

The New Strath Times

Welcome to the Winter Edition !

We're delighted to produce a further seasonal edition and appreciate all the contributions from people in the community. It's fantastic to see so much going on in the locality and surrounding areas.

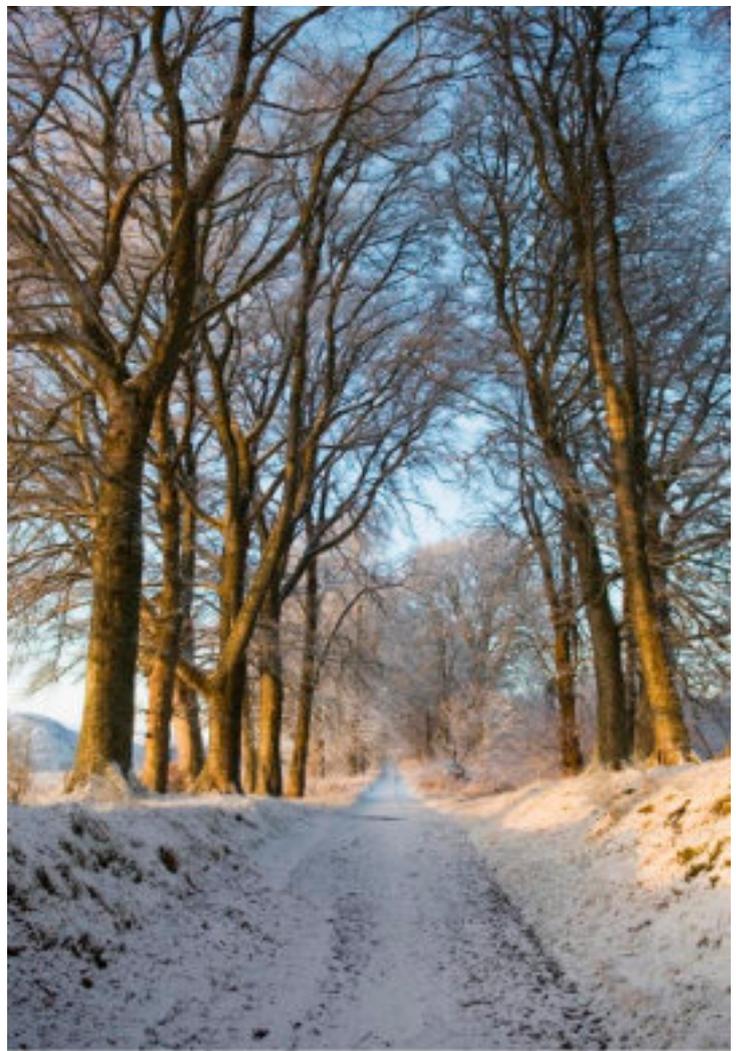
As autumn colours fade and the trees become their skeletal selves. The nights become longer, fires lit and we retreat to the warmth of our homes. We are still emerging from lock-downs and our imposed isolation, like bears in hibernation, rubbing our eyes and absorbing our 'new world'.

Caution and staying safe remain a constant in our environment, yet reflections of our experiences have given us different freedoms and courage. We have still linked together with family and friends in different ways. We have still walked along our beautiful paths, appreciating the autumn/winter skies and changes of light, bringing a different kind of magic. So let us continue to revel in the marvellous. "We may have to seek some solitude, but let's not isolate from the marvellous"

From Keeping the Smoke Hole Open, Emergence Magazine, Martin Shaw.

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Coul Woods in winter
Clain Serjeant



Strathpeffer's Great Christmas Quest

Saturday
12th
December

More details
to follow soon!

Family Fun throughout the Village!



HIGHLAND
MUSEUM OF
CHILDHOOD



We've changed our opening times to seasonal opening and plan to stay open all year. We're usually closed for the winter season and planning our 'behind the scenes' list of jobs to be done before we reopen in the Spring. Not this year! This year we are remaining open throughout the winter months so please come along and support The Highland Museum of Childhood by visiting the newly refurbished exhibition space or our wee shop where you will find lovely books and toys for children and quirky gifts for grown-ups.

If you have recently visited the Museum you will have seen some of our seasonal displays about traditions such as Halloween and Guy Fawkes. The pupils of P4, Strathpeffer Primary School, made a fantastic effigy of Guy Fawkes which will remain on display throughout November - so do pop along and take a look. Further temporary displays are planned about winter traditions, Christmas and Hogmanay.

