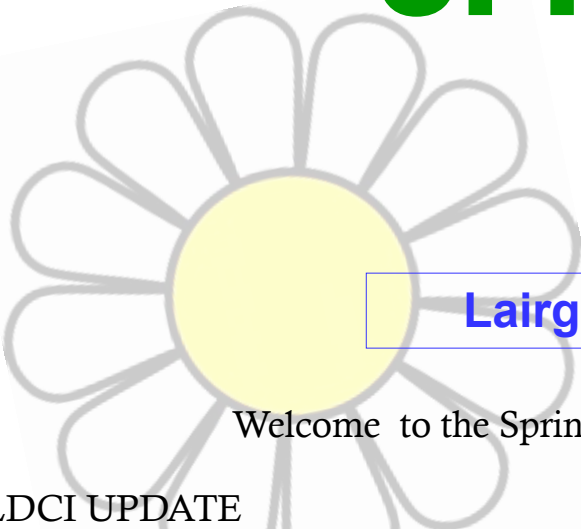


SPRING EDITION 2015



Lairg & District Community Initiative

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Community Newsletter!

LDCI UPDATE

Development Officer Post

We have great delight in announcing that we have been successful in being awarded £55,000 over a 3 year period for the Development Officer Post.

Many thanks to SSE Achany Wind Farm for their support with this grant.



Churchill Path

We were unsuccessful in being granted the funding for the upgrade of the Churchill Wood Path and for additional extras to be situated around the walk, from Scottish Sea Farms, "Heart of The Community" Fund. We are currently looking for potential funders.

However, we will continue to keep the area tidy and will be looking for willing volunteers for the clean of the Churchill Path in April or May. Date to be confirmed

LDCI

Community Action Plan

Taking all the suggestions that were given by the local community. We are in the process of developing an action plan.

The action plan will cover the next 3 years and will be available at the next public meeting

Spring is the time of plans and projects." — Leo

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

LDCI have been assisting/ supporting or working in partnership with the following groups:

- Loch Shin Sailing Group: Funding Applications
- Children's Play Day, Assisting with setting up of hall and events
- PTA, assisting with the arrangements of the Frozen Disco
- LCA, Assisting with queries, research into funding and the Community Fitness Room

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

LDCI went on a visit to 2 social enterprises, Restart and Orkney Soap.

The reason behind the visit was to see the different types of social enterprise that can be established and how the work that they do has an effect on the community, and if there were any ideas that could be taken to Lairg Community.

The visits were very successful and ideas will be presented to the public at our next open meeting.

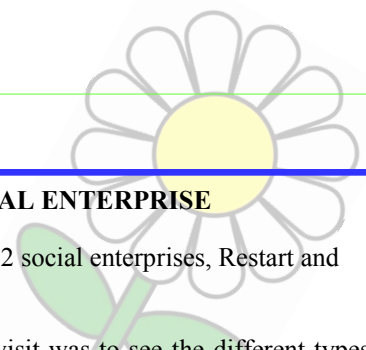
If you have any suggestions or ideas for potential projects for the community or wish to have an article added to the quarterly newsletter, please contact:

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Lairg Community Centre

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www.lairginitiative.co.uk



WHAT'S ON.....

Pilates Classes: Every Monday morning in Lairg Community Centre from 11.30am-12.30pm

Sewing Club: Every Monday evening in Lairg Community Centre at 7.30pm

Whist Drive: Every Monday at 7.30pm in Lairg Community Centre

Families First: Every Tuesday (during term time) from 11.30am in Lairg Community Centre

Lairg Art Group: Every Tuesday @ 1.30-4pm in Lairg Community Centre

Lairg Bowling Club: Every Tuesday at 7.30pm in Lairg Community Centre

Lairg Play Day: Every Wednesday from 12 noon in Lairg Community Centre

Appalachian Dancing: Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in Lairg Community Centre

Table Tennis Club: Every Wednesday at 6.30pm in Lairg Community Centre (Term time only)

Crofters Show

Quiz Night

Achness Hotel

Friday 10th April 2015

8.00pm

Teams of 4 or less

Entry Fee £1.50 per person

LAIRG LIBRARY

Lairg Library is situated in Lairg Community Centre and offers various services to the community and visitors and disability friendly. Anyone can join the library for free. Wi- Fi service will be available in Lairg Library soon.

