

# Ness News

Community News & Events

September 2023



## Scottish Water Project





It has been another hectic summer with more visitors than usual, resulting in lots of local parking issues and tourists walking all over the A82 but hopefully the roads will get a bit quieter next month. Most of the issues that I have received over the summer months is regarding getting about in Fort Augustus for residents who have visual impairment and mobility scooters. The problems are usually about people parking on the pavements which cause difficulties for wheelchair/pushchair users and mobility scooters, overgrown bushes and hedges cascading onto pavements and cars blocking dropped kerbs especially at the bottom of Station Road beside the junction and at the top leading onto the path to Lovat Terrace beside the school. Another place is at the Spar shop beside the

noticeboard where there is an incline for wheelchairs etc that I am sure most shoppers are unaware of.

The Community Company and Council also want to make residents aware of the location of 6 defibrillators in the 3 Glens area and there is a poster on the back page.

On Friday, 15th September saw the official opening of the Invermoriston Water Treatment Works with the unveiling of the plaque by Kate Forbes MSP and some residents were taken on a tour of the site, which was highly informative.



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# Councillor Update

The main issues that I receive from Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston are roads, parking, proposed developments by SSE and housing.

There are numerous issues with unauthorised parking by tour buses and mobile homes as well as cars that ignore yellow lines. The community council do excellent work in constantly raising these issues and at the time of writing myself & Chris Ballance have escalated the issues within the Council as we seek better solutions for next year.

By the time this is published the 20mph limit on the main street in Fort Augustus will have been implemented. We now need to give the scheme time to embed across Highland. Experience elsewhere is that when 20mph limits become the norm in villages over a large area (such as Highland) then it does change driver behaviour. The scheme will be monitored as it is an 18-month trial. I continue to work on the speed limit at Invermoriston, parking issues at Redburn, traffic on the Ardachy road and of course local pothole/drainage issues.

Kilchuimen Academy - I am very aware that the janitor's house has been empty for a very long time and hope to have an update soon.

Fort Augustus is one of the key junctions in the SSE network and there are various planning proposals as a consequence. As I am on the planning committee, I cannot comment on planning issues, but I do welcome feedback from residents.

My thanks to the Community Council, Glenmoriston Improvement Group, Parent Councils and all the volunteers that help to make Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston such a vibrant community. If I can be of assistance at any time my email is [david.fraser.cllr@highland.gov.uk](mailto:david.fraser.cllr@highland.gov.uk) or phone 07884 567200

Cllr. David Fraser

## Glengarry Shinty Club

Summer is always a busy period for Glengarry Shinty Club – the last few months have been especially so!

In July, our men's team had reached the final of the Single Team Club Cup, where we met Kilmory – the game held at An Aird, Fort William. Unfortunately, on the day of the final, just as the team had arrived at the pitch, we heard news that there had been an accident on the A82 and the road was to be closed, meaning the majority of our support were unable to reach the final. Thankfully some did, about a dozen and a good few of our juniors (whose dads were playing too) and they were able to make plenty of noise in support for our team!!

The final was perhaps, not the classic encounter we had hoped for as we took a bit of time to get into the game, but the final result is what counts and just as the heavens opened, captain Nick Dalgety lifted the Single Team Cup, and the celebrations began!



The club are grateful to all who attempted to get down and support the team and exceptionally grateful to those who made it and added some extra volume from the sidelines. It is not every day we win a cup, so we had some great celebrations following the victory!

The men's team wrapped up their season 2023 with their last home match on 12th August against Kinlochshiel, which they won 4-2 and their last away match on 26th August against Beauly, which they won 3-4 to complete their league campaign for 2023.



Our U14 team had also reached a cup final and played on Sunday 3rd September, the team took on Bute at Mossfield Park, Oban but unfortunately lost 9-1. The U14 team had won through from the North Development League, winning all their league games and topping the league with a 100% record and captain Lexie Cameron, had hoped she could lead her team to a first ever Development Cup win. In the run up to the final, the U14 team hosted a friendly tournament at Craigard, where they dusted off our summer break rustiness in readiness for the Final.

Our primary team have also enjoyed their summer break and are back in action now – they played Kilmallie in the CA Cup on Tuesday 29th August, a game that perhaps came a little too soon for our team – having lost last year's P7's. It was the first outing for the team and though there was some promising play, our team are on the younger scale and had their work cut out against an older, stronger Kilmallie team. They were next in competition at the Shinty World Cup on Tuesday, 5th September – this was a tournament for primary school teams and as well as a day off school, the children enjoyed a full day of shinty action. This year we entered two teams, so it was an opportunity for some much-needed match experience to bring the team together on the pitch and our older team were the P7 and Under Development winners.

We are also indebted to Glendoe Estate for sponsoring our Summer Shinty Camp in July, the children enjoyed 2 days of shinty and fun – we managed to cram a lot into the 2 days, and we also managed to avoid the worst of the weather! Day 1 was all about refining our skills and playing some small-sided matches, Day 2 started off with a big match, involving all the children, followed by our Annual Shinty Sports Day races which, as always were highly competitive – our winners were:

Overall Sports Champ (Girls) Darcie Williamson  
Overall Sports Champ (Boys) Carter Mackenzie  
Endeavour Award (Girls) Eilidh Cameron  
Endeavour Award (Boys) Archie Davies  
Player of Camp (Girls) Holly Fraser  
Player of Camp (Boys) Josh White

The children then enjoyed the Bucking Bronco and Bouncy Castles for the afternoon! A brilliant couple of days for the children and thank you to our volunteer coaches and

helpers who gave up their time to make this event happen and of course again, to Glendoe Estate for their valued support.



The women's team have also been playing plenty with games coming thick and fast over the summer – first up was the Challenge Cup Semi Final. Although we started brightly, we lost 3 players to injury during the match and the momentum was broken and ultimately, we were beaten by the better team. Although disappointed, there was perhaps some relief when we saw the score from the other semi-final, in which Kinlochshiel defeated Dunadd 16-0 and though it is never nice to lose a semi-final, we feel avoiding the very strong Kinlochshiel in the final is a positive for our young development team – we wish Inverness good luck however!!!!

Results have been hard to come by this year, with our league being very competitive and our team being in transition, but with each game there has been progress and improvement in individual and team performances and it was only a matter of time before results began to go our way and we got revenge for the semi-final defeat, by beating Inverness 4-2 in the league, with a very confident performance. The women's team have a few more matches to play over the coming weeks, so will be looking to finish season 2023 on a high.

On Saturday 9th July, Glengarry Shinty Club hosted our MacBain Cup memorial trophy, and we took this opportunity to invite along our members, sponsors, and friends of the club to a BBQ and unveiling of our lovely benches, in memory of Catherine Cameron and Allan MacDonald.



Though we did not get the win in the match, everyone was in great form enjoying a brilliant evening of craic at Craigard. It was great to be able to host everyone who has given so much to our club and the people really do make our club such a special place. As the season draws to a close over the next month, club activities will wind down for a few months and we will be taking this opportunity to upgrade our facilities at Craigard. We would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to SSE Coire Glas and the Glengarry Trust for their sponsorship of some amazing equipment which will be in place for the start of season 2024.

