

SLATEST NEWS

Your free community newsletter produced by Ballachulish Community Forum

Edition 18 – Christmas 2019

LOCHABER

SHOWSTOPPERS

The Swan Princess

December 5th 6th & 7th

Ballachulish Village Hall

Doors 6:30pm
Curtain Up 7:00pm

Saturday Matinee 2pm
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**@ The Granite House Fort William
Quarry Centre – Ballachulish**

More details on the Panto Inside.

Rainbow Playgroup enjoy Halloween (right)



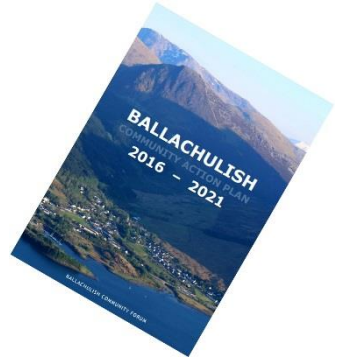
WELCOME!

Thank you to everyone who has supplied articles for this edition of Slatest. This is your magazine, and it always has room for new items. If you have some interesting snippets of local history or have found some old photos or want to share a memory, please get in touch, we can also help put articles together.

Slatest belongs to the community, and needs your support to continue being a success. The deadline for the next edition is **14th January 2020** with deliveries by the end of January, so please get in touch if you have any events or ideas!

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

At the Community Forum in September, it was agreed that the community wanted to repeat the process of the Community Action Plan for 2021-26. We will therefore start on this in the new year, and are looking for people to help. If you would like to be involved, please keep an eye out on facebook / for posters regarding a meeting in the New Year.



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IT'S PANTO TIME WITH LOCHABER SHOWSTOPPERS' 'THE SWAN PRINCESS'

It's that time of year again; oh yes it is! Rehearsals are well underway for Lochaber Showstoppers' latest pantomime, 'The Swan Princess'. Written by former member Ryan Laskey, the troupe of talented locals of all ages will bring the show to life in Ballachulish Village Hall on Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December.

Based very, very loosely on Tchaikovsky's ballet 'Swan Lake', the panto tells the story of Princess Odette's quest for love, friendship and someone to break the evil curse which turned her into a swan; a typical day in Pantoland! The Showstoppers also promise Broadway-level dances, toe-tapping songs old and new and the corniest jokes in town.

The show's director, Sheena Coull, says; 'The gang's working really hard whether they're learning lines, sewing costumes, designing sets and lighting or a million other jobs! We're really enjoying getting together and rehearsing and I can honestly say we're going to have a show fit for the west end! Of Ballachulish'.

Chase the winter blues away with a pre-Christmas treat and prepare to cheer the heroes, boo the villains and sing along in an evening of sheer entertainment.

Tickets are available from The Quarry Centre, Ballachulish, The Granite House, Fort William, or on the door.

Doors open at 6:30pm,
curtain up 7:00pm
(Saturday matinee 1.30 for 2pm).

Prices:

£12 Adult

£8 Concession

£30 Family (2 Adults & 2 Children or 1 Adult & 3 Children)



DUROR AND ST MUNDA'S PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

We recently had a great talk in St Munda's church hall from Hamish Brown, climber, traveller and author about his family who were caught in Japan at the outbreak of the Second World War in the Pacific. We are now looking forward to Susan Kemp, Sandra and Ewan Smith telling us about their experiences of 'Walking the Camino de Santiago' this summer. This will be in the hall again on Wednesday 27th November at 7.00 pm and everyone is welcome. We were pleased to have the opportunity of having a stand at the Patient Participation Group's Health and Wellbeing day. This was an interesting opportunity for people to come to Ballachulish Hall and learn about lots of



worthwhile groups and services.

We've been involved in a study series based on Philip Yancey's book 'What's So Amazing About Grace?' This has been interesting, challenging and it's great to get together roughly weekly to share our thoughts over tea and coffee.

We were glad to be able to send Christmas Shoeboxes away to the annual appeal and we're now collecting gifts, especially for teenagers, which will be distributed locally by social workers wherever they know there's a need. We are still collecting goods for refugees at St Munda's Church.

Of course, we're approaching Advent and Christmas and have additional services during this time. We'll have a reflective service at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 11th December in St Munda's. This will be a chance to take time out from the bustle of preparation or to think about people we're missing at this time of year. All are welcome to this as well as to a Family Service on 22nd December at St Munda's at the usual 11.30 am, a Watchnight Service at 11.30 pm in St Munda's on Christmas Eve and a Christmas morning service at Duror at 10.30 am.

As ever, I'll always be very happy to receive requests to visit anyone at home or in hospital (01631 740285).

Thanks for all the support we receive and best wishes,
Rev Sandy Stoddart



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

There is a lot going on as we approach Christmas. We've already had the Christmas Market, and we have the following events still to come:

5th - 7th Lochaber Showstoppers Panto

Sunday 15th Kids Christmas Party

Tuesday 17th Community Carols

And for New Year there is the annual Lantern Parade:



Lantern Parade

The Village Lantern Parade will once again be taking place at 8pm on New Years Eve, with the hall open from 10-4 during 29th, 30th and 31st December for making the lanterns.



