

# Crannog

JUNE 2004

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### DATES FOR MEETINGS 2004

TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE  
TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY (IN COMMUNITY CENTRE)  
TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

All the meetings are open to members of the public. If you have any concerns you would like raised please come along or alternatively speak to one of the councillors.

## *KIRKHILL SWRI*

**March** – we had our Gardening Talk from Colin Munro of Munro's Nurseries Bogallan, most informative and lots of tips and sound advice to help us be "green fingered". Then our annual trip to the Opera at Eden Court Theatre to see "The Merry Widow" a thoroughly enjoyable evening and finally a trip to the Music Box Company at Balnabeen, well worth visiting.

On 15<sup>th</sup> April at the Inverness Area Group Rally held at Croy, Kirkhill achieved two second places and one third place for our entries of Pate and Pineapple and Mint Jelly. At local level the Competition winners for the 2003/04 session were 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs H Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs J Mackay and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs M Shiels.

Our AGM was held on 6<sup>th</sup> May and the voting was scrutinised by two members of Kiltarlity WRI after which we had our usual "5 Star Pot Luck" supper was enjoyed by all followed by (a light-hearted "Yummy

Chocolate") quiz.

The 2004/05 Committee are as follows:

**President:** Joan Mackay

**Committee:** Sheila Cameron, Maris Elkin, Patsy Forbes, Hilary Forsyth, Moira MacDonald, Maureen Matheson and Margaret Turner.

A heart felt vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring committee members and especially to Margaret Shiels our President for the last three years. She has been superb and is certainly going to be a hard act for me to follow!! I'm probably better known to you all as your local "Avon Lady". I first joined the Rural in the 60's (having come to live in the Parish from Aigas) as a means to meeting people and make new friends. After an eight year stint abroad I rejoined again in 2001, for the same reasons, warm welcome, friendships and fellowship.

Our new session begins on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2004 at 7.30pm in Kirkhill Community Centre. Do consider joining our Institute, anyone wishing further details please contact a committee member or give me a ring on 831578. As I write this it is a scorcher of a day so here's hoping we have another lovely summer that we all can enjoy.

**Joan Mackay, President**

## *KIRKHILL AND BUNCHREW COMMUNITY TRUST*

The Trust held a very successful AGM in March with lots of interest in the excellent presentations from the various groups on their projects last year. Donald Shiach was appointed as the new chairman.

The Trust continues to grow and its capacity to enable things to happen is shown by new projects and the involvement of new people who wish to make a difference in our community. If you have an idea and want to make Kirkhill and Bunchrew a better place to live contact Donald on 831591. The Trust will help you set up a group, help you access funds and get things moving.

[www.kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk](http://www.kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk)

Kirkhill and Bunchrew community now has its very own website. The site is for you to find out about events, clubs, local services and news. It should also

interest visitors who might like to find out about what to do in the area and places to stay. The website is in its early days but needs you to make it grow. Make sure your group or interest is not left out. We'd particularly like to hear from somebody with an interest in local history. You can also advertise your business on the site for only £5 per year. Contact webmaster, Michael Strong, on 831620 or [kirkhillandbunchrew@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kirkhillandbunchrew@yahoo.co.uk).

### **Waste group**

A community clean was held in April and many bags of rubbish were collected from around Kirkhill and some of the minor roads. Many thanks to all that helped, we hope to hold a further clean up later in the year.

The recycling facility in Inchmore continues to be well used. Take along your aluminium (not steel please) cans, bottles and textiles. More bins will be installed as they become available.

### **Woodland Group**

Thinning now finished for the winter in the beech wood at Upper Reelig Glen and we now have some supplies of firewood for sale. We'd also like to hear from people who would like to get involved in the work. Contact Les Bates on 831320. If you haven't been to Upper Reelig Wood in a while now is a great time to explore the new paths. Either park at the Forestry car park at Reelig Glen and follow the signs from the car park or park at the forestry gate on the Clunes road.