If you would like to become involved in the Club, please get in touch with the club via our Facebook page or email: [community.ggsc@aol.com](mailto:community.ggsc@aol.com) – we have a wide variety of roles which do not require any shinty knowledge, so if you have just moved to the area and are looking for something to get involved in, we can definitely find you a role to suit.

## Cill Chuimein Heritage Group

### FIELD TRIP

This year's field trip was to the BSW timber sawmill at Corpach. Following recent talks about local maps, forestry history in our area and the work carried out by the Newfoundland Foresters during WW1 and WW2, members were interested in visiting the sawmill and seeing for themselves what happens to the timber felled in our area. Twenty-four people made the trip using the community minibus (a big thank you to our driver Lorn MacKay) and in cars. After a comfort stop at the new An Cafaigh Mara at the sea lock in Corpach and fortified by bacon rolls etc, we left for the sawmill a short distance away. We were taken on an excellent tour which lasted several hours. Our thanks to Oliver Stephens Manager and his team at the sawmill. Several of our group chose to visit the fossil and rock museum instead. This was an enjoyable alternative to the sawmill, and we found the staff were very knowledgeable and interesting to talk to. After a late lunch, we made our way back home in time for several of our group to attend the Community Company meeting later that afternoon.

### A FLAG FOR FORT AUGUSTUS

Last summer to mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Heritage Group sponsored a painting competition for the children of the village. There were a lot of really good paintings, and the judging was challenging. Judged by Mrs Carmelita Aiston a retired teacher from the school, there were three age groups with first and second prizes for each group and an overall winner. The chosen overall winner was Ruben MacKay aged seven. His painting showed great thought and imagination. The painting was digitalised by a six former at the school and the design was then sent to be professionally printed as a flag.

The photographs show Ruben being presented with a framed photograph as a keepsake by Mr Graham Biggs, a founder member of the Heritage Group.

After several delays in printing and difficulty with timing, the flag raising celebration went ahead, and the flag can now be seen flying from the flagpole at the main car park entrance in the village.

Tea, coffee, and cakes were enjoyed in the Church Hall following the flag raising and presentation.



## ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG PLANNED IN FORT AUGUSTUS

Earlier this summer, the group had a speaker at our meeting from N.O.S.A.S (North of Scotland Archaeological Society), Duncan Kennedy. He has discovered an extra loop of the Military Road at the zig zags at Jenkins Park and is planning a dig later in the year when the bracken and undergrowth has died back. Duncan is keen to involve the local Heritage Groups, and others who have an interest in the dig. Several of us met him and some of his

archaeologist friends to visit the site and walk the length whilst looking for culverts and retaining walls (revetments). There will be opportunities later in the year for involvement in a variety of ways, not necessarily digging, for anyone interested.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

Our next meeting will be on the first Monday in September at 2pm in the Church of Scotland Hall. We will be showing a film about farming in yesteryear and inviting people to share their memories of the old machinery and farm work. Our October meeting will again be on the first Monday at 2pm when we have a speaker from the Butterfly Conservation Trust to talk about the lifecycle and overwintering of butterflies. Also, what we can do in our gardens to help butterflies survive. We are hoping to follow this in the spring by another talk about our Highland butterflies emerging and when and where to expect to see them.

November's meeting will be again on the first Monday 2pm. We have Roland Spencer-Jones returning to show us the Great Glen from the air. We extend a warm welcome to all to join us for any or all of our meetings.



# Telford Centre

## Summer Fete

Our annual fete on Saturday 29th July was a great success despite the poor weather conditions. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and tried their luck on the games, bought some bric a brac and tucked into the cakes on our food stall. Our big raffle draw was very popular yet again, thanks mainly to the fantastic donations from our businesses in the local community as well as personal donations. We cannot thank everyone enough for organising and running of the fete especially our lovely volunteers. Finally, we'd like to thank those for attending on the day and we hope you enjoyed yourselves and won a nice prize! A massive £1740 was raised on the day and will go directly for the benefit of the residents in the Telford Centre, specifically for dementia friendly activities.

We have an amazing team, residents, relatives and community.



## Lunch Club

Following the success of our Friday Lunch Club, we have decided to extend the club to Thursdays as well. Please come along and enjoy a three course lunch, chat to our residents and staff, and catch up with friends. The lunch starts at 12.30 here at the Centre and transport can also be arranged for those struggling to get to the centre independently. The lunch is £5, which includes a donation for our residents' fund. To book a place, please phone us on 366511, 24 hours prior to the lunch. We have a limited amount of spaces so book early to avoid disappointment!

## Summer House Reading Space

We have opened our summerhouse to the community! Come and enjoy the peace and quiet to read, come over for a cup of tea. All the books have been kindly donated by the local community and there is a wide range of topics from light-hearted storytelling to gritty thrillers. The doors are open every day from 10.00 till 18.00.

Please keep an eye on our facebook page for updates and events relating to the centre: [facebook.com/telford.centre](https://facebook.com/telford.centre)







# 3 GLENS COMMUNITY CARE

'Supporting Our Communities'



## THE BOARD

**Community minded? Care about Care? Willing to share some time?**

**Will YOU join us?**

We can have 11 Trustees – we currently have seven. Two trustees are Octogenarians and would like to encourage more community involvement and fresh ideas.

We have a **Development Officer** to guide us. We meet approx. every 6-8 weeks.

**Our achievements:** set up of Sunflower Home Care and local Helping Hands Befriending service.

**What we do:** Community Engagement, Event Planning, Recruit Volunteers, Fund Sourcing/Management, Research for further projects.

**We are reaching out to all 3 communities of Glengarry, Glenmoriston, and Fort Augustus.**

**Thinking about it? Want to know more?**

Contact: Denise Paterson 07760 360007 or email [chair@3glenscare.org](mailto:chair@3glenscare.org)

Any of our trustees would be pleased to speak with you: Treasurer: Carola Selwyn, Lorraine Martin, Jenny Thurston, Helen Clay, Jill Skeoch, Ian Borrett.



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**Glengarry Highland Games 1st July.**

The 3 Glens stall offered a thought-provoking 3-part challenge - mental, physical, and visual, attracting a mix of age groups. It was manned by 3 Glens, Sunflower care workers and volunteer befrienders. It was fun and free, attracting interest despite the wet and very windy weather! The winner of the challenge was Susan MacRae, winning a 3-course meal for 2 generously gifted by Glengarry Castle Hotel.

**Our mission:**

The Board of Trustees of 3 Glens Community Care work together, and alongside other organisations, to improve the availability of care services in our rural area to improve the quality of life, health, well-being, and independence and to reduce social isolation of people in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, or social circumstances.





