £3.
Pickleball	Thursdays 7.30pm from September until end April. Cross between tennis and table <u>tennis</u> . = equipment supplied	Just turn up or contact Allan Mackenzie 01349 866494




Culbokie Community Trust

Step into Spring!

Enter the 2023 Black Isle Photographic Competition

The Black Isle Photo Competition, run by Culbokie Community Trust, is in its fifth year and is now open for entries from April 1st until June 30th.

The theme, 'Seasons of the Black Isle', is set across each of the three categories:

-  Best photograph (using a camera)
-  Best photograph (using a mobile phone)
-  Best photograph (using any device, for entrants aged 13 and under)

For the competition rules and entry form, follow this link on the CCT website:

<https://www.culbokiect.org/black-isle-photographic-competition>

Entries are welcome from anyone who loves the Black Isle.



**The Black Isle
PHOTOGRAPHIC
COMPETITION
2023**

— First time and keen amateur photographers —

This year's theme...

"Seasons of the Black Isle"

CATEGORIES

1. Best photograph (using a camera)
2. Best photograph (using a mobile phone)
3. Best photograph using any device, for entrants aged 13 and under

Rules and entry forms available on the Culbokie Community Trust website www.culbokiect.org or email event@culbokiect.org

ENTER NOW - DEADLINE 30TH JUNE 2023

SPONSORS

 Culbokie Inn • ARK Estates (Scotland) Ltd • Culbokie Store Ltd

Wildlife of South America – A Tourist’s View

What’s the difference between a wildlife holiday and a *photographic* wildlife holiday? How important is it to capture the right photo? What species is a Spectacled Caiman? For answers to these questions and more, join us at Findon Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday, May 13th, as the Culbokie Community Trust hosts an evening with amateur wildlife photographer, Paul Cottis. Through a selection of fascinating slides, Paul will introduce us to many species of wild animals and birds that he observed on a series of memorable trips through South America.

Other attractions include an informal Q & A, a display of maps and photographs of South America, an option to take part in ‘Expedition Bingo’, a raffle and home baking. All welcome.

Tickets @ £6 (adults) and £3 (under 16s) are available from Culbokie Spar or they can be reserved by sending an email to event@culbokiect.org and we will hold tickets for you.

Further details on the CCT website: <https://www.culbokiect.org/news/wildlife-of-south-america-a-tourists-view-27-apr-2023>

Wildlife of South America A Tourist’s View

Join amateur wildlife photographer, Paul Cottis, on a journey through South America and discover its fascinating wildlife



Saturday,
May 13th
7.30pm

Findon Hall, Culbokie

- BYOB
- Enjoy tea, coffee and home-baking
- Bring some cash for the Raffle
- Chance your luck at ‘Expedition Bingo’!

Tickets:
£6 (adults) & £3 (under 16s)

Available from Culbokie Spar and Culbokie Community Market in April or reserve tickets by contacting us at event@culbokiect.org



In aid of Culbokie Community Trust

Culbokie Community Cycling Group

Try an e-bike for **free!**

Home Energy Scotland have loaned two e-bikes to the Culbokie Community Cycling.

Here is **your opportunity** to try them out for free.



Call or text David on **07557 782 879** to arrange a free three day trial of one or both bikes (first come basis).

We'll need to take a few details and show you how the bikes work, then it's over to you!

Offer ends 26 May 2023

History Group

Fascinating Findon Facts

Coincidence 1 - Shortly after becoming custodians of the mill and dun at Findon in the 1980s we noticed Mr Jackson studying the mill building whilst trying to locate a suitable position to take a photograph. He was referring to an album of watercolours that Sir Kenneth Mackenzie, an ancestor of his, had painted in 1879 when he owned the Estate and Mr Jackson wanted a before and after shot of the location. Naturally we were very interested as the original water colour was the only instance, at that time, showing the mill building in its original condition. Fortunately Mr Jackson was happy to provide us with scanned copies of the water colour along with an associated one of Milton Lodge to the north of the mill building. <https://history.culbokiect.org/index.asp?pageid=724474> "An historical drive through Culbokie."

Coincidence 2. - Jumping forward a few decades our interest in the history of Findon Mills had been kept alive with the activities of the History of Culbokie Group. Occasionally the Group is approached by families researching their family history and asking for help, often with geographical questions. Elizabeth Jorgenson, Ottawa, sent us photographs taken on a visit in 1913 by an ancestor who was searching for family homes. <https://history.culbokiect.org/index.asp?pageid=724517> During the correspondence Elizabeth enquired as to where in Culbokie I resided and on learning that it was at Findon Mills she sent a further photograph showing the mill in its entirety when it was being used for timber processing. Whilst the mill wouldn't have been of relevance to that search for family homes the mill must have been such a significant building as to warrant a photograph. What a bonus for our researches. Unfortunately the photograph didn't shed any light on to the location of the mill wheel, but then beggars can't be choosers.

The history of the Mill can be found from this page <https://history.culbokiect.org/index.asp?pageid=724563> For further information access history.culbokiect.org and check out "History Recent Additions".