There is much excitement at The Old Station for our Traditional Winter Market which we will host on Saturday 28 November. This is a great opportunity to shop in a unique location whilst supporting local artisan producers and

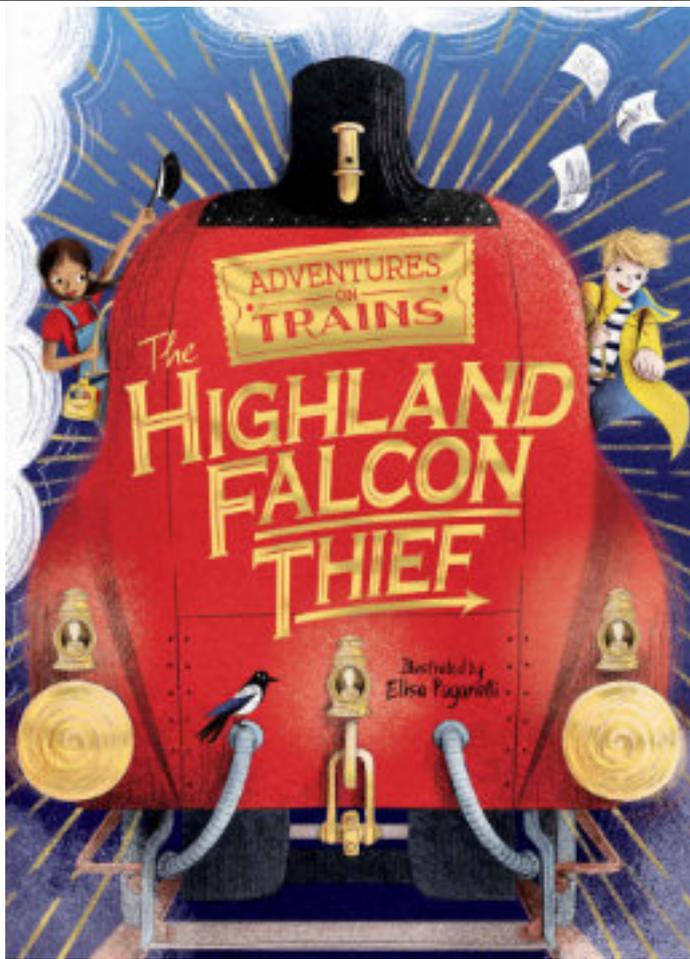
crafters. A further Christmas themed Family Fun Event is planned for December so watch for further announcements.

The Museum will continue to host its popular children's craft workshops throughout the winter. Do keep an eye for dates on our Facebook page and website. However, we regret, that due to recommended guidance on safe social contact, our crafting workshops for adults have been postponed.

Why not become a member the Museum? Membership entitles you to free entry into the museum and half-price workshop fees.

Heartfelt thanks to all our registered members of The Highland Museum of Childhood your support means so much to the Museum and its staff.





'The Highland Falcon Thief'

By M.G. Leonard & Sam Sedgman

illustrated by Elisa Paganelli

Macmillan Children's Books (£3.49 from Amazon)

ADVENTURES ON TRAINS is a thrilling series of books for readers aged 8 -12. 'The Highland Falcon Thief' is the first book in the series and is a classic 'whodunit' brought enthusiastically up-to-date by award-winning team M.G Leonard, Sam Sedgman and Elisa Paganelli. It is the story of 11yr old Harrison Beck - Hal - who reluctantly agrees to accompany his Uncle Nat on the final journey of Britain's most famous steam train 'The Highland Falcon'. Hal is convinced that spending four days aboard a train with a bunch of boring grown-ups is bound to be the dulllest four days of his life until precious jewels start to go missing. The mystery begins at London King's Cross and steams its way to York, Edinburgh, Dundee, Ballater for Balmoral and beyond. There is a thief aboard this train and Hal is determined to find out who it is. So if you are in P5,P6,P7 and looking for a good read then

why not channel your inner detective and help Hal and his new friend Lenny solve the mystery of 'The Highland Falcon Thief'.

One or two signed copies of the book will be available for purchase from The Highland Museum of Childhood at the Old Railway Station.



Interfaith Scotland

Inverness Interfaith Group

Our group exists to encourage people of all faiths and beliefs to come together to develop good relations. We organise events which we hope will promote dialogue and celebrate diversity. A major feature is gathering to share food and experiences. We believe that such sharing helps break down barriers of discrimination and prejudice and promotes friendship. Scottish Interfaith Week is an annual event, promoted by Interfaith Scotland. In November there were many events taking place all over Scotland. This year's theme was 'Connecting'.

Like many organisations we have had to stop meeting for the time being, but we look forward to the time when restrictions will be lifted and we can gather together again. Meanwhile, if you would like to know more about the group, please contact me (Marlene Finlayson) on ☎01997 423232, or www.interfaithscotland.org

Highland author launches debut picture book



I first met Corrina Campbell a few years ago at a creative writing workshop I had organised at Strathpeffer's Highland Museum of Childhood. It was immediately evident that Corrina, a primary school teacher from Inverness, was a gifted illustrator and storyteller. In 2019, following a successful Twitter Pitch at an annual event run by XPONORTH, Corrina secured a publishing contract with Oban based, award-winning children's publisher, Little Door Books.