# The Gathering An Cruinneachadh

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Fort Augustus and Area Gaelic Group  
www.the-gathering.co.uk

This project is funded by



Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company

## Drawing Place workshops and 'pop-up' exhibition

After a busy time with the local schools in May and June, The Gathering Project spent July planning a series of events for late summer and into the autumn. Our new programme began in early August with a lively weekend of collage and monoprint workshops led by Glenmoriston-based artist Fiona Stewart. The Saturday session at the Millennium Hall was a drop-in and open to all. Joining Fiona on that day was artist Kay Philby, who lives in Invergarry. Fiona and Kay were brilliant at encouraging people to have a go at something new and lots of messy and creative fun was had by the adults and children who came along.



The following day Fiona was able to work in more depth with a small group of people at the West Glenmoriston Hub in Dalchreichart. It was a cosy venue for this session and an ideal place for our pop-up exhibition of the beautiful work that had been created over the two days.



What a fabulous weekend of creativity from people aged six to over sixty. It was lovely to see some local Gaelic poetry (from the Glenmoriston bards) incorporated into the collages. The exhibition is a wonderful celebration of the rich cultural and natural heritage of the area – as well as the talent of those who live here now. So we were delighted that the Hub could extend the exhibition from an afternoon to a full month – until September 16th! Don't worry if you missed it as we'll be show-casing it again at our Winter Festival planned for November. Details below.

A big thanks to the Glen Rowan Cafe and Redburn Cafe for providing delicious cakes and traybakes at the Drawing Place events. Cake and Creativity – an essential combination!



### **What's next?**

Primary 6/7 at Kilchuimen Primary School will be having fun with Tom, Caoimhe, Joyce and Iona at regular weekly sessions in Old Convent Wood in September and October. A Hallowe'en (Samhain) family event is planned at Old Convent Wood on Saturday, 28th October – look out for information nearer the time.

In November, storyteller Nicola Wright will be running a reminiscence workshop for P6/7. This will be followed by our first session where older members of the community will be interviewed by the youngsters.

If you would like to take part and are happy to be recorded by the children, please contact Joyce Gilbert by email or by phone (joycegilbert56@gmail.com / 07824380167. We have gathered a few names already so a big thank you to those of you who have volunteered. It's likely that we will run more than one session.

### **Winter Festival/ Fèis a' Gheamhraidh**

We are planning a fantastic event as part of the Scottish International Festival of Storytelling that will celebrate some of the outputs from The Gathering Project/An Cruinneachadh. The Winter Festival/Fèis a' Gheamhraidh is scheduled for the afternoons of Saturday, 11th November and Sunday, 12th November. The Festival will include exhibitions, activities, Gaelic, music, song, film and talks, with contributions from the project team, local community groups and pupils. More details to come.

### **Website and Newsletter/Cuairt Litir**

For more information visit our website [www.the-gathering.co.uk](http://www.the-gathering.co.uk) where you'll find project updates, photos and stories plus details about how you can sign up for our regular newsletter. Paper copies of the newsletter are also available.

All our events are free thanks to the generous support of our funders – Beinneun and FAGCC.

Joyce Gilbert (Project Manager)



# Scottish Waters

## MONSTER PROJECT SECURES WATER FOR LOCH NESS COMMUNITIES

Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch MSP Kate Forbes has officially opened a new Water Treatment Works at Invermoriston, on the banks of Loch Ness. The local MSP was joined by members of the communities of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston, along with Scottish Water and its main supply chain partners, to celebrate the completion of a 'monster' project to transform the area's water supply.

Spanning the pandemic, a state-of-the-art single Water Treatment Works has been built to replace two smaller WTWs. The new plant uses nanofiltration membranes to produce up to 1 million litres of world class drinking water every day, drawn from the largest body of freshwater in Scotland. A much more extensive overhaul of the Great Glen communities' drinking water infrastructure has been delivered by Scottish Water's capital investment delivery partner ESD in recent years, with the new WTW at its heart being supplied by RSE (Ross-shire Engineering).

Kate Forbes MSP, who visited Invermoriston's new WTW during its original factory assembly at RSE's Water Technologies Centre in Muir of Ord said:

"It is a huge pleasure to mark the completion of this impressive investment – an example of twenty-first century engineering, made in the Highlands to serve the future of Highland communities.

"The investment that has been made secures a sustainable year-round water supply for rural communities in the Great Glen and their thriving economy. At the same time as making use of the area's most famous natural asset, the work has been supporting high quality jobs and exciting training opportunities less than an hour's drive away in Muir of Ord.

"The innovative modular construction methods and engineering skills exemplified by this project are of interest not just across Scotland, but beyond."

The new WTW is supplied by a new intake and pumping station near the site of the old Invermoriston Pier. Around 10km of new pumped water mains were laid along the route of the Great Glen Way, connecting new and expanded drinking water storage tanks that serve each community. Specialist contractors also completed a challenging two-part operation to tunnel beneath the Caledonian Canal and drill beneath the River Oich in order to provide a secure connection from one side of Fort Augustus to the other. Finally, work was carried out to allow water to reach elevated homes between the village and its old Water Treatment Works near Loch Tarff.

ESD's Chief Operating Officer Wendy Cooper said:

"The scale and complexity of the project to give Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston a single, improved water supply for the future has always been striking.

"Along the way, our team has had to deal with everything from the challenging ground conditions beneath a 200-year-old wonder of water engineering to a global pandemic.

"The common factor in every stage and every challenge has been the strength of our working relationship with our partners – the local community, landowners and our supply chain. Where we have encountered difficulties, we have been able to work

together to find solutions. The outcome is one that everyone who has played a part should feel proud of.”

Before the project’s delivery, drinking water for both Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston had to be regularly supplemented during the summer using road tankers. The water network in Fort Augustus relied upon a single canal crossing that was vulnerable to damage and difficult to repair.

Scottish Water’s General Manager for Capital Investment Alliances Paul Sexton said:

“The most important goal of our project is to leave our local team, and the customers we serve, with new infrastructure that will stand the test of time and deliver excellent service for decades to come.

“The draw of Loch Ness is a key factor in the high seasonal demand for water, which was previously a significant challenge for our teams each summer. Loch Ness is now providing a much more sustainable supply to meet the needs of residents, visitors and the wider economy all year round.

“We are hugely grateful for the critical role that the local community and a wide range of partners have played in the project’s story. It’s a real pleasure to have been able to bring some of those people together to celebrate its outcome.”

As well as the new major infrastructure bringing clear, fresh drinking water to their own taps, residents and visitors to Fort Augustus will soon be able to make use of a new Scottish Water Top up Tap which is proposed for the village. The outdoor tap will add to a growing network of over 100 refill points across Scotland, including 3 already along the route of the Great Glen Way at Ness Walk in Inverness, the Loch Ness Hub in Drumnadrochit and Gordon Square in Fort William.

Gavin Steel



# Announcements

## Engagements



Rebecca Hosie and Calum MacCuish from Benbecula got engaged on 21st April 2023. We wish her well with her move to the Western Isles.

## Marriages



Callum Fraser and Fiona MacEachan were married at Glengarry Church on 16th September 2023 followed by a reception at Drumossie Hotel, Inverness.

