

# Crannog

OCTOBER 03

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Community Council meets approximately every six weeks and all meetings are open to members of the Community. If you have any queries you would like addressed please come along and raise your concerns or alternatively you could speak to your local Community Councillor.

### COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

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The Community Council meetings for the rest of the year are as follows:

9<sup>th</sup> October  
20<sup>th</sup> November

All meetings commence at 7.30pm and are held in Kirkhill Primary School.

## ***JESSIE SCOTT - 100 HAPPY YEARS!***

Jessie celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 14<sup>th</sup> August in Lentran House Nursing Home joined by family and her many friends, some of them her former neighbours from Kirkhill. The staff at Lentran House organised a tea party for her and the occasion was enjoyed by all.

Jessie was born in 1903 in Foyers, where she grew up and went on to work as a housemaid in some of the local "big houses", including Knockie, the old Craigdarroch and the Bay House, Foyers. She also worked at the Men's Hostel in Lower Foyers.

She met Duncan (Dunc) Scott (her husband to be), when he came to Foyers to work. They were married in 1947 and went to stay at Newtonhill, Lentran until Duncan's retirement in 1968. They then moved to Albany Place Kirkhill where he and Jessie had many happy years until his death in 1990. Jessie continued to reside in Kirkhill right up until this year.

Jessie always enjoyed being a full time housewife and living quietly. Her interests included needlecraft such as sewing, knitting and crochet. She also loved to bake.

Many happy returns Jessie, here's to the next hundred!

## ***KIRK HILL TOTS***

Kirkhill Tots Group meet every Wednesday in the Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. We take a break for the school holidays. Mums, Dads, and other carers are welcome with their little ones ~ we currently have up to 15 children from the ages of newborn to three, with older children able to come along when Nursery finishes at half-past eleven.

The atmosphere is very relaxed ~ two volunteers set out the toys and the snacks and the rest watch their children play, with a cup of tea or coffee. Our fees are set very low, at £1 a week or £1.50 per family. Nursery age children do not pay because they are not here for the full session. We also have an annual registration fee, £5, which helps cover improvements, rent and the fun days at the end of every term.

Recently we have had to cut back on our trips because some parents have children in Nursery on those days and some do not have cars so it would be unfair to leave some children out. However, we had great fun at Christmas when Santa came to visit and a bouncy castle at Easter and Summer ends of term.

At the moment we are fundraising for new safety mats and you might have seen our anagram and colouring competitions in the local shops. Any support in the future would be welcomed. We also raised enough at the car boot sale to upgrade our

toys and we now have a sand tray for lots of constructive fun. We have lots of new ideas for fundraising, so please browse at our stall at the Craft Fair in November and buy some raffle tickets nearer Christmas.

If you are new to the area or you just haven't got around to visiting the Hall yet, please come and meet us!

**Kirkhill Tots Group**

### ***KIRK HILL INDOOR BOWLING CLUB***

The bowling club started the season on the 29<sup>th</sup> September, bowling every Monday at 7.00pm in Kirkhill Community Centre.

New members always welcome. Club bowls provided.

**Contact Madda on 831251**

### ***KIRK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION***

After the great success we experienced last year, the Parent Association of Kirkhill School are planning another Christmas Fair with Charity Auction to raise money for equipment for the school. This event will be held at Kirkhill Community Centre on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00pm. This is a fun event for all the family with Father Christmas putting in an appearance. There will be home baking, raffles, lots of side stalls with ideas and presents for Christmas, culminating in the Auction of all sorts of goodies. Everyone will be most welcome.

Another forthcoming attraction will be a Ladies Night at the Community Centre in the New Year to try and beat those winter blues. Strictly for Ladies who enjoy a night out with friends who want to be pampered and indulged. All proceeds raised will be for the benefit of Kirkhill School.

### ***KIRK HILL & BUNCHREW SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB***

The Senior Citizens' Club closed down in April for the summer season. Now we are looking forward to the start of the Indoor Bowling. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at the Community Centre, Kirkhill 2.00 – 4.00pm (weekly thereafter). New members will be made welcome, bowls are available t come along and "have a go".

**Contact Madda 831521**

### ***KIRK HILL & BUNCHREW SENIOR***

### ***CITIZENS' LUNCHEON CLUB***

The first meeting of the Luncheon Club for the session 2003/04 took place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The next meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> October. These meetings are held in Kirkhill Community Centre on the first Wednesday in each month at 12.15pm except when the school is on holiday. We look forward to greeting new members.

**Contact Madda 831521**

### ***KIRK HILL S.W.R.I***

I thought a potted history of the S.W.R.I. movement might be of interest.

The first Women's Institute was formed at Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada on 19<sup>th</sup> February 1897. It's objective was to form a society for women comparable with the Society for Men, known as the Farmer's Institute. Gradually the movement spread to Europe and the first Institute in Scotland, at Longniddry, East Lothian, was started in 1917.

The Organisation is managed by and for its' members. It is non political, non sectarian and has not set upper or lower age limit. Our monthly magazine, "Scottish Home and Country" (which was founded in 1924) keeps the membership up to date with information at National as well as Institute level. There are several aims of the S.W.R.I., two of which are – To encourage home skills and - To preserve the traditions of rural Scotland.

Kirkhill Institute was started in October 1948. For the first two years the monthly meetings were held in Inchmore Primary School – complete with paraffin stove and lamps – as there were no funds to pay for the use of the Community Hall! We are very privileged to have within our membership, one of the founder members, Mrs Nancy Paterson, who has been a continuous member throughout the last 55 years.