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Culbokie Community Market

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Indoor market and café in Findon Hall

**Saturday 20th May including locally grown plant sale,
17th June and 15th July 1000-1200**

A great opportunity to buy local produce, bread/patisserie items, cakes, chocolate etc. and various locally made craft items
(Pro Fish and Highland Prime outside 1000-1100)

Enjoy a cuppa, cake/bacon roll and a chat in the café

Make it a date and support our local producers

Outdoors Every Saturday 10.00-11.00

**Car Park beside the Church
Meat and fish**

Culbokie Sharing Shed



Open Every Day 0900-1800, Wed to 2000 beside Church

Thanks to Culbokie Primary School for their continuing monthly support and with the goods that come from FareShare the shed is generally well stocked. Plus lots of small household items, books etc.

Thanks to our local jam makers we hope that you've been enjoying the delicious home-made jams. Please return any **clean jars** as we are always looking for more to fill.

If you are a gardener, please consider donating any **excess plants**, all varieties, to help get more gardens established. If you need any plant pots then help yourself from the garden bin. Please continue to support our lovely little shed with whatever suitable items you have to spare. Books, toys and games, outside toys and small household items are always welcome.

If there are specific needs within the community then please let us know. All monetary donations help provide additional food items. Please donate if you can when you borrow or take an item from the shed.

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

Thanks to all for your continued support.

To keep up-to-date with what's available join the 210+ members on Culbokie Sharing Shed group on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/343545136916931/>

Further information can be found on the CCT website: www.culbokiect.org

The Green Team

Volunteering on Culbokie Green

DO YOU LIKE BEING OUTSIDE IN THE FRESH AIR?

DO YOU LIKE MEETING PEOPLE AND WORKING WITH THEM AS A TEAM?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO SOMETHING VALUABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MANAGEING LAND FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE?

If the answer to these questions is yes - the Green Team could be for you! Volunteers have been gathering every Thursday afternoon since last June to help look after and improve the Culbokie Green. Activities vary with the season and the weather but can include sowing seeds and plants, looking after the new meadow, caring for the orchard trees and discussing and planning new projects.



We know there will be lots to learn about looking after the Green and we're keen to arrange training and events to help with this. A training course in March on 'Meadows and Meadow Management' provided by High Life Highland drew a strong audience of 15 people and gave some important insights for managing the Green. It also, unexpectedly, sparked lots of interest in planting 'mini meadows' in gardens around the village and a new WhatsApp group was formed for people to share experiences and ideas. We hope to see these projects taking shape as spring progresses – and lots of bees buzzing around the village!

If you are interested in the Green Team (or the WhatsApp group) and want to be included on our contact list for information on activities and courses, email Penny on info@culbokiect.org. Everyone is welcome to join in although children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no long term commitment. You can just dip in and out as you please. We meet at Am Fasgadh shelter on the Green from 2-4pm every Thursday – and we always stop for a good break, a drink and a chat during the session. Occasional weekend sessions are also being planned.

- Penny Edwards



Bug and Bee Hunt at Culbokie Green

Saturday 24th June, 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Drop in, no booking required

Adults, children and families all welcome

Join us to find out what creepy crawlies and bees make Culbokie Green their home! Wildflower areas are an important site for many of our declining insects, how many will we be able to find on the day!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.



We ask for donations for this event to help with our work, which goes towards education about and protection of the nature of the Highlands. Please give what you feel you can afford.



Culbokie Church Centre

Culbokie Church Centre activities May 2023

- ◆ Sunday morning services at 10.30am (also online at www.cruparish.online.church, on Facebook and Youtube), with Sunday School & creche on 14th and 28th May
- ◆ Mid-week meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th May looking at 'Poetry and Song in Worship', then continuing with a new study on Thursday 25th May, 1st and 8th June
- ◆ Women's Fellowship at 7.30pm on 18th May with Colin Carmichael from Scripture Union
- ◆ Soup lunch from 12-2pm on 27th May, donations on the door, also baking and bric-a-brac stall
- ◆ Senior Citizen's Friendship Group next meet on Monday 5th June, with a talk by Margaret Harkins about Jali Education Trust in The Gambia, followed by tea
- ◆ Café on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 to 3.45pm
- ◆ Line dancing on Wednesday mornings at 10am
- ◆ Walking group on Thursday mornings at 10am

For further information, please see www.culbokiechurchcentre.org

Ferintosh Community Council

We are fortunate to have a very active Community Council who work hard on behalf of residents. The Community Council area is spread across 3 different areas, so the Council rotate their meeting locations to reflect that.

The next meeting of the Community Council (Including AGM) will be held on **Wednesday 10th May, 7.15pm at Culbokie Primary School**

As a resident, you can become involved in a number of ways:

- Join the FCC email list and stay up to date with their activities
- Respond to consultations that FCC circulate
- Attend meetings
- Volunteer on behalf of FCC to follow up an issue or project. Our Community Councillors are all volunteers and as the saying goes 'many hands make light work'.

If you would like to be included on the email list or are interested in finding out more, please email Bruce Morrison, Secretary at **ferintoshcc30@gmail.com** / **01349 877127**

**THE NEXT EDITION OF THE NOTICEBOARD WILL BE GOING OUT ON
THE 1ST JUNE.**

**PLEASE CAN WE GET ANY ARTICLES IN FOR THE NOTICEBOARD BY
MONDAY 29TH MAY**

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Noticeboard, please email becky@brachla.co.uk and we can add you to the list.