### **Aird Community Links**

The new path from Inchmore to Easter Moniack has been well used since its construction with an average of 59 walkers using the path per week. We will be carrying out a community survey to find out what people want with regard to the existing network and possible future projects in the area. The survey form will be available on Gala day and we hope to be able to distribute it via shops in Kirkhill and Bunchrew and the school. If you are not likely to get a copy from these places and would like to complete the survey contact Ged Church on 831306.

### **Play Park**

Do you agree that the play-park equipment is getting old and worn and that the fence needs replacing? Everyone who uses the play-park is invited to join a new working group, as a branch of Kirkhill and Bunchrew Trust, with the aim of improving the facilities.

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May we had our first meeting at the Community Centre and we have got a small group together. Our first aims are to investigate funding and costing. We also discussed approaching all ages in the community to see what **YOU** would like

**YOUR** park used for and how we could spend any money raised. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact me at the telephone number below.

We are also looking for youth reps to join our group and tell us what you would like to be provided in the park for your leisure facilities.

We have a small group together but are appealing for more members to help split the load work-wise.

We've seen that "impossible" targets can be achieved (the footpath network and the Community Centre) if there is enough support from the local community and there are grants available. Earlier this year the Inverlochry Save our Swings group was given a £15,000 grant by the National Lottery's New Opportunities Fund (*Press and Journal*, 17/03/04).

**Contact: Lindsey Stout, tel. 831642**

## ***KIRKHILL PARISH CHURCH***

The Sunday School will re-start on Sunday 22 August and run in line with the school terms. Any parents wishing to register their children will be able to do so at a date nearer the time of commencement.

Also commencing in August at a date to be determined will be another series of classes for any who may wish to consider joining the Church or may simply want to come along and take a refresher course in the historic faith of the Church of Scotland. The classes will be on Tuesday evenings and will meet in the Church at 7:45 pm. Further details with regard to this may be obtained from the minister: Fraser K Turner, Tel 831 662 or e-mail: [fraseratq@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fraseratq@yahoo.co.uk)

At the moment in our morning worship we are going through the "Lord's Prayer," and then, in July we turn into a series of studies in the Book of Genesis. It is the intention to look at the Books of Genesis, Luke, Revelation, and Acts, but rather than go through a book as a whole, we shall be going through a book in tranches of around 10-12. What this means is that we will move from Genesis into Luke and arrive at the birth of Christ at Christmas, then early in January we shall turn into John's Book of Revelation, and return to Genesis, and then to Luke and so on.

We meet at 10:30 am each Lord's day and at our mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting which meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:45 pm, we are going through the life of Elijah.

Yours in the Lord's service,

**Fraser K Turner**

**KIRKHILL / BUNCHREW SENIOR CITIZENS  
LUNCHEON CLUB**

Wednesday 2<sup>ND</sup> June is the last lunch day until 1<sup>st</sup> September. At the present time we have 28 members on the register. If you are a "Senior Citizen" (Lady 60+ or Gentleman 65+) you will be made most welcome. Contact Madda Georgeson on 831521.

**KIRKHILL INDOOR BOWLING CLUB**

The indoor bowling club finished the season on 5<sup>th</sup> April. Willie MacLean was club champion. The club will hold their Annual Bingo night in aid of Gala funds on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Last season we were short of players for our teams. If you would like to join our club you will be made most welcome! Give it a try, you will enjoy yourself! The new season will open at the beginning of October.

See you all at the Bingo Night.

**Contact Kenny MacColl 831617 or  
Madda Georgeson 831521**

**CRAFT CLUB**

Our Craft Club's final meeting was Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May. We intend commencing season 2004/05 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Do come and join this club if you are interested in any type of hand work. 1.30 to 3.00pm on Monday afternoons.