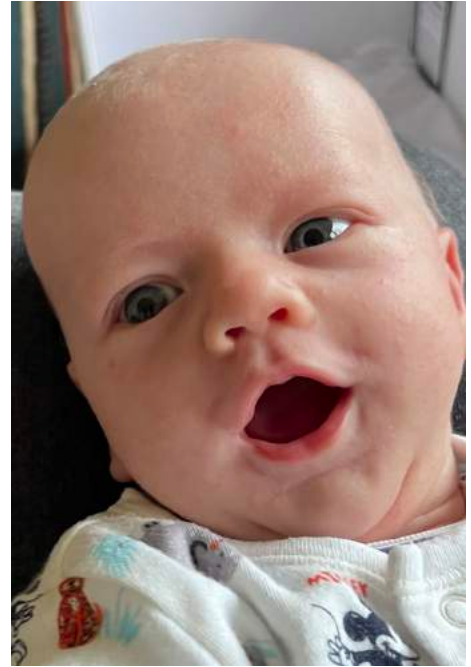
## Births



Laura MacKillop and Duncan McInnes welcomed Harris John McInnes on the 14th July 2023. First grand child for Jane and John MacKillop and 5th for Ailsa McInnes.



Erin Rose MacDonald Born 18th July 2023 (day before big brother Harry's 2nd birthday) At Raigmore hospital Inverness. Daughter of Brian and Leanne MacDonald.



Mhàiri MacDonald and Daniel Cullen welcomed Seocaidh Dòmhnallach-Cullen on the 3rd August 2023 at 22:07 weighing 7lbs 14oz.



Blake Clark and Sarah Jachimecova welcomed Arthur Clark born 6th August 2023, 21:29 Raigmore Hospital.



Rachel and Raymond welcomed Elsie Margaret Robertson, 10th August 2023, 7lbs 7ozs. Big brother Struan is delighted.



Liam and Dani welcomed Lewis Mackenzie Cortes Born 11th August 2023 at Raigmore Hospital Weighing 8.9lbs.

## Deaths



**Gwen McClymont** a nearly 30 year member of our Fort Augustus community passed away suddenly on the 5th of July surrounded by her Eldest daughter Tania, husband Tom and granddaughter Courtney (the rest of her family arriving minutes after she passed) after suffering long term undiagnosed illness. Gwen will be sorely missed by her husband Tom of Abertarff Place and their 3 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, daughters in-law and son in-law, extended family and also close friends of the family. Gwen was a kind loving caring person much loved by everyone she ever met and has left a huge gap in our lives but will remain forever in all our hearts. Rest in peace, fly high pain free.



**Ella Whyte**

Ella was born 10/05/1932 in Dundee. She spent her early years in Dundee, apart from during the second world war when her father was in the RAF and she, her mother and younger sister lived in Tayport, Fife, with her maternal grandparents and aunt. She loved the freedom of living so close to the beach and described her time there as idyllic. Her father was stationed at Kinloss, and the family rented a house in Lossiemouth during the summer holidays which allowed them all to spend more time together.

After leaving school, Ella worked in the office of a large jute mill in Dundee. She also joined the WRENS and was extremely proud of being one of the very first WRENS in the whole of the UK being number 13.

She met George at the local dance hall on the Esplanade in Broughty



Ferry when she was 18 years old. Unfortunately, George was called up for national service and was posted abroad for two years but they kept in touch and on the 22nd of January 1955, two years after he returned, they got married.

They managed to rent a small house in Broughty Ferry as George was a blacksmith with the Dundee Harbour Trust.

Shonagh was born in 1956 and young George followed 3 years later in 1959.

George was keen to get out of the city and so the family headed into the countryside, living in various places until the opportunity arose for George to set up his own business. He took over a smiddy and a few acres of land in the tiny village of Fern in Angus, and Ella ran the little shop and post office there for several years.

In 1972, they were able to get their first croft at Achintee, Strathcarron. Ella quickly settled into the crofting life. She also took over the post office in Lochcarron which she ran 6 days a week as well running a busy home and actively helping on the croft.

In 1977, they moved to Ruarach, Kintail, where they built a new home. Ella helped in the smiddy pumping the bellows, worked tirelessly on the croft - something she loved doing - and provided

holiday cover for Dornie Post Office. At this stage, young George was trying to set up a salmon hatchery on the croft and she was eager to be involved and quickly became an adept fish farmer.

All her grandchildren, Andrew, Mairi, Kirsty and Alastair enjoyed spending time with Granny and Grandad on the croft at Ruarach, especially during the summer holidays.

Ella retired in 2002 at the age of 70 when she and George moved to Fort Augustus, living by the canal side and watching the boats go by. They enjoyed cycling along the canal path to Kytra, where they usually stopped for a picnic before heading back home again at a leisurely pace.

Two weeks before Ella became ill, they went over to the west coast to visit family and catch up with their friend, Iain, at Strollamus on Skye. Everyone had a lovely all day picnic in Iain's garden. Next day, Ella requested a trip to Plockton to take one of Calum's boat trips to see the seals, as she had so enjoyed them in the past. She was so happy and had a wonderful trip.

Ella loved any boat trip, whether it be out fishing with Iain Strollamus, to holiday cruises she had on the River Nile and River Gambia.

George and Ella were very fortunate to have had a

very long, happy and active life together. They were married for over 68 years and had managed to live independently without outside support, even though they were both in their 90's.



**Wendy Patricia "Pat" Dobner**, affectionately known as Dobby, born 11th November 1969 – passed away peacefully at Highland Hospice, Inverness on 6th June 2023 following a determined and hard fought 2.5 year battle with cancer.

Having grown up in Green Street, Upton Park, London, directly opposite the gates of West Ham United football ground, Pat moved with her parents to The Isle of Sheppey, Kent at the age of 14 where she finished her schooling and started her working life as a care assistant, later moving on to working for, and then becoming a partner in a large taxi firm.

While working at Royal Taxis, she met her husband, Thomas, in 1997 who was self employed as a taxi driver at that time and within less than a year they had moved to Newton





Abbot, Devon together and bought their first home there. They married in September, 2000 at St Lawrence Tower (Haldon Belvedere) just outside Exeter.

Pat and Thomas lived in Devon for 20 years during which time Pat pursued different career options including security work and various manufacturing jobs, finally settling into working for a company specialising in producing plastics products which appealed to her aptitude for creativity and making things.

Not long after moving to Devon, Pat & Thomas started to share a love of nature and landscape photography which quickly became a second source of income for them through online stock photography sales, greeting cards and print sales in a tea room on Dartmoor and even a few wedding shoots. Having sold a few images to Dartmoor National Park Authority, they were also asked to put together a couple of photographic exhibitions for the DNPA visitor centre in Princetown: one studying Dartmoor Churches and the other of Dartmoor night photography. Their photographs were widely published and were featured several times on the front cover of Devon Life magazine and Dartmoor National Park magazine.

In 2012, Pat took on the biggest challenge of her life

by responding to an appeal on the local radio station to take part in a week long Arctic Survival Course to raise sponsorship money to support the local hospice in South Devon. She raised several thousand pounds for Rowcroft Hospice and in February 2013 she travelled to northern Sweden with a group of 11 strangers who all became firm friends during their challenging week of Arctic survival activities that tested their resilience to the limit.