We will be serving Mulled Wine, Cocoa, Mince Pies and nibbles in the hall after the parade.

Christmas Market

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Christmas Market, and especially Jo Watt who co-ordinated it all. Her army of helpers worked magic to create the wonderful ambience enjoyed by us all on the day, not least in Santa's waiting room and the Grotto for the kids.



We would also like to say a huge thank you to Santa (Drew McFarlane Slack) and his elves who yet again found time in their busy schedules to visit us in Ballachulish!

After a number of years running the Grotto, Janka and Frances have decided to hand the sleigh reins over to someone else for next year. If you would like to help, please get in touch, and huge thanks to them both for all of their hard work.





4th Lochaber Scout Group

Beavers 6-8 years, 5.30-6.30pm

Cubs 8-10½ years, 6.45-7.45pm

Scouts 10-14 years, 8-9.15pm

We meet at Ballachulish Village Hall on Thursdays

The Scouts have been busy this autumn, enjoying a range of activities as usual. Just before the October Holidays, the Cubs had an evening preparing for Halloween, making ghosts and treats (there may have been chocolate involved!).

Meanwhile, the beavers made a Guy ready for our Bonfire Night after the holidays, where all three sections joined together for an evening round the fire with campfire songs, hot dogs and hot chocolate, rounded off with sparklers and a few quiet fireworks.



As Christmas approaches, there are a number of clashes in the calendar, so please keep an eye on facebook or e-mails for updates on what is happening when, thanks.



RAINBOW BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Playgroup's 2019 grant from the Co-Op Local Community Fund is an amazing £2,500 - we would like to thank the Co-Op and everyone who voted for our project (taking the wee ones on trips to the zoo and running animal themed music sessions in the Hall). We spent some of the cash in October, hiring a 29 seater midi-bus so everyone could travel together to Blair Drummond Safari Park, where grown-ups and wee ones all had fun and learned lots. We are looking forward to organising more trips in the Spring. Our playgroup sessions are Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Village Hall, all under 5s and their carers (mums, dads, grandparents, childminders) are welcome. It's a great way to get to know other families in the area.



Amazon Smile

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A graphic featuring a large, colorful rainbow with white stars on its bands, set against a light blue background with white clouds at the base. The text is centered within the rainbow's arch.

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ABBNEYFIELD BALLACHULISH AWARDS FINALIST AGAIN



Our local Abbeyfield Ballachulish Nursing care home was lucky enough to have been selected as a finalist for two national awards recently, making the top 3 in Scottish Cares, Care Home Service of the Year, an honour they took home in 2017, and top 5 in the Caring UK awards, among some other excellent services.

Manager Louise commented:

“Despite being runners up this time, we are immensely proud to have reached the finals and be considered so highly in the sector. The team continue to deliver excellent services every day and ensure that the choices of the residents come first. As the manager of the service, I am extremely proud of every member of the team and the great work they all do”.

Lets see what 2020 brings!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY KATH!

Warmest Congratulations to Kath Small who celebrated her 80th Birthday on 10th November, surrounded by her friends and family (some of whom had come all the way from New Zealand). Kath was presented with a

beautiful Bouquet of flowers by the Community Council in recognition of her valued service to the community over many years.

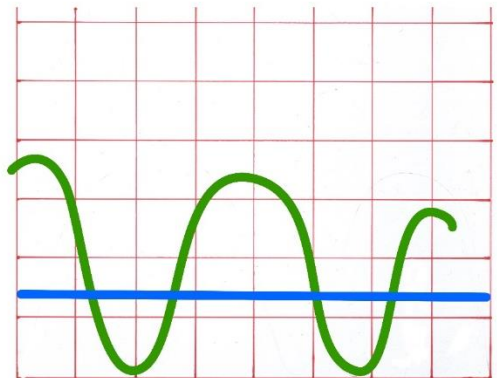


GREAT SCOTTISH MISPRINTS

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Wow Comics

Graph proving the existence of the Loch Ness Monster.



KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

As you can see from the photos below, the hall was packed for the Halloween Party, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Huge thanks to the mums and dads who helped organize and run the party, and don't forget the Christmas Party on the 15th December at 1pm.



CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

- Eve
- Pud
- Cake
- Love
- Noel
- Star
- Tree
- Xmas
- Angel
- Cards
- Elves
- Games
- Herod
- Jesus
- Merry
- Party
- Santa
- White
- Ivy
- Baby
- Crib
- Mary
- Snow
- Toys
- Wish
- Yule
- Bells
- Carol
- Fairy
- Gifts
- Holly
- Kings
- Panto
- Robin
- Sheep

Can you find all the words?