**Contact Wilma Williamson 831737**

**KIRKHILL & BUNCHREW SENIOR CITIZENS  
CLUB**

From the beginning of October until the beginning of April, the main activity has been indoor bowling on Wednesday afternoons at the Community Centre. We had two friendly competitions with teams from the Post Office Pensioners and Craig Dunain Pensioners Clubs which were most enjoyable.

The winners of the Norman Williamson Memorial Trophy (Pairs Competition) were Marlene MacLean and Margaret Ritchie, with runners up Duncan Aitken and Jack Stewart. The Norman Williamson Gala Trophy winners were David Birbeck and Alex Stein.

Pensioners wishing to have a game of bowls will be most welcome when the new season starts at the beginning of October.

**KIRKHILL BEAVER SCOUTS  
(7<sup>TH</sup> INVERNESS)**

Beavers meet at Kirkhill Community Centre on a Tuesday night from 5.15 to 6.15pm. Boys and girls can join the Beavers after their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday and can continue until their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday when they can then go on to Cubs.

Beavers at the moment are completing their Discovery Challenge Badge where they met people from the Fire Service and the Police and had some talks from some of the parents on Australia, Spain and Poland. All of these meetings and talks were very interesting and helped the Beavers towards achieving their Badge. We are now working on the Animal Friend Badge to complete the Discovery Challenge. This involves helping to look after an animal for one month, keeping a record of the food given and what they do with the animal for a period of two weeks.

We are starting on our Outdoor Challenge Badge as the nights are getting lighter and the better weather should be just around the corner, it should give us an opportunity to get outside more.

If you would be interested in helping out in any way whether as Leader or a Helper please get in touch. We are always on the lookout for help.

**Contact Elaine Fisher 831540**

**FRASER SCHOOL OF HIGHLAND DANCING  
KIRKHILL**

Fraser Festival of Highland Dancing  
High School Inverness May 04

**Judges:** Sandra Lees, Bonhill  
Maryanne McReadie, Paisley  
Joe Simpson, Elgin

**Piper:** Yvonne Mackenzie

**5Yr Primary** (1<sup>st</sup> Festival) Catriona Dobie, Kirkhill  
5<sup>th</sup> Pas De Basque, 5<sup>th</sup> High Cuts

**6Yr Primary** Emma Mackenzie, Dunballoch  
3<sup>rd</sup> Highland Fling 1<sup>st</sup> Sword Dance

**7Yr Beginners** Melissa Fife, Kirkhill  
4<sup>th</sup> Fling, 1<sup>st</sup> Swords, 1<sup>st</sup> Reel of Tulloch  
1<sup>st</sup> Trophy Fling, 1 Flora, 2 Liit

**9Yr Novice:** Eilidh Tillman, Beauly  
6<sup>th</sup> Fling, 3<sup>rd</sup> Swords, 4<sup>th</sup> Reel of Tulloch  
4<sup>th</sup> Trophy Fling, 4<sup>th</sup> Flora  
Cara Mackenzie, Dunballoch  
4<sup>th</sup> Fling, 1<sup>st</sup> Swords, 2<sup>nd</sup> Seann

Truisbhas

1<sup>st</sup> Reel of Tulloch, 4<sup>th</sup> Fling, 1<sup>st</sup> Flora,

4<sup>th</sup> equal Lilt

8Yr Intermediate: Katie Wright, Lenran  
2<sup>nd</sup> Fling, 1<sup>st</sup> Swords, 1<sup>st</sup> Seann

Truibhas, 4<sup>th</sup> Reel of Tulloch, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hielan Laddie, 1<sup>st</sup> Flora, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lilt,  
1<sup>st</sup> Sailors Hornpipe

9Yr Premier: Eilidh Fife, Kirkhill

4<sup>th</sup> Fling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Swords, 4<sup>th</sup> Seann

Truibhas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reel of Tulloch,

4<sup>th</sup> Hielan Laddie, 1<sup>st</sup> Blue Bonnets,  
1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Errol, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sailors Hornpipe