'The Girl Who Stole the Stars' is an enchanting debut picture book for children aged three to seven years. It is about a little girl, a sky full of stars, a magical ladder and a Santa who cannot find his way. Colourfully illustrated, Corrina's cheerful artwork brings the story to life. A message about actions having consequences is gently laced through the story without a hint of preachiness. However, the real star of this delightful debut picture book is Corrina's insightful choice of engaging language. Like all good picture books Corrina's thoughtful story-telling will encourage young minds to explore and chat about ideas beyond the page. It is a perfect book for sharing aloud either at home or in a classroom setting. To accompany the book, Corrina has also created a free, downloadable Educational Resource Pack for schools. See her website www.corrinacampbell.com

'The Girl Who Stole the Stars' can be bought from Waterstones and Amazon but if at all possible please consider ordering this book from one of the independent bookshops based in the Highlands - these independent bookshops have been offering excellent service throughout the pandemic and deserve our support.

Porridge and Fish

As we move into the winter months there is nothing more warming than a bowl of porridge. I found this historical description of the wonders of oatmeal and fish in the locality.

The Biography of Strathpeffer, Scotland's Famous Spa, and District By Clarence Finlayson

"Oatmeal was the staple diet among the great bulk of country people, and wages were often paid in meal and milk. Meal of course made porridge. This was not the tame watery concoction common in more refined places in the south. Into boiling water a steady stream of meal was stirred for about ten minutes. Salt was added and another ten minutes allowed for simmering. It was then served immediately, each spoonful of porridge being dipped by the eater into a bowl of milk. While lumps were not favoured, the average Highlander liked his porridge thick. Products of oats included other items such as bannocks or oatcakes, gruel, sowens* and stapag**. Brose was a dish to which the writer was addicted as a boy. Nothing, except a boiled egg, could be simpler in preparation: some meal in a bowl with a pinch of salt, boiling water stirred in to achieve the consistency of stiff dough, a cover briefly placed over for a not very apparent reason, milk poured on - and there's your breakfast! *A dish made by steeping and fermenting the husks, 'seeds' or siftings of oats in water, and then boiling (Chambers Scots Dictionary). **A mixture of oat-meal and cold water, 'drammock' (Chambers Scots Dictionary). Oatmeal was basic to a degree we can scarcely comprehend nowadays. As late as the middle of the last century, in a small town like Dingwall there were several shops which sold nothing else. However, a barrel of salted herring was the great standby in many crofting homes; without it, the day's main meals were chiefly porridge and potatoes; with it, as Colin MacDonald observes, they were chiefly porridge, potatoes and herring!*** "

"Country people did their rounds frequently with eggs, rabbits etc to sell, but the most interesting arrivals would be when a bevy of fishwives from the seaboard of Easter Ross debouched from the train, be-shawled and with large black creels on their backs. As the one who usually visited us entered our kitchen she always pronounced a blessing on the house as she proceeded to the sink to gut the purchased fish. What a hard life these women had! Early in the day they set off laden to walk the five miles to Fearn station. There they took the train to Dingwall where they changed for Strathpeffer. In the spa they did their rounds, receiving at one place or another a welcome cup of tea."

Strathpeffer Together

Some months ago, a new group made up of representatives from the following groups was created:

- Strathpeffer Community Council,
- Strathpeffer Residents' Association (who are developing the play park),
- The Highland Museum of Childhood,
- The Strathpeffer Community Association (who own and operate the Community Centre),
- The Strathpeffer Pavilion Community Trust (who now own the Pavilion, pump room and gardens),
- St Anne's Church,
- The Strathpeffer Golf Club
- The Strathpeffer Shinty Club.

This group is called "Strathpeffer Together". Bringing these different groups under the one umbrella group to work more closely together on issues such as raising funding was one of the key themes of the Village Community Action Plan which was published in 2019. Another action in the plan was to create a Development Trust for the community. Work has begun to create this Trust using the existing company that owns and operates the Community Centre. The articles of association of this existing company will be amended to allow it to take on the role of a Development Trust.

If you are interested in getting involved in this new Trust please let us know by contacting Ron McAulay on ron.mcaulay@btopenworld.com. The Village Community Action plan is available to read on the village website – www.strathpeffer.org.

On the 15th October 2020, an open Zoom conference call was held with a wide group of people from around the village. The purpose of the call was to update folk on progress with an application being prepared by the "Strathpeffer Together" group to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Copies of the slides used during that video call are available to view on the website – www.strathpeffer.org.

The slides also list the projects that are being

considered under the funding application and we would welcome your views or thoughts on those projects. If you have ideas for other projects you would like to include in the application please let us know. Contact Ron McAulay on ron.mcaulay@btopenworld.com.

