



# SUMMER EDITION 2015



## Lairg & District Community Initiatives

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Community Newsletter!

### LDCI UPDATE

Hi Everyone

I'm Lairg Initiative's new Development Officer, having just taken over from Donna Wylie.

My aim is to continue Donna's excellent work with current projects but also to help identify new ideas all with the same purpose in mind, to improve the lives of Lairg and Parish inhabitants.

I hope to get to know as many of you as possible as I get around the area and of course the office is always open for anyone to drop in and have a chat.

There is lots of funding out there to be had and if we don't ask we don't get. Some of it is well known but some obscure. Equally, ideas can vary immensely and often the best are right under our noses. So, if you have any thoughts on how we might help the area develop and flourish, feel free to share.

Best wishes  
Magda Macdonald

### LDCI Helicopter Lights

LDCI have been successful in securing £5000 funding to purchase Helicopter Landing Lights for Lairg & Surrounding Areas, for use in the event of emergencies.

The sources are Highland Council Ward Discretionary Fund, Foundation Scotland (Lairg Windfarm Ltd.) and E.ON Rosehall Community Fund. We hope to have the lights shortly and they will be located at the Fire Station. This will allow the emergency helicopter to access Lairg at night, safely.



### PARTNERSHIP WORKING

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

- Loch Shin Sailing Group: Funding meetings
- Children's Play Day: Assisting with setting up of hall and events
- LCA: The application for the Fitness Room has been completed and sent to potential funders
- Crofter's Show : Secured part of the funding for the Show
- Light up Lairg: Working together in preparation of the Winterfest 2015

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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*'Funded by Foundation Scotland from the Lairg Windfarm Ltd Community Fund'*

*'Funded from the E.ON Rosehall Community Fund supported by Foundation Scotland'*

## 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 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)

**Sailing Club :** Every Sunday 10.30 am till 3.00 pm. All welcome, no experience needed, all ages, plenty members willing to show and teach sailing



### LAIRG GALA WEEK

11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Programmes currently available  
in local shops for 50p but please  
See Notice Board for any changes  
Throughout the week. Look Forward  
To seeing you all there ☺

## Shindig Duathlon 20th September 2015

East Sutherland Wheelers are promoting a new Duathlon which will be based at Ferrycroft on

**20 September 2015** called the Shindig Duathlon. The duathlon is raced as a run (4km) / bike (21km) / run (2.8km) format. We are hoping that the race will become an annual event and will provide a challenge for both experienced athletes and new comers looking to complete their first event. We are really keen for local people to enter and give it a try. You can enter individually completing all three sections yourself, or as a team of 2 with 1 runner and 1 cyclist. If you cannot race and still want to help then we are looking for volunteers to help marshal on the day, so please get in touch at [secretary@eastsutherlandwheelers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@eastsutherlandwheelers.org.uk) if you can help.

More information can be found on our website at <http://www.eastsutherlandwheelers.org.uk/news.asp?intent=viewstory&newsid=73916>

We are looking forward to seeing you in September!



# SUPERHERO EVENT

An overwhelming thank you goes to all the people who supported the Superhero disco event on Sunday 8th June 2015

LDCI, Light Up Lairg and lots of local volunteers worked extremely hard to ensure the event was a success. We had some delicious home bakes, refreshments, a sweet stall, novelty items, games and temporary tattoos. All our children arrived in their costumes and the Spiderman himself made a surprise appearance! We had lots of fun burning energy dancing and bouncing in a castle.

Light Up Lairg held a fantastic raffle with a weekend in a holiday cottage being the 1st price.!



## THE BROONS HOOSE IS BACK!

Following the disaster that hit the Broon's family one winter night when their house was destroyed by the storm, the residents of Lairg decided to help. Lairg Gala Committee took the lead and together with many local volunteers have built a new house on the island.

The Broons have moved back in and are enjoying the beautiful summer days under the tree in their garden. They would like to thank their Lairg neighbours for supporting them during the most difficult of times!

We have been researching the Broon's family history. It is an exciting read so please take a walk to Little Loch Shin and you will find the full story on the information



# Summer Classes

## Photography Workshop

Understand the nature of light and it's central role in Photography and learn how to capture images using various shooting modes

**on – Saturday 25th July**  
**10am – 4pm**

## Gaelic Beginners

This Introductory course will teach students basic conversational Gaelic, reading and writing.

**Starts Wednesday 19th July**  
**7pm – 9pm**

## Sewing Intermediate

Develop your skills and understand patterns, techniques and terms to make items professionally (Evening class in Golspie also available).

**Starts – 19th August**  
**10am – 12pm**

## Let's Make a Bag + Hairband

Create your own bag and hairband, learn about crayoning on fabric and folding fabric flowers. Ages 8 and up!