Services:

- Borrowing various types of Books for FREE: Fiction, Non Fiction, Autobiographies, Health & Wellbeing, maps, Large Print resources...
- DVDs for children and adults
- Audiobooks & e-Readers
- Local and reference collection
- 2 Free Public Computers with Internet access
- Computer printing, Fax, Photocopy and Scanner
- Kids corner; Books, DVDs,
- Bookbug Sessions every Tuesday 11-12.15 (School term)
- Leaflets and catalogues of local services

Online Services:

- You can access your account online 24/7
- See what's available in every library in the Highlands
- Request books, DVDs and renew your items
- Download, e-books, apps and much more.

Contact details:

Lairg Library, Community Centre, Main Street, Lairg

Telephone: 01549 402577

Email: lairg.library@highlifehighland.com

Opening Hours:

Monday	10.00 – 12.00, 14:30 – 17:00
Tuesday	14:30– 17:00, 18:00 – 20:00
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10.00 – 12.00, 14:30 – 17:00
Friday	14:30 – 17:00, 18:00 – 19:30
Saturday	Closed



CHRISTMAS CHARITIES SALE & CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER

This is advance notice for you that the annual Charities Sale and the Craft Fair have joined up on the first Saturday in November. There will be other activities throughout the Community Centre with something for all the family. Tables are available to hire: Charities' Tables £6 and Craft Tables £10. Contact us to hire your table on 01549 410000 or email: lairgcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Fuel Poverty Initiative

Muirhall Energy launched a trial initiative to alleviate fuel poverty in the community council areas of Creich, Ardgay and District, Lairg, Assynt and Lochbroom.

20 Vouchers were given to local people to the value of £20

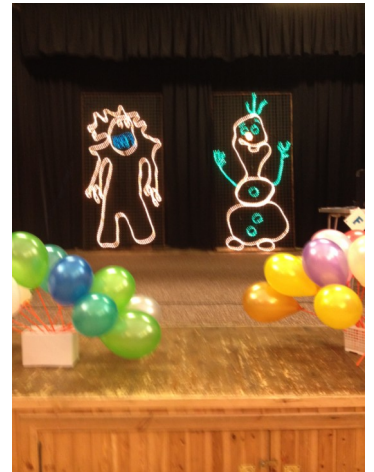


**LAIRG PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION:
FROZEN DISCO**

An overwhelming thank you goes to all the people who supported the “**FROZEN**” disco event on Sunday 8th February 2015

The PTA worked extremely hard to ensure the event was a success with Elsa, Anna and Olaf making an appearance as well as refreshments, a tombola stall, face & nail painting, temporary tattoos and a raffle. Over 80 children (along with their parents) attended the disco, a

fantastic amount of over £700 was raised towards new equipment for Lairg Nursery



Lairg Local History Society

Notes for Your Diary: Spring 2015

27 March 2015': *Pioneers of the Folk--open-air museums and their trailblazing founders'*
by Jacob O'Sullivan, Curator,
Highland Folk Museum

8 May 2015 : *'The Herring Gutters of North East Scotland'*
by Anne Coombs, Chair,
North of Scotland Archaeological Society

Meetings in the Kinvonvie Suite,
Lairg Community Centre,
Main Street, Lairg at 7.30pm

LAIRG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Can you help us raise funds for our Community Centre?

**AUCTION
and
GOOD AS NEW CLOTHES**

We are looking for items (big or small) and for 'promises', which can be auctioned, as well as for nearly new clothes which we can sell. Items can be collected and we have limited storage available.

You can contact us by tel: 01549 410000 or email: lairgcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Can any of our members or volunteers help us with this event? Please get in touch if you can!

FRIDAY 1 MAY at 7.00 pm
(doors open from 6.00 pm)

Hope to see you there!

Company Number: SC249670 Scottish Charity Number: SCO25630

LOCH SHIN SAILING CLUB

Loch Shin Sailing Club is delighted to have been selected to go through to the next round of the 2014 Commonwealth Legacy Fund.