We also hope to carry out a survey of the community to gauge the level of support for these projects. If you receive a request to respond to a local survey from the "Strathpeffer Together" group please take the time to respond and let us know your views.

Strathpeffer Blooms 2021

We have all been making our gardens lovely during 2020, so how about sharing them with others and joining in with a Strathpeffer Open Gardens Weekend in May/June 2021?

The plan would be to have a whole weekend when visitors can tour the village seeing all the gardens which are open to for view - suitably socially distanced of course! We could even do a little bit of fundraising for extra plants for our village planters or whatever we agree is most needed.

Your garden really doesn't need to be completely weed-free on the day and it can be any size from a few pots of lovely annuals, to a fabulous raised bed of veg, to acres of cottage garden plants and shrubs. While we're getting our gardens ready to show off we can share our love of plants and enthusiasm for gardening, swap ideas, seeds and cuttings and encourage each other to grow more!

If you are interested in joining in and have ideas on how it could be done, please get in touch with Janet Bowen (janet@kinellan.org or ☎01997 421476) or Alison Munro (alisonmunro21@btinternet.com or ☎07901820935) and hopefully in the New Year we can set up an outdoor meeting to discuss.

Alison runs a small local gardening business offering help, advice and plants. You can contact her on Facebook 'Alison Munro Garden and Planting Advice'

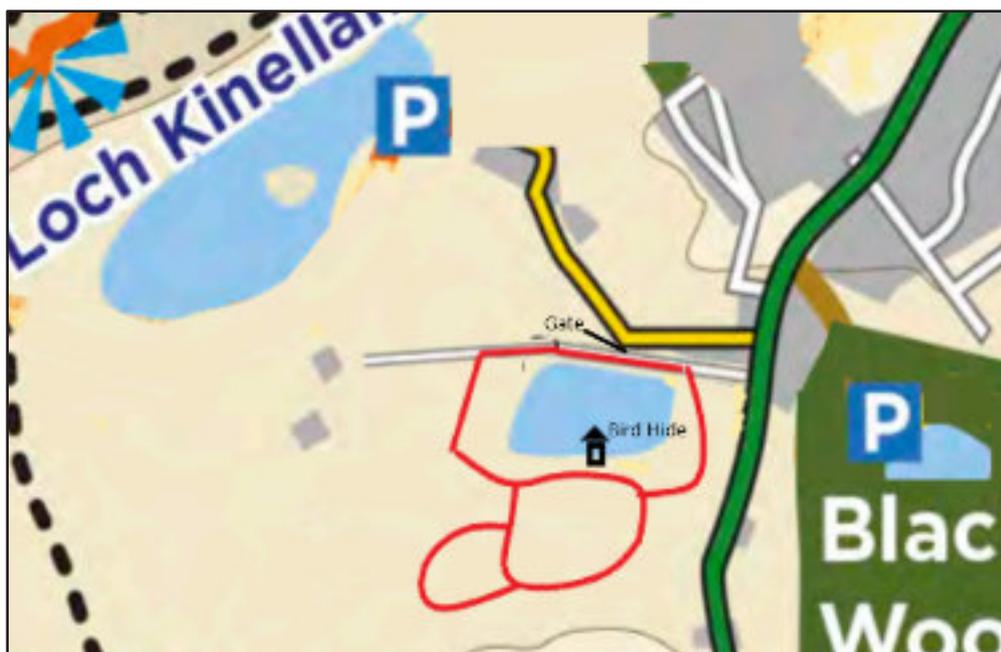
A SHORT WALK AT KINELLAN



Some 20 years ago we acquired a field below Kinellan with a blocked drain meaning that half the field was under water and a couple of years later we planted three small blocks of woodland. Ten years or so ago we built a path round the pond. But apart from that we have done nothing until very recently, other than let nature take its course and it's turned into a rather nice bit of habitat. Of late it's become something of a breeding spot for birds, last year at the end of the season we had some 200 birds on the lochan though sadly not this year, the dry conditions resulted in some algae condition which didn't suit our resident population.

A number of folk have discovered the lochan (still unnamed) and enjoy walking round it, and maybe others would enjoy it too, so come and have a look. The only catch is that there isn't any parking, in fact it's actively discouraged, so you will have to walk up from the village or across from the Blackmuir car park, but the map should help you find your way.

Recently, we have put in another path loop (which offers a fine view of the Ben across the water), put in a bird hide (so bring your binoculars when it gets to Spring) and we are looking at further diversification. But, do note it can get very wet underfoot at this time of year.



We get pleasure from sharing this with others but PLEASE * keep dogs under tight control (and in the bird breeding season on a lead), * don't feed the birds, * pick up and take away all litter especially dog poo bags and * stick to the paths. Thank you.

Strathpeffer Community Park update

As COVID-19 restrictions eased some of our wonderful volunteers made excellent progress keeping on top of the willow-herb around the park. Much of the work was done by hand and motorised scythe as we were unable to secure the usual hire of the sit-on Gorrilomower. Excellent work and thanks to everyone involved!