In 2002, Pat and Thomas had their first holiday to the Scottish Highlands and they instantly felt a deep connection and a sense of belonging here. By the time they had returned to Devon, they had both agreed that they would make this place their next home. It took them several years to get the resources together to make the move but in early 2017, they decided to finally relocate north of the border and after searching online for several months, they found their new home at Falls House, Invermoriston and moved in February 2018.

The move from town to village life was transformational for Pat and she loved being part of a close-knit community. She became one of the founding members of Glenmoriston Improvement Group and greatly enjoyed being involved in local community activities and projects, the most notable being the new commemorative bench for the village war

memorial that she designed and had made.

During the first Covid lockdown, Pat developed a new talent for painting pet portraits which she started to grow into an online business known as Tricia's Crafty Treasures. She quickly became very accomplished at her newly discovered artistic work but sadly her illness prevented her from continuing with this just a few months later.

Throughout her life Pat was a kind, thoughtful, compassionate, humble, friendly and caring person but most of all she was always great fun to be with; she loved to laugh and to make others laugh and her joyful presence will be greatly missed by her husband, Thomas, and by all who knew her.

Pat was a lover of nature and wildlife who cared greatly about the state of the planet and as well as her legacy of community work she also leaves behind a significant contribution to the conservation and restoration of our natural world.

She will never be forgotten.





## **KILCHUIMEN 3-18 NEWS**

Kilchuimen 3-18 has had a very busy summer term with SQA Exams in the Academy, transitions for new pupils and several school day trips and residentials.

During the Nursery – P6 Activity week – All the children explored the local Convent woods, participated in the annual school picnic, and had a trip on the Cruise Loch Ness boat, creating some lovely memories over the week.



The P7 class were lucky enough to go on a 2-night Residential Trip to Edinburgh where they got to see the sights the Capital City had to offer. This included, Edinburgh Castle, Scottish Parliament, Dynamic Earth, Bowling, Mini crazy golf, Camera Obscura and a visit to the Edinburgh Chocolatarium.

The end of the summer term was celebrated with Strawberries and Cream and lots of water play after the Nursery and Primary Sports Day.

In Academy news, the DYW (Developing Young Workforce) West Highland organised for S1-3 to visit the Newton Room, Fort William. The students undertook the Space module and had the opportunity to further develop their problem solving and teamwork skills

We welcomed the British Army recruitment team in for a day of activities. All the Academy pupils were able to participate and were faced with a series of challenges that involved problem solving, communication and leadership skills. Accumulating with a great tug of war game at the end of the day, Army v Academy.





On the 8<sup>th</sup> June, a capacity audience enjoyed the varied programme of music performed by Kilchuimen Academy pupils at the “Music on A Summer’s Evening” concert. We welcomed Tanya MacDonald, Lochaber Senior Young Musician of the Year (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lochaber) as guest artiste.

Academy Sports Day saw two new school records being made, congratulations to Lexie on running the 400m in 1m 24s and to Carys, jumping an amazing 3.93m in the Long Jump.

The annual Leavers’ Dance was a great success. The theme this year, chosen by pupils, was ‘Formal attire’ and they embraced this enthusiastically and danced the night away to the music.

We wish our school leavers all the very best for the future.



On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 27 students embarked on the 11 hour bus journey down to PGL Boreatton Park.

The students had a fun filled itinerary with giant paddle boarding, abseiling, climbing, archery and much more.

We also travelled to Alton Towers for a day of thrills and rides.

A huge thank you again to the Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company for funding the bus for the trip, which significantly lowered the cost of the trip.

Thank you also to Mrs Masson, Mrs MacKenzie , Mr Copeland and Ms Murray for organising and accompanying the students on the trip.



Well done to pupils whose excellent behaviour, at various points, was commended by numerous PGL staff members.

The trip was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Thank you to all those who have supported the school throughout the Academic year, without your continued support we would not be able to offer such a variety of activities to all our pupils. A special thank you to all the local businesses and Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston Community Company for providing the funds to make it all happen.

Wishing everyone a lovely summer.



# Loch Ness TaeKwon-Do

Loch Ness TaeKwon-Do students go from strength to strength.

Local leading martial arts instructor, Simon Canning is delighted with the club's progress in recent months having held a club grading in July and competed in the North Lanarkshire Open Championships. The July grading saw seven students take to the floor to prove themselves capable of moving to the next stage in their development in this globally practised martial art. The grading consisted of students demonstrating their patterns (a series of movements practised against imaginary opponents), jumping kicks, sparring against one or more opponents, power testing (a demonstration of technique and power) and self-defence against habitual acts of violence.

The grading results were:

Lewis Goodman (Sarah Goodman) 9th Kup white belt yellow tag

Ryan Gate (Isla Sutherland) 8th Kup yellow belt

Morgan Byron 7th Kup yellow belt green tag

Aum Gusain 6th Kup green belt

Robin Morley 4th Kup blue belt with an 'A' level pass

Josh White 2nd Kup red belt

Benjamin White 2nd Kup red belt with an 'A' level pass

Local leading martial arts instructor and examiner, Simon Canning confesses he pushes the club members hard at training and asks much of his students during testing; "Hard gradings complement the hard training that we do at Loch Ness TaeKwon-Do and this pushes our members to reach their full potential as we can see in their consistent progress." 19th August saw Ben and Josh White travel to Motherwell for the North Lanarkshire Open Championships. The boys managed to bring home an impressive array of medals once again proving themselves on the mats. Josh had a tough final in the sparring section earning himself a silver medal while Ben also excelled himself, earning medals in all three of his categories. Ben's impressive performance found him bringing home the silver for the Special Technique, bronze for the patterns and further dominating his sparring division and winning the gold. Loch Ness TaeKwon-Do focusing on competitions, gives students goals to aim for, increasing confidence and skills as their experience grows. However, Simon also focuses on self-defence skills which include Situational Awareness.

"Self-defence is not only throwing aggressors to the ground but managing potentially dangerous situations. At Loch Ness TaeKwon-Do, we understand that as young people move on to urban areas it is important to be aware. Some knowledge and skills might make the difference between getting home safely or not."

If you would like to know more about TaeKwon-Do, learn self-defence, or get fitter, then get in touch with Simon on 07375 890572 (also on WhatsApp), FB Loch Ness TaeKwon-Do or email [canningsimon@rocketmail.com](mailto:canningsimon@rocketmail.com).