One of our contributions to the community is that we currently host the Senior Citizens Christmas Party. To augment our funds for this event, we shall be holding a Coffee Morning with all the usual stalls – Baking, Bric a Brac, Produce etc on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am to 12 noon. Your support, in person or by donation will be greatly appreciated. The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. Invitations will be delivered during November. If you feel that you qualify for one, but do not receive one, please contact me or any of our members.

Here in Kirkhill, our current membership is in excess of 30 enthusiastic members, whose warm fellowship

to one another has been proven time and time again. There is always a sincere welcome to new members.

**Margaret Shiels, President – 831343**

### ***KIRK HILL BADMINTON CLUB***

The old Kirkhill Badminton Club which ceased to play in the Inchmore Hall in the late eighties had a balance of £414.00 in the bank. After consultation with various member of the club it was decided to donate this money to charity. The sum of money was split between the Highland Hospice and the Sick Children's Department in Raigmore, each receiving £207.00. Letters thanking the club members for their generosity has been received from the two organisations.

**A Munro**

### ***KIRK HILL PARISH CHURCH***

Kirkhill Parish Church meets for worship each Sunday at 10.30am and during the months of October and November, we are looking at the seven signs (ie miracles) in John's Gospel.

The minister is running a series of classes over the coming months for those who wish to explore the possibility of membership of the Church. The classes are also for adherents and members who want a better understanding of the Biblical and Historical Reformed Faith of the Church of Scotland. Classes meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm in Kirkhill Church commencing with Class 1 on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September and Class 2 meets on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

The Church will meet for a series of twice a monthly Bible Study lectures with a time for open prayer; in the first instance at Kirkhill on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm then at Kiltarlity on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, thereafter 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Kirkhill; 6<sup>th</sup> November at Kiltarlity; 20<sup>th</sup> November at Kirkhill and so on fortnightly in rotation. There is also a Ladies Bible Study meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at Wardlaw Manse.

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, there is a Fellowship Meal with a speaker at Brockies Lodge; tickets are a reasonable £10.00 per head. For further details of any of the above please contact the minister Fraser K Turner on 831662 or email at [fraseratq@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fraseratq@yahoo.co.uk)

***K.D.A.A.***

### ***KIRK HILL GALA 2003***

On behalf of the members of the Kirkhill District Amenities Association I would like to thank everyone who attended the events over the Gala weekend on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June. It was both successful and enjoyable with the numbers up on the previous years.

Burgers and beer disappeared by the mouthful – apologies to anyone who wanted more!

It was a busy morning as usual with people coming and going, everyone knowing what they wanted to do and getting on with it. The Queen, Jill Collins, and Princesses Nicola German and Kerri Stoddart were lovely in their gowns and enjoyed being transported in real style by a horse and carriage. Chris Ford, Acting Head Teacher, Kirkhill Primary School, was delighted to be asked to officially open the Gala and crown the Queen and Princesses.

As usual there are too many individuals and groups to thank for their support which makes this annual event a success. This year you helped raise approximately £2,400, by supporting local events as well as the Gala Day.

This year I hope you have noticed the repairs and maintenance that have been carried out in and around the Hall. In total it has cost almost £5,000. It was decided by the Committee that since it was unlikely we would be successful in finding funding for the Hall extension in 2003, it would be more meaningful to tidy up the Hall inside and out so that users of the Hall and the community would benefit **now** from all the fund raising events.

To enable the Committee to constantly maintain the Hall to its present high standard, it is important that the community show their continuing support by attending the Annual General Meeting which has been arranged for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November in the Community Centre at 8.15pm. We look forward to seeing you then. If you cannot attend but would like to take part in the arrangements for the Gala Day please would you contact Liz on 831407 or Wilma on 831737.

**Liz Robertson, Chairperson, KDA A**

#### **KIRK HILL & DISTRICT AMENITIES ASS.**

**CRAFT & GIFT FAYRE**

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.00AM – 3.00PM**

**COMMUNITY CENTRE, KIRK HILL**

**Contact Wilma Williamson 831737**

#### ***CRAFT CLUB***

Once again, after enjoying the "summer break", and lovely weather, our new session will begin on the afternoon of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 1.15 until 3.15pm. The club is open to anyone who is interested in handiwork, knitting, sewing etc. New members will be given a warm welcome.

**Contact Wilma on 831737**

#### ***IN MEMORIUM***

The Luncheon Club and Senior Citizens Club have lost a very dear friend in the death of Greta Aitken on 6<sup>th</sup>

Enquiries to Elizabeth Fraser on 729477

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The School of Dancing has been busy over the summer months here are published a list of some of the winners. Unfortunately we don't have space to list them all but congratulations to all the dancers who won medals. Here are some of the prize winners.

Results of Examinations:

Examiners: Miss Alison Gordon, Cabrach, Huntly  
Miss Mini Mackay, Thurso

Master Plaque Uni-Ted:

Melissa Fife, Kirkhill – Highly Commended.

Uni-Ted Badge: The following dancers were Highly Commended.

Elsie Lyall, Kirkhill; Emma Mackenzie, Dunballoch; Kathryn Brown, Kiltarlity; Caitlin Sandilands, Kiltarlity.

Centenary Bear:

The following dancers were highly commended:  
Debbie Grant, Kirkhill; Rhiannon MacDonald, Kirkhill, Erin Morrison, Kirkhill; Lucy McKean, Kirkhill.

National Master Plaque:

Scottish Lilt and Flora MacDonald's Fancy  
Katie Wright, Lentrán; Highly Commended

Bronze Heilan' Laddie

Eilidh Fife, Kirkhill – Honours

Bronze Scottish Lilt

Eilidh Fife, Kikhill - Honours

Bronze Flora MacDonald's Fancy

Eilidh Fife, Kirkhill – Honours

Highland Dance Classes, Kirkhill Community Centre

**KIRKHILL POST OFFICE**

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