The illustration represents the winning tender design for the new and much needed children's play park we are aiming to deliver. It contains lots of interest for young and older children, as well as inclusive equipment that can be used by all abilities. And of course, there's a zip-line since this was on almost every child's wish-list when we conducted our consultation. Facilities like this, and the drainage and paths to support them, are not cheap, but we will get there!



Unfortunately, the asset transfer between the Highland Council and ourselves is still dragging on; this is entirely out with the Strathpeffer Residents' Association's control. We are pushing as hard as we can to ensure the transfer is concluded as soon as possible because we have limited ability to chase the large funding pots without ownership. However, despite this frustrating delay we still have a lot to celebrate; we have funds to purchase the land, planning permission, and a fantastic board full of new and old Trustees ready to deliver the Community Park.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the SRA Virtual Marathon over the October holidays. It seems that everyone had great fun despite the frequent showers! In a year where opportunities to raise funds have been somewhat limited this has been a lovely way for us to get active, have a good time, and move us a few steps closer to our new park.

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It initially takes a bit of effort to remember to use the referral link but soon becomes second nature. These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at [or scan this code:](#)

We would love to hear from you – below are the ways you can connect with us;

Website: www.sites.google.com/view/strathpeffer-residents

Project: www.strathpeffercommunitypark.org

E-Mail: Info@Strathresidents.onmicrosoft.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StrathpefferCommunityPark/

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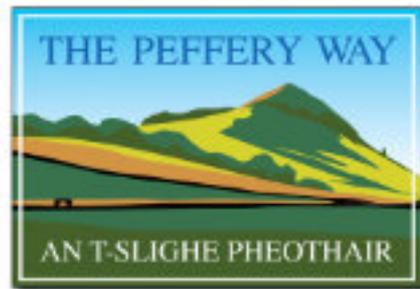
It's good to be back!

On 2nd November we re-opened our doors to the community. Like so many, we have been riding the storm of Covid19 but thankfully, with additional funding, we are here and ready for whatever comes next!

Throughout closure the Centre kept things ticking away in the background. Our 'phone line was redirected to the volunteers at Strath Hub who were on hand for anyone requiring assistance whilst shielding during lock down. We also donated our remaining cupboard and frozen stores to the Contin Food Bank. Additionally, we were able to provide temporary office space to Ross-shire TSI (formally Ross-shire Voluntary Action).

The Centre has now adapted to adhere to current government guidelines. This means we have once again been able to schedule Monday exercise classes like Kempo and Step by Step Jazz. Looking ahead we have started to book workshops for Spring 2021 and have tentatively pencilled in our usual annual events. Plans for the Centre's renovations are slowly falling in to place. The Wee Gym and the Achterneed Room are to become a separate nursery on a long-term rental agreement to the Highland Council. The newly designated nursery space will enable the primary school to provide the increased nursery hours introduced by the government. Work on the new nursery space (due to start 9th November) will last about six weeks. Included in the planned works will be an outdoor, enclosed play area to the rear of the building. This outdoor space will be for our pre-school groups and also for future children's summer activities and parties.

It's good to be back and we look forward to welcoming you through the doors again. Rest assured that we have not been taken over by any other organisation and we are still very much your local community centre. Do get in touch if you have any questions or you would like to book with us. The diary is open!



Turning funding into action

In late September, the Peffery Way Association (PWA) launched a crowd funding appeal to raise funds to complete the top layers or surfacing of a very difficult section of the path located at the bottom of Knockbain Hill on Knockbain farm adjacent to the operational railway. This section was the hardest part of the path to be built to date and was the most difficult section for walkers and cyclists to traverse over. While work on constructing the base or structure of this section was completed earlier in the year, the PWA needed more funds to finish it.

The funding target set was £10,000 and thanks to the very generous support of many people, that target amount has now been achieved. The funding page on the PWA website is still open if anyone still wants to donate at www.pefferywayassociation.scot

Work will now begin to finish off this section of the path. Further works to complete more sections of the path are planned for the spring of next year.





Strathpeffer Community Council

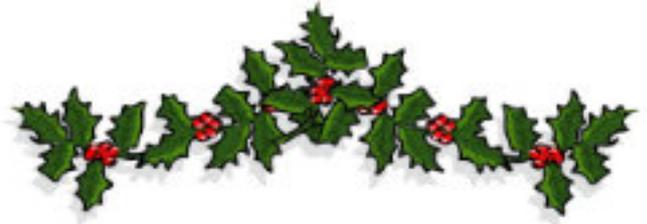
The Community Council (CC) continues to function during the restrictions imposed under the Covid-19 pandemic. Meetings have been held on the first Wednesday of each month using Zoom teleconferencing facilities. On Wednesday 4th November 2020, the CC held its AGM and a copy of the Chair's annual report is available to read on the village website – www.strathpeffer.org.