# News from Glenmoriston

## Glenmoriston Matters

### Activities at Glenmoriston Millennium Hall

Day Frequency Activity Time

Sunday 2nd of month Church Service (interdenominational) 3.00pm– 4.00pm

Monday Weekly Indoor Bowls 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Tuesday Weekly from October Community Tuesdays 12.00 – 6.30pm

Wednesday Weekly Zumba 7.15pm – 8.15pm

Wednesday Monthly Book Group 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday Weekly Yoga 10.30am – 12.00

Thursday Weekly Scottish Country Dancing 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Friday Monthly Heritage Group 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Friday Weekly term time Kids Club 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Saturday 1st and 3rd of month Craft Club 11.00am– 3.00pm

Saturday Monthly Quiz 7.30pm – 9.30pm

For information about any of the above, or to book the hall for your own activity, contact [gmhcahallbooking@gmail.com](mailto:gmhcahallbooking@gmail.com) or call 07721 533316

Posters are usually available in the area advertising further details of the events

### Additional events at the Millennium Hall

Saturday 28th October – Family Halloween Night including silent disco, games, pie, peas and a bar– 7.00pm – 10.30 pm

Saturday 4th November - Craft Fayre including crafts from local talented crafters. Refreshments available – 10.00am – 3.00 pm

**Silver Surfers** – if you are over 60 and live in the Glenmoriston area, you may wish to join us for meals out and trips. We are planning a Boat Trip and a garden visit and have had lunches at the Glenmoriston Arms Hotel and the Invergarry Hotel. There will be a High Tea at the Glenmoriston Arms Hotel on Friday 3rd November. If there are spare places available for any activities they will be offered to the over 60's from outwith Glenmoriston. For more information please contact Elaine on [silversurfers60@gmail.com](mailto:silversurfers60@gmail.com)





There will also be a Charity Quiz in aid of MacMillan Nurses in the Glenmoriston Arms Hotel on Friday 3rd November at 7.00 pm, which is open to all. Watch out for details.

**Playpark** - Additional play equipment has been installed at both Riverside Park and Invermoriston picnic area. At Riverside Park, there is a new slide and springer for younger children and a double cable way for those 4 ft and over (or who can jump high enough to reach the zip wire!) These have been funded by the Glenmoriston Improvement Group. A large grant from the Beinneun (Fern) wind farm, match funded by the Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company, has funded a new play park at the Picnic area, including a trampoline, Hamster wheel, agility trail and wave roller and a multi-person swing. Both parks were chosen by local children and are already being well used.



**Road signs** - The community's wish to reduce the speed limits in Invermoriston remains strong, but in the meantime, BEAR have put up deer warning signs on the A887, otter warning signs at Torgoyle and red squirrel signs on the A82. These have been supplemented by cartoon-like picture signs, such as the one for frogs on the Dalcattaig road and deer signs on the A82 and we hope that with these we can go some way to save local wildlife and also slow down visitor traffic through the glen.



**Community Tuesdays** -

The Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company has agreed to fund these get-togethers, which were so popular last year. We will be offering the opportunity to cut your heating at home - spend the day and eat with us in the Glenmoriston Millennium Hall, while enjoying the craic, having a game of table tennis or indoor curling, catching up on the newspapers or jigsaws. We will have sessions in Tai Chi, reflexology, head massage, baking, also visits from agencies such as Citizens Advice, if you want to take part. All are welcome



**Invermoriston Community Shop** - It is now 5 months since we opened, and our 14 volunteers are being kept very busy over the summer months. We have made a number



of changes in response to requests from local residents and we now stock local honey from Struan Apiaries, cheeses from Tain and meat from Lyne Mhor Croft. Meats and pies from Murdoch and bread from Three Little Bakers are always popular and we have extended our range of Vegan and Gluten free products. We have a new supplier from whom many price-marked products are available, keeping prices down. Our dedicated volunteers have agreed we will keep our opening hours of 7.00- 17.30 weekdays and 9.30-16.30 right through the winter and we now have a licensed officer so we will soon be applying for an alcohol licence. Check us out on Facebook and pop in for supplies and a chat.

**Incredible Edibles** - Lots of people have taken advantage of all the lovely fresh herbs in our edible garden, the onions went down well as gave the sage, parsley and peas. We need to look at getting some winter veg in... so any suggestions will be welcome. Lots of visitors have been stopping at the garden and have been very interested in all the herbs, with plenty of squashing and smelling the herbs growing. It has been lovely to see people so interested in our little garden. Onwards and upwards for next year.



**Give and Take Larder** - This is located on the side of Glenmoriston Millennium Hall. It was suggested by the owners of one of our local chalet parks to prevent waste, so please come and donate what you can, but also please take what you can! This is all about recycling and avoiding waste. The Community shop will be putting in food approaching its sell-by date daily, so check in regularly.

**Kids Club** - On Friday October 27th there is a new free Out of School Club starting in the Glenmoriston Millennium Hall. It is open to all children in the Three Glens aged 5 – 15 years old and will be held weekly between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm during school term time.

There will be lots of activities available from board games, arts & crafts, baking, table tennis, badminton, outdoor play in the new play park and lots more. We also want the children to bring their ideas on what to do and if it's doable then we will give it a go. All will be supervised by our fabulous volunteers who will bring their own individual skills to the club and are looking forward to getting started.

To attend a registration form must be completed, these will be available by contacting Lesley Hill via email [lesleyhill@58hotmail.com](mailto:lesleyhill@58hotmail.com) or telephoning 01320 351302.



To contact the Community Company, call 01320 366800  
or email [contact@communitycompany.co.uk](mailto:contact@communitycompany.co.uk)  
Follow us on Facebook to keep up with all the news.

### New Staff Members

The Community Company are delighted to welcome Chris Rose to the team as the Convent Land Development Officer. Chris is working hard around the area but is always happy to speak with community members and discuss new ideas for the land.

Chris' background is project management, and he brings an extensive 25 years' experience. As a keen sailor and lover of the water, he enjoys boating his way around the country.

His passion for nature and the environment has led him to be particularly interested in human induced climate change and local biodiversity loss. His enthusiasm for the environment makes him an excellent candidate for sustainably developing the Convent Land with some exciting plans coming to fruition.



David Campbell is a seasoned contributor to improving the area and working with the community. He has recently moved over from the Community Caretaking Team to take on the job as Facilities Officer at the Community Company.

This will see David managing maintenance throughout the Community Company owned properties such as Caledonian Court and Kilchuimen Medical Centre.

David is already well known throughout the area not only for his career in the Police Service but also for his continued positive contribution to the community. He has been on the board of directors and clearly takes great pride in serving the community.

The Community Company wish Chris and David the best of luck in their new roles.



The Community Company also brings Simon Canning on board to the role of Admin Officer. Simon has experience in a variety of roles, most of which have been customer facing including twelve years in the transport industry and six years as Operations Director for the family business.

Simon teaches TaeKwon-Do and self-defence two days a week and is often travelling outside the area to help umpire and referee competitions.

He is delighted at the opportunity to further his contribution to the community and is looking forward to playing a part in the development of the community projects.

Simon will assist Karen in running the Community Company office including taking Village Hall bookings and processing grant applications. He will also work closely with Chris and David in a supportive role.



### [Community Larders- coming to your village soon!](#)

The Community Larder is a food hub for residents, organisations, and businesses to redistribute unwanted or surplus food items to the community. It aims to reduce food waste, promote recycling and healthy eating, and reduce food poverty.

Open to everyone, the Community Larder gives members of the community the opportunity to take what they need and donate or swap donations already made by residents and businesses. SSE Renewables have got us off to a great start with an array of donations and they continue to help fund additional items as we go into the Autumn and Winter.