**on – Saturday 22nd August**  
**10am – 2pm**

## Financial Planning

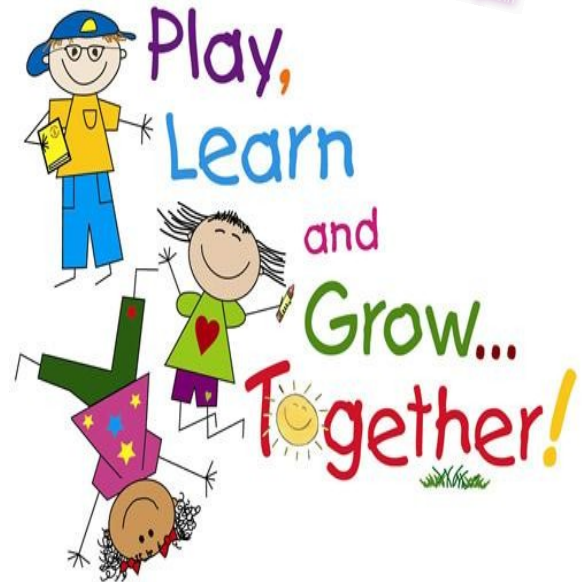
Gain a better understanding of how to make your money work for you and to legally reduce your tax bill (Evening class also available).

**Starts – Tuesday 15th**  
**September, 10am – 12pm**

## Nutrition and Weight Loss

Gain knowledge of diet/ nutrition/ exercise and weight loss and implement practical changes to improve overall health. (Evening class in Golspie also available).

**Starts – Tuesday 8th**  
**September, 7 – 9pm**



**Book your place now!**  
**01549 402050 or admin@lairglearningcentre.org.uk**  
[www.lairglearningcentre.org.uk](http://www.lairglearningcentre.org.uk)  
Scottish Charity no. SC033900



## WHAT'S ON AT LAIRG LIBRARY THIS SUMMER

### **Summer Reading Challenge 2015**

*Read six books from the library*

*Collect stickers, games & win yourself a Certificate & a medal at the end of the Challenge*

*Over School Summer Holidays*

### **Chatterbook Club**

*Join children like you at the Library for some fun time discussing books and sharing ideas & lots of activities*

*Children 8-12 years old*

*Tuesdays 5- 5.45pm (starting 7th July)*

### **Bookbug Sessions**

*Fun sessions full of songs, rhymes, stories & laughter*

*For 0-5 years old & Families*

*Thursdays 9-9.45am*

### **Gala Week**

*“One Hour at my Library” visit the Library for some fun activities, Treasure Hunt, Face Painting, Reading...*

*Tuesday 14th July : 12-13 for Pre-Nursery & 1-2 pm for Primary children*

*Also lots of information and services online at*



### **Opening hours**

*Mon - 10:00 - 12:00; 14:30 - 17:00*

*Tue - 14:30 -17:00; 18:00 - 20:00*

*Wed - Closed*

*Thu - 10:00 - 12:00; 14:30 - 17:00*

*Fri - 14:30 -17.00; 18:00 - 19:30*

*Sat - Closed*

*Sun - Closed*

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**A BLAST FROM THE PAST**

**THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO THE OLD PICTURES AND STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE PLEASE DO, WE CAN KEEP OUR HISTORY ALIVE!!**



Ferrycroft Centre opening day



Lairg Rovers football team 1953



Train station Lairg - any ideas when the photo could be taken?



Teddy Bears picnic in Lairg  
Anybody knows the date or any faces

## CHURCHILL PATH CLEAR UP DAY

A huge Thank You to all the willing volunteers who came along on Saturday May 10th, to our annual clear up day.

We had over 30 volunteers with the youngest being 2 years old to over 60. There were over 30 volunteers who assisted on the day.

With so many people coming along to help, we were able to clear up Church Hill Woodland and Path, along Lochside as well as the old Sutherland Arms site.

A huge thank you also goes to the volunteers who brought along trailers for us to fill and to Councillor Hugh Morrison, who arranged a skip for the green waste.



**LOG CLEARING**

Sandwiches and drinks was also provided courtesy of the Board Members of LDCI.



2 happy volunteers after a busy day



1 of the many fill trailers



Along Lochside

### CROFTER'S SHOW 22 August 2015



*There will be lots of fun on a day for everyone!  
Please come along bring your family and enjoy yourself!  
The full programme available at <http://lairgcroftersshow.co.uk/Show/Programme.html>*

### LAIRG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

LCA continues to hold their monthly meetings and would welcome feedback from hall users - any suggestions they would like to make or issues that they wish to raise.  
This year the Charities Sale and the Craft Fair are to be held on the same day - Saturday 7 November. Just in time to purchase cards and presents for Christmas! There will be other activities taking place in the Community Centre that day - so watch this space! If you wish to hire a table please telephone 01549 410000 or email [lairgcommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:lairgcommunitycentre@gmail.com)

**Lairg Local History Society**  
We are closed for the summer



### FERRY CROFT VISITOR CENTRE

Harvesting work is due to be carried out at the start of September and the talks with the Forestry Commission are taking place to ensure as little disruption as possible. There will be an open evening held in Ferrycroft for locals to attend.  
Dates and times to be confirmed

Do you know something we don't? If you are aware of any new material, information or stories, if you have some nice photos to share, then please get in touch. Write, email or give us a call.  
We look forward to hear from you!