If you want to raise any issues please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of your local community councillors or email Ron McAulay at ron.mcaulay@btopenworld.com.

Improvements to the Square - new gazebo now in place



The steel frame of the new gazebo in the Square has now been erected. The contractor who will build the roof has ordered the new roof trusses and should be ready to install them in the next month or two. Once complete, the Gazebo will be available for all in the community to use. So far plans for it include: hosting outdoor plays and Highland Dancing events. Future Victorian markets and special events could also benefit from the Gazebo. Given the need for more outdoor spaces that can host events during the current pandemic restrictions, the Community Council is keen that the Gazebo is put to good use in the months ahead. If you have any ideas for events that could be held in the Gazebo please let us know – ron.mcaulay@btopenworld.com



CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE

On 11th and 12th December the Deli on the Square, in partnership with the Badachro Distillery, Gairloch, will jointly host a gin, rum and whisky tasting event. Throughout the two days the Badachro hospitality gazebo will make its home in the Square and in conjunction with the Deli will welcome customers to taste the many new and varied gin, rum and whisky samples on offer. This is an opportunity to 'try before you buy'. Full bottles will be on sale, ideal for Christmas presents or just a personal treat. Also available will be hot alcohol and non-alcoholic cocktails. With children in mind, there will be hot chocolate available for them to sample.

If there are any local producers who are looking for a seasonal platform to showcase their Christmas ideas then the Deli would love to hear from you. For further information contact the Deli on ☎ **01997 421259**.

During this event all Covid19 rules will be adhered to.



STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY CENTRE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS COMPETITION!!



Over the course of 12 days we will be hiding a Christmas stone somewhere in the village...

We will be posting a clue each day on our Facebook page to give you a clue of where it might be found!

If you find one of our stones you will need to take a photograph of yourself with the stone and post it on the Strathpeffer Community Centre FB page... and use the hashtags below!

#STRATHCOMMCENT #BUYLOCAL #12DAYSOFCHRISTMAS

Each individual stone will be worth a £10 voucher for one of our local businesses.

The first person to find the stone must take it away with them please as there can only be one winner each day!

**THE FIRST STONE WILL BE HIDDEN ON THE 1ST OF DECEMBER!
GOOD LUCK!!**

STRATHPEFFER & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ROWING CLUB (SDRC)

In March SDRC started "Come & Try" sessions from the rowing base at Storehouse of Foulis and building a second skiff. During lock-down rowing ceased, but continued fund-raising towards a new storage and welfare cabin as well as extra life-jackets to comply with COVID regulations.

Regular online fun quizzes have kept in touch with members through social media. In July the new cabin was delivered to the Storehouse and has proved invaluable for all equipment to be sanitised and dried before each row.

On 22nd August, rowing recommenced and there have been at least two rows per week enjoyed by members since then.

SDRC strictly follows Government COVID regulations alongside Sport Scotland and the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association guidance.

Tor Justad noted

"SDCRC has just been informed that they have been successful in grant applications to the Mackenzie New York Villa Trust and the EDF Corriemoillie Strathpeffer Fund towards costs related to the new skiff. SDRC is very grateful to both funds for their support"

Do read 'Five Men, a Boat and Dingwall Canal' as this tale illustrates the sense of fun and social benefit that the Club provides. We welcome people of all ages, genders, and abilities in taking part in a healthy outdoor activity that benefits mental and physical well-being – on this occasion it was the seniors in action!

Associate Membership allows for 2 free rows on a "Come & Try" basis and you can join the Club by completing a form on www.strathpefferrowing.co.uk

For further information please contact :

Tor Justad (SDCRC Trustee / Board member)
tor.justad@btinternet.com or ☎07710 392 666

Five men, a boat and Dingwall Canal



In September an intrepid crew, coxed by Allan Mackenzie undertook a very novel and exciting voyage, following the route taken by many small cargo boats, initially by the Vikings up the Peffery and later in the 1800's.

Dingwall Canal was built in the early 1800's by Thomas Telford. It allowed ships of some size to enter Dingwall from the Cromarty Firth. There was a harbour where Peffery Park is now situated just behind Tesco's. The Canal went out of use in the 1860's when the railway reached Dingwall. Allan wrote up the tale of the voyage.

"I don't usually comment on individual rows, but yesterday's row was exceptional, so I'll bore everyone with a wee description. Four Ancient Mariners and their youthful Cap'n set off on a real 'Boys Own' adventure in beautiful weather and light winds around 10am"

The intention had been to dodge around the piles of the Cromarty Bridge to improve our manoeuvring skills, we managed this for a while until I misjudged one of the turns!