You can contribute to the Community Larder and help to reduce waste by taking what you need and or donating non-perishable unwanted items. You can bring unopened items from your cupboard and feel free to swap them with other items to reduce waste.

We are accepting non-perishable items; the most popular items are:

- Cereal
- Diluting Juice
- Long Life Milk
- Stock
- Tomato Sauce
- One meal tins (macaroni / soup /chilli con carne etc)
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned beans and pulses
- Pasta/curry sauces
- Pot Noodles
- Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Jelly
- Jam
- Pet food
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Hand moisturiser

Stationed in Fort Augustus, Invermoriston and Dalchreichart, the Community Larders will be up and running soon. We are building a stock of items currently so please make contact if you would like to contribute in the meantime.

## Grants awarded

Since the last issue of Ness News, the following grants have been awarded:

- £24,298 to 3 Glens Community Care, to pay for this year's running costs and supporting Sunflower Home Care, with a commitment to a further two years.
- £1,000 to the Out of School Activity Group, Invermoriston, to pay for arts and crafts materials, board games and activity resources.
- £4,853 to Kilchuimen Primary Parent Council, to pay for travel to swimming lessons and panto trip.
- £767 to the Fort Augustus Playgroup for summer holiday activities.
- £14,500 for Community Tuesdays goes to Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Community Association
- £2,430 to Kilchuimen Primary Parent Council for activities in Maths and Books Weeks.
- £576 for a series of four Ballroom and Latin dance beginner's lessons for the community.
- £6,600 For 11 Student grants.

**Don't forget if you are a student and off to college this September you can apply for a student grant of up to £600. The forms can be found on our website.**

[www.communitycompany.co.uk](http://www.communitycompany.co.uk)

## Tarff Trading – Hardware store

The Community Company are delighted to see growing support from the community for the development of the store.

Surveys concluded that the community would like to see Tarff Trading have a supply of fresh produce. Acknowledging this, the staff at Tarff Trading sourced shelving and a produce supplier. The fruit and veg is high quality with currently three deliveries each week.

There is also fresh milk and now bread and eggs being stocked at the store along with pet food and other supplies for our furry friends.

We have an array of home products including kitchen paper towels, cleaning goods and toilet roll.

Tarff Trading is more than just your local hardware store. The staff are always happy to hear suggestions for new lines so keep your suggestions coming in; if Tarff Trading can do it, they will.

The opening times have been extended and are now Monday to Saturday 8am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm.

Tarff Trading has recently opened its own Facebook page; just search Tarff Trading and give us a like so you can stay up to date with all the news.

Donna, John, and Nigel are always happy to help and offer advice on everything instore.



## Community Caretaking Team

With the tourist season approaching the end of its summer peak, Glen and the team have been working as hard as ever to keep the area clean, tidy, and welcoming for the community and its visitors.



The team are continuing to work on the grassy areas such as the Convent Land and keeping the graveyards respectfully maintained, strimming the verges on the pathways and car park. All made a bit easier and more efficient with the delivery of the new ride on lawn mower.

They have found themselves busier than normal this year; the tourist trade reaching its peak made the general litter picking and rubbish collection particularly heavy.

The Caretaking Team are making a fantastic job of keeping on top of the area's maintenance but if there is something you think should be tackled, then get in touch.

They will be closing the community composting site down towards the end of October although the leaf section will be open a little longer for those pesky autumn leaves which whilst beautiful seem to get everywhere.

## Golf Club

Fort Augustus Golf Club recently received a grant of £23,065.71 to renew the club's lawn equipment.

With 70 local members, Fort Augustus Golf Club dates to 1924 and is considered by many to be one of the most challenging 9-hole golf courses in Scotland.

Run by volunteers, the committee recognised the need for new lawn equipment to reduce the time spent maintaining the lawn and to ensure the standards required are met.

The volunteers until now have been manually maintaining the lawn but the new specialist lawn attachments for their ride-on will greatly reduce their time working on the lawn and the amount of effort it takes to do the work manually.

July saw delivery of the new equipment making this summer an easier season on the volunteers. The Community Company are looking forward to seeing the lawn's improvement as the volunteers get to work.

The club will be celebrating its momentous achievement of its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday next year. So, if you want to take part in the celebrations or even just become a member of the golf club then get in touch with the Club.





# Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston Community Council

Minutes of the Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston Community Council meeting

held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 28th June 2023

at Fort Augustus Memorial Hall

## Present:

Deirdre MacKinnon – Chair – DM  
Helen Clay – Secretary – HC  
Mike Anderson – Treasurer – MA  
Claire Pegrum – CP  
Chris Ballance Cllr – CB

## Apologies:

Iain MacKnocher – Vice-chair – IM  
Jeff Dymond – JD  
Robert MacDonald – RM  
David Fraser Cllr – DF

## 1. Minutes:

Previous AGM – Proposed by MA and seconded by DM.  
Previous Minutes – Proposed by DM and seconded by HC.

## 2. Matters Arising:

Glenmoriston Estates – ongoing

Scottish Canals – HC to email about how often the bridge is closing, sometimes it's twice in ten minutes.

Abertarff bus shelter – ongoing.

Drop kerbs – ongoing. Tar has been added to the kerb at the crossing which works in the interim.

Oich Road – all bus companies to be contacted about parking on Oich Road. Heather Masterson from Highland Council visited but unfortunately there was light traffic that day. She proposed yellow lines all way round with loading allowed; markings on road have faded so need redone. Traffic orders take a long time, so far, it's been 2 years and still no parking meters along that road.

Camping on Loch Ness beach – Can Highland Council do anything? There is no one to enforce if No Camping signs were put up.

Canal Toilets – reported to SEPA but the toilets have been opened again.

Village toilets – ongoing

Minute taker – ongoing

## 3. Police Report:

The CC are still not receiving police reports of any kind. We feel that police reports were



beneficial to help people know what was going on in the village – ongoing

4. Treasurer's Report: The current bank balance is £4677.32.

5. Community Amenity Issues:

Ardachy Road – ongoing

Starlink Broadband – MA explained about Starlink broadband which is available in the area. Start-up costs are £400 for equipment and £75pm

Zero waste food larder – a shed is being put up behind Tarff Trading for everyone in the Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston area. Invermoriston are setting up their own "give and take" larder

Inch Bay – ongoing. CC and local police should always be informed of any new moorings.

Fort Augustus Senior Citizens – a day out has been organised and all senior citizens have been invited.

A82 – CB to contact Bear Scotland about the litter along the verges and the amount of time it's taking for dead deer to be removed.

Invermoriston Car Park – a voluntary payment meter has been installed. Locals are worried that visitors could be put off if they don't understand that it is voluntary DF to attend next GIG meeting. It was explained that as the meter is voluntary, there was no need for a public consultation.

BT building, Invermoriston – CC to contact OpenReach.

6. Planning and Licensing:

23/03640/MSC Ty Rhedyn. Auchterawe, Fort Augustus. Erection of house.