### **TROPHIES:**

Beginners: r/up Highland - Melissa Fife  
National - Melissa Fife

Novice: Highland - Cara Mackenzie

Intermediate: Highland – Katie Wright  
National – Katie Wright

Premier: National – Eilidh Fife

### **FRASER DANCER:**

Beginner: Melissa Fife

Novice: Cara Mackenzie

Intermediate: Katie Wright

Premier: Rebecca Fraser

School of Dancing with most points

Fraser School of Dancing = 5595 points

### **THANK YOU**

Eddie and Elaine Haines would like to thank all their friends and neighbours, who over the past nine years have given their support at our bonfire parties.

In the past we have donated the money collected from our raffles to several charities ranging from CHAS, Munlochry Animal Aid, Pony Rescue Centre and CLAPA. We felt it only right that we should donate the money locally and are pleased to say that we raised £300 which was very much appreciated by the Matron and staff at Lenran Nursing Home, where the cash was put towards Christmas for the residents.

Thank you all once again

**Edd and Elaine Haines**

### **STARS OF KIRKHILL - FRIDAY 28TH & SATURDAY 29TH MAY**

This years show was another fantastic success and we are delighted to announce that we have raised approximately £2,260 to be donated towards The Highland Hospice, Highland Autism Playscheme Initiative, a local asthma clinic and Kirkhill Community.

We had a variety of performances, with the "Kirkhill Cheerleaders" (Kirkhill Primary School pupils) starting the show. Amongst the performers were Freddie Mercury, Buddy Holly and Karen Carpenter.

We had a bit of everything from pop, rock, traditional music and dance to opera, and "All that Jazz". There was also a very well received rendition of the Can Can by the Can Not's! Our Celtic Rock finale had everyone up on their feet.

The show was sold out both evenings, and although there were spare tickets for the Saturday afternoon, the audiences were all brilliant, and enthusiastic, participating throughout the shows. All the feedback indicated that everyone had really enjoyed the performances. This years event, once again, proves that we have a very wide spectrum of talented people in our community.

Thanks go to everybody involved in the show (and to their long suffering families), who took the time to attend rehearsals and help get the show on the road. Thanks also to all those who gave donations, placed adverts in the programme and bought tickets. It's incredible what a bit of effort and community spirit can achieve.

As for the next show - "Watch this Space!"

**Fiona Stoddart, Rachel Anderson & Angie MacKinnon**

### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear All

It is becoming increasingly concerning and embarrassing both to visitors to the scheme and as a resident of Newton Park, the increased lack of thought towards child road safety and lack of car parking availability within the scheme for visitors, due to residents who own more than one vehicle also using the roadside for parking despite each driveway within the scheme having ample space to accommodate two vehicles.

Children living within the scheme enjoy visiting the ice-cream van and in their excitement often forget to stop, look and listen when about to cross the road. Residents cars parked on the roadside also make it extremely difficult for youngsters to see oncoming traffic. It is perhaps not considerate to also expect our more mature, retired generation of drivers to have to make frequent allowances just in order to access their own driveways because other residents decide to park their car on the roadside.

The scheme road belongs to the Local Authority and unfortunately roadside parking slots are not actually automatic ownership of residents. Therefore naturally this does not give residents the right to assume car parking areas in front of their house on the roadside, or that visitors be expected to move their vehicles to allow other residents to park outside

their home, or in order to allow important Local Authority vehicles to carry out services, for example snow ploughs, refuse collection and road sweepers - a service which we all expect provision for and pay for through our Council Tax.

Life today for most is very busy and it is said time over again perhaps too busy! Often families require two vehicles as both parents work; maybe some residents work different shift patterns and find it frustrating and inconvenient to have to shuffle their cars on a daily basis - but why not? The Village of Kirkhill has a fantastic community spirit so *please* don't forget to take the time to consider other scheme residents and users.

**Newton Park Resident**  
**Name and Address withheld**