The weather was still fine, the tide was high, so we set off across the bay towards the entrance to the Dingwall Canal. We set off in intrepid fashion, under the first footbridge and into the canal proper. It was idyllic, reminding us of the Canal du Midi, with overhanging trees and rustling reeds and once past the effluent, we were into the waters of the river Peffery, which feeds the Canal.

The railway bridge was relatively straightforward to navigate by 'walking' the boat through with our hands above our heads. The canal then takes a turn to its left avoiding the site of Dingwall Castle and the next obstacle was the road bridge, known as 'Peter's Bridge'. Not easy to navigate as we brought the oars inboard and everyone crouched down as the boat moved through by momentum alone.

As we neared journey's end, we moved through reeds and tree branches to enter a deep wide pool which would have been the entrance to Dingwall harbour. So, a historical journey and the first time "Grebe" (the Club's first St Ayles Skiff with 4 rowers and a cox) had reached Dingwall Canal and probably the first time in 100 years that a boat of this size had self-propelled itself into the centre of Dingwall !!!"

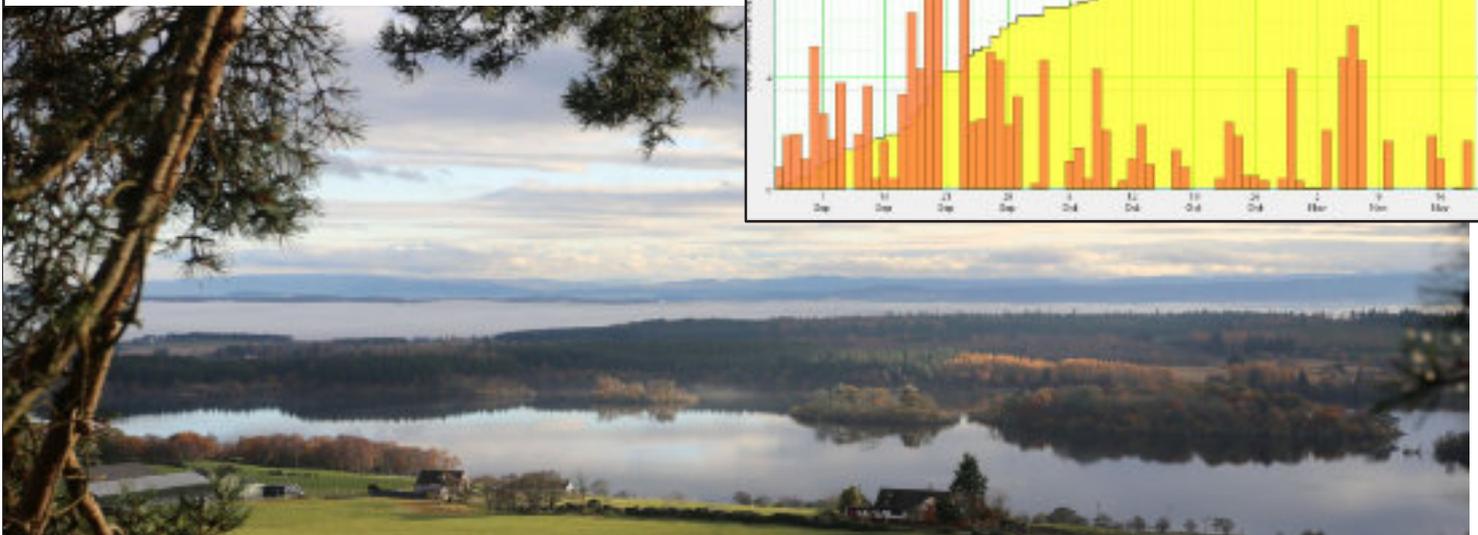
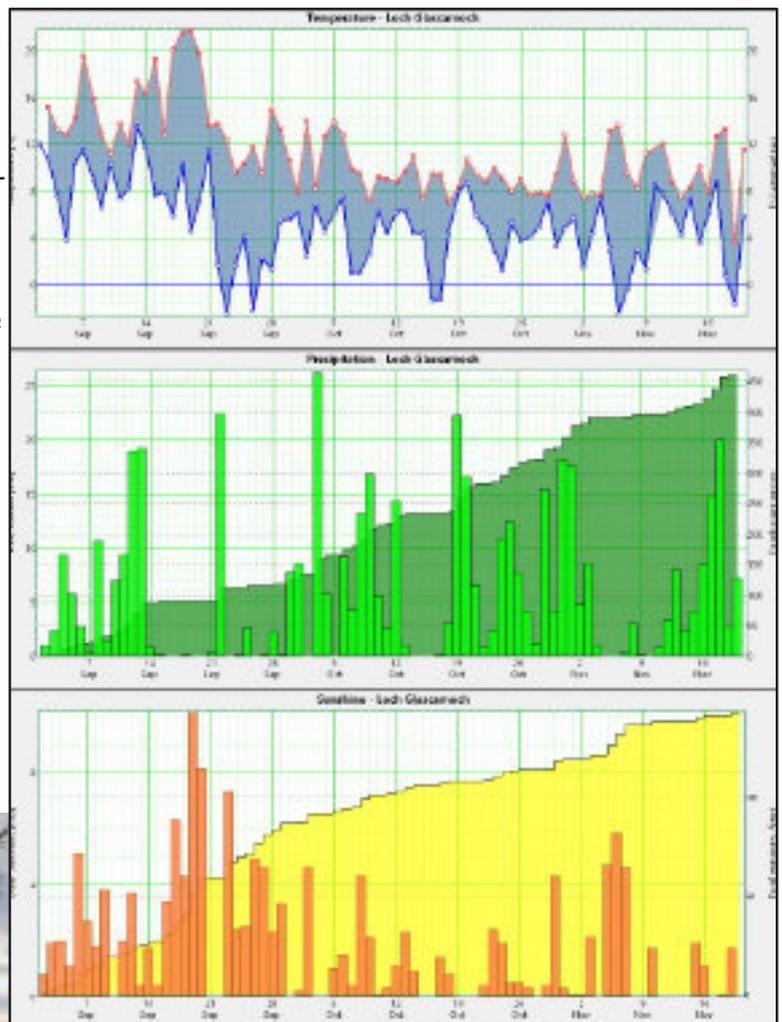
WEATHER REPORT - JANUARY 1955 - THE BIG FREEZE