23/03038/FUL 8 Auchterawe, Fort Augustus. Erection of shed (permitted).

7. Renewables:

Coire Glas- ongoing. Comment sent in from CC (written by CP)

8. Correspondence:

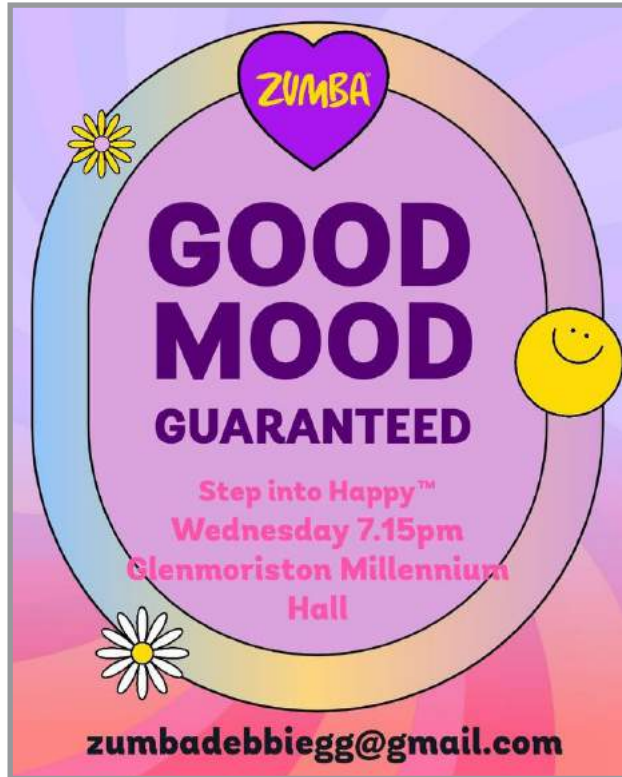
A letter and photos were received from a member of the public complaining about the state of the public toilets

9. A.O.C.B:

Invermoriston playground at the Millennium Hall car park is being installed in August. Invermoriston community shop is applying for an alcohol licence. Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Committee are looking at putting a shower in the toilets as many houses in the area aren't on mains water so in very hot weather, they may have no water.

Next meeting is on 30th August at Fort Augustus Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

# Notice Board



**ZUMBA**

## GOOD MOOD GUARANTEED

Step into Happy™  
Wednesday 7.15pm  
Glenmoriston Millennium Hall

[zumbadebbiegg@gmail.com](mailto:zumbadebbiegg@gmail.com)

## Glenmoriston Craft Club

1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month

At Glenmoriston Millennium Hall  
11am - 3pm

Cost only £3 per session

Come along to our friendly group  
bringing whatever craft takes your fancy.

## Bus to Fort William

\*\*\* Open to all ages \*\*\*

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
£3

Departing Fort Augustus Car Park 0945  
Police Station 0950  
Abertarff Place 0955  
Newton 1005  
Invergarry 1015

Leaving Fort William 1330  
Return to Fort Augustus 1450 approx

Shopmobility scooters available. Please ask when booking.

To book please telephone  
Jenny: 01320 366438

Fort Augustus  
Senior Citizens' Association



## SEWING SESSION

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday mornings for 2 hours from 10am  
NO MACHINE? DON'T KNOW HOW. NO WORRIES there  
are machines to use (maybe borrow) and FREE TUITION

IN THE CHURCH HALL.

FORT AUGUSTUS

Pop in and find out about free (machine  
tutorials, or look through the box of remnant  
sewing aids and many patterns

Plus a cup of coffee and good company

Doors open from 10am – 12mid-  
day £3 per session tuition FREE



# Notice Board

Community Council Elections



Taghaidhean Comhairle Coimhearsnachd



## Notice of Community Council Election

Community Councils are voluntary organisations that express the views and concerns of local people within their area across a wide range of issues from new buildings and roads to local services and facilities. The scheme for the establishment of Community Councils can be downloaded from [The Highland Council website](#).

Nominations are being invited from people seeking to be elected as members of Community Councils for a four-year term in The Highland Council area.

If you want to support your local community, please consider standing for your Community Council. To qualify you must be 16 years of age or over (by the date of the close of nominations), be registered as an elector on the local government electoral register and resident of the community council area.

The community council's welcome residents locally to get involved and are looking for people to put themselves forward. All you must do is check you are eligible to be elected and complete the online form available on the council's website [www.highland.gov.uk/ccelections](http://www.highland.gov.uk/ccelections) and submit this form by not later than **12noon on Tuesday 3 October 2023**. If you need any assistance, please contact 01349 886657 or email [ccelection@highland.gov.uk](mailto:ccelection@highland.gov.uk)

Elections will only take place on **Monday 27 November 2023** where the number of valid Nominations exceeds the membership number of the relevant Community Council.

## Be the Voice of Your Community as they need you!

Kate Lackie,  
Returning Officer,  
The Highland Council,  
Council Headquarters,  
Glenurquhart Road,  
INVERNESS IV3 5NX

4 September 2023

# Notice Board

We hope they are never needed, but.....  
Defibrillators are located across the 3 Glens.

Fort Augustus:

Public toilets

West End Garage

Keeper's House, Glendoe, facing the shed wall

Invermoriston:

Millennium Hall, beside the main entrance

Dalchreichart:

on the Hub building

Glengarry:

Invergarry Post Office

Glengarry Community Hall

Ardochy House, Tomdoun

## The Legion, Canalside, Fort Augustus

Upcoming Events at the Club

### September

Every Monday Free Pool Table 6pm to 10pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night and Raffle

30<sup>th</sup> September Karaoke Night

### October

Every Monday Free Pool Table 6pm to 10pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night and Raffle

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party

### November

Every Monday Free Pool Table 6pm to 10pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night and Raffle

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Karaoke Night

### December

Every Monday Free Pool Table 6pm to 10pm

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Karaoke Night

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve Party

**Everybody Welcome**

**See Posters at the Club for more details**

## FERN COMMUNITY FUNDS

The Beinneun Windfarm Community Benefit Fund has been established to support community groups, social enterprises & charitable organisations in the community council areas of Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston and Glengarry.

Beinneun Scholarship Awards are open for applications. Scholarships of £750 are available for students who reside within the fund catchment area.

The Beinneun Scholarship Awards close for applications on the 31st of August 2023.

Details of the application process can be found at [ferncommunityfunds.com/beinneun-community-fund/](http://ferncommunityfunds.com/beinneun-community-fund/)

If you wish for any further information about the scholarship awards please get in contact via [contactus@ferncommunityfunds.com](mailto:contactus@ferncommunityfunds.com) or call 07871 785583

24<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 10 am

## TABLE TOP SALE



TREATS, TRINKETS & TREASURE  
CLEAR OUT YOUR CLUTTER

WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT



The Telford Centre is having a 'Table Top' sale.  
To book your table  
(£10 donation for the Centre),  
please contact the Centre 01320 366511.

We are also holding the MacMillan coffee Morning that day.

So come along and browse the treats, trinkets & treasures and have a lovely piece of cake & cuppa ☺