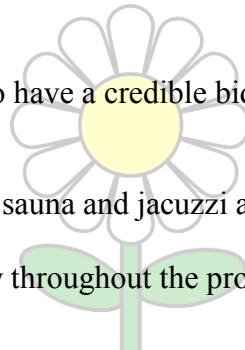
From over 90 applicants from all over Scotland, LSSC's application has been given the initial funding of £25,000 to be spent on scoping work for our project. This money will be spent on feasibility and marketing studies together with preparing plans to build a sailing centre and bunkhouse on land leased to us by LDCI on the eco-croft site at Ferry-croft.

After this fairly lengthy process we then hope to have a credible bid in place to attract funding in order for the facility to be built.

The proposed complex will, we hope, include a sauna and jacuzzi available for public use.

We will be consulting fully with the community throughout the process and plan a public presentation at a later date when the details are clearer.

Our aim is to create a sustainable social enterprise in Lairg, providing long-term employment and attracting visitors to the village, adding to the prosperity of existing local businesses.



LAIRG LEARNING CENTRE

Last year the Learning Centre celebrated its 10th anniversary last year and apart from its usual range of recreational and academic classes, it ran a range of successful projects. The Lottery funded WW1 project, 'Reading Between the Lines' had over 100 people attend classes and workshops, with over 150 community members visiting the photographic exhibition and youth film premiere in Ferrycroft. Over 100 people attended the drama, staged in the community centre, with 50 people involved in writing the scripts, acting on stage and helping behind the scenes. An archive of WW1 memorabilia was also gathered by the community and has been donated to the History Society. An app was also made, in conjunction with the primary school, and that will be launched in the Spring.

The 10th anniversary celebrations continued, with a fun day where people could try spinning, sewing, art, IT and watch a range of demonstrations. Two competitions were launched, for creative writing and art, and the winners ended up coming from the same household, John and Sonia Bidwell from Rosehall. Over 50 people helped make the water feature for the garden, which will be unveiled by the charity in the Spring.

A whole range of classes are running currently and will finish at Easter, such as a craft class for kids, sewing, patchwork, poetry, creative writing, basic Word, Business IT training and Work Clubs for the unemployed. Our business classes stay popular, with free workshops, as well as Emergency First Aid in the workplace and Food & Hygiene courses, which can be funded through ILAs, making them free to students.

The new Spring prospectus will be out by the end of March and features new classes, such as An introduction to Psychology, Dolls House and shadow box making, ECDL (computing qualification) and a book club for kids, as well as popular classes in sewing, patchwork, I.T. and writing. A variety of workshops will also be on offer, such as silk painting, cake decorating, leather working and sewing. We are working in conjunction with Greening Kyle to run a gardening class, the cost being subsidised by Greening Kyle if people attend their event in Bonar Bridge on the 4th April.

A recent success is the new computer maintenance classes, taught by Ryan Connelly, which filled within a couple of days, so a second class was arranged. There is a waiting list for a third! Ryan has volunteered in the Centre for many years, and is now receiving tutor training so that he can become a regular teacher for the Centre, and his classes are delighted by what they have learnt.

If you would like a copy of the spring prospectus, they will be distributed in the local shops, library and medical centre, as well as being posted on the Facebook page. If you would like to be put on the mailing list, please drop them an email (admin@lairglearningcentre.org.uk) or pop into see Jane or Paula, who will be happy to help.
LAIRG LEARNING CENTRE – SCHOOL HOUSE, MAIN STREET, LAIRG. 01549 402050

CROFTER'S SHOW

Crofters Show are currently looking for:

- New committee members**, meetings are approximately once a month.
- Ladies Convener** - full details for this role can be obtained from Show Secretaries.
- Volunteers/helpers** on show day and to set up show field before hand.

Throughout the next few months Crofters Show will be having fundraising events including a Quiz Night, Tea Dance, Ceilidh and more. Our support for our fundraising will be greatly appreciated

More info can be obtained from show secretaries Catrina Mackenzie 01549 402719 and Gillian Paterson 01549 402732.



FERRYCROFT Visitor Centre

**Opening
3rd April 2015
Daily
10am-4pm**



Crofters's Restaurant Opening

16th March 2015

Dunroamin Caravan Park Opening

30th March 2015