In January 1955 the British Isles was brought to a complete standstill by blizzards and freezing conditions. Worst affected were the Highlands and Islands. Entire communities were cut off for weeks. The situation was so serious that Royal Navy helicopters (Wick)and RAF aircraft (Kinloss) were scrambled to deliver food, medical supplies and animal feed. It was known as 'Operation Snowdrop'. There is some fascinating Pathe News footage available to view, just type 'Operation Snowdrop' into your search engine.

Neil MacDonald (Heights of Inchvannie) remembers that Big Freeze of 1955 very well. He was 17 years old and had just bought his first car, a 1936 Austin 7. He was driving home from work to New House Croft, Heights of Fodderty, where he lived with his parents, brothers and sisters. In those days, the Heights Road was little more than a maintained stone track but on that freezing night the steep and winding incline above the level crossing was additionally challenging, especially for a newly qualified driver. The young Neil MacDonald decided to park his car in the old quarry about 200m below his parent's house and walk the last part of the journey. The following morning Neil and his brother trudged down from the house, through knee-high snow, only to discover that the Austin 7 had completely disappeared under a snowdrift. The brothers dug the car out, cleared the snow from under the bonnet, dried the leads and with just one crank and a few choice words the engine started. Unfortunately, despite its reliable start, the Austin 7 wasn't going anywhere because the Heights road was blocked in both directions. and the two MacDonald brothers had to wait for several hours for the road to be cleared.

Weather this Autumn

The weather so far this Autumn has been generally mild, wet and rather cloudy with the weather station at Loch Glascarnoch recording 450 mm of rain that's well over 17 inches of rain in less than three months. It's a good job that the 'rain shadow' plays a big part in the weather in our part of Easter Ross so Strathpeffer has seen less than half the total that higher ground to the west has received. That also applies to sunshine as well, while Glascarnoch has seen only 120 hours, places to the east along the Moray coast have seen 220 hours. Dull short days can be depressing so it's good to get out when a rare sunny day comes along.



Pavilion

EST. 1881

STRATHPEFFER PAVILION COMMUNITY TRUST (SPCT)

The first newsletter of the Strathpeffer Pavilion Community Trust (SPCT) is now available to read via our Facebook page. SPCT would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community, local businesses, councillors and our amazing volunteers for contributing so much time, energy, support and encouragement to the Trust.

A special word about The Pump Room - We have received some great ideas from people interested in renting the Pump Room. Sadly, at the moment, the Pump Room is in need of a lot of maintenance and renovation. We have put plans in place to address this and aim to see the property go back on the market for commercial leasing when we can.

Join Us - The Trust thrives on members who support the organisation and we really do feed off their support, ideas and energy, so it would be great if you could join us. There are no charges and it's open to anyone aged 16 or over who lives in the Strathpeffer Community Council area. Being a member entitles you to have a say in the running of the SPCT, vote in elections for the Board of Trustees and to stand for a Trustee position. Should you choose to stand as a Trustee you would be helping to protect our most iconic buildings so they can continue to provide benefits for Strathpeffer and the wider Highland community.

Please sign up and join the team by completing a short membership form.



www.strathpeffer.org

*** Job Opportunity *** Part-time

**Local Young man
physically and learning disabled
requires a personal assistant
to provide care
and to enable
outdoor/leisure activities**

**Above average hourly rates
full driving licence essential
for further details
and to arrange informal chat
please contact
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