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Monday evenings 6-8pm £2.50 per session

Adults 18 and over Tuesday evenings

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Archery sessions are run by qualified coaches in both Field and Target Archery.

You can also find us on facebook: www.facebook.com/SLBowmen.

The club is now a member of the Scottish Field Archery Association (SFAA) which allows current year card holding members to attend club shoots and Championships all around Scotland. Further details of this opportunity can be obtained through South Lochaber Bowmen Facebook page. Your questions will be answered promptly.

I would like to thank the organiser of the Patient Participation Group expo day. It was very busy and resulted in some new interest for the Archery Club. However, it hasn't evolved in any new membership, which the Club needs.

Due to the price increase of the hall hire at the Leven Centre, Kinlochleven, the club is finding it very difficult to justify continuing. If we have to close the club, it will mean denying up to 23 School age children who attend the weekly Archery session on a Monday evening; and our Senior membership, Tuesday evenings, which varies but can be up to 20 people and includes a Disabled member.

In fact the South Lochaber Archery club is all inclusive and can facilitate all levels of ability. These sessions are held in conjunction with the Local School curriculum and do not operate during School holidays....

This curtailing of sessions has been brought about by the Leven Centre hall hire increase.

Secretary

New members are always welcome, whether you are a first timer or experienced archer please feel free to come along and try out your skills!

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Ballachulish Team Strips go to New Home

Ballachulish Camanachd Club have been lucky enough in recent times to have generous sponsors who have been happy to supply the squad with new team strips when the old ones were becoming a bit jaded.

As a result, members were aware that the Club was accumulating a number of redundant strips, for both children & adults.

Keen to ensure that they were put to good use and not just dumped, these were sorted, bagged and handed over to the Mary's Meals charity in Oban.

From there they will be sent overseas where they can be given a new lease of life by those who have nothing. And obviously they're more likely to be used for football rather than shinty.

Eventually, we hope to be able to find out where the strips end up, but it's heartening to think that somewhere, hundreds of miles away, a player might be pulling on a red or blue shirt before a match wondering where the Onich Hotel, the Ice Factor or the Laroch Bar in Ballachulish might be!!



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SPONSORED HAIR CUT FOR CANCER CHARITIES

Sarah Whyte & her family would like to thank everyone for their kind & generous donations to her fundraiser for MacMillian Cancer Support. As reported last issue, Sarah was having 12 inches of her hair cut & she donated her pony tail to The Little Princess Trust and raised a fantastic amount of £2,429.78 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

And here are the before and after pics ...

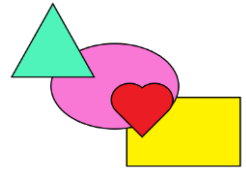


A blue poster for the Ballachulish Santa Dash 2019. It features festive icons: a red bell, a snow globe, a Christmas tree, a Santa hat, and a candy cane. The text reads: 'BALLACHULISH SANTA DASH 2019', 'SAVE THE DATE', 'Saturday 14th', 'December 10:30am', and 'Ballachulish Santa Dash' with a Facebook icon.

A business card for AA Whyte & Sons Plumbing & Heating. The top section is red with white text: 'AA WHYTE & SONS', 'Plumbing & Heating', and 'Registered Gas & Oil Installers'. Below this is a white section with text: 'For all your domestic & commercial plumbing & heating requirements'. It includes logos for OFTEC Registered Business and safe REGISTERED. Contact information: 'T: 01855811438/347 M: 07855813166', 'E: aawhyte@fiscali.co.uk', and 'A: Ar Dachaidh, West Laroeh, Ballachulish, PH49 4JJ'.

KINLOCHLOVIN'

Kinlochlovin' is a social enterprise and registered charity who developed from Kinlochleven High School aiming to improve extra-curricular experiences and opportunities for young people removing barriers such as budget cuts and rurality. Over the last few years we have helped fund a variety of activities and events including arts and sports groups and experiences like Duke of Edinburgh, theatre and international trips. In our Kinlochleven workshop the young people use their amazing creative and entrepreneurial skills to make products which we can sell to help sustain our costs.



The young people have done us proud and helped us to grow to such a level that we now have a premises in Ballachulish after securing a Big Lottery Awards for All grant. The Ballachulish Hub is enabling us to widen our range of activities and make them available to all of the community no matter your age.

Currently we are running free youth workshops and drop ins at the Hub as well as some low-priced community workshops such as crochet classes. We also have for sale in the hub products which are made by our young people. All our profits are invested back into providing free activities for young people.



Although we have limited staffing and rely heavily on

volunteers we are doing our best to expand and be open more. We are happy for community groups and organisations to use the Hub. It is suitable for all ages and is cosy and welcoming for anything from a book club to 1:1 tutoring. We are also happy to rent out the space for a small fee for private functions.

We have witnessed over the last four years the social impact of our activities upon young people; increased confidence, self-belief, improved social skills and a sense of social responsibility. We hope we can make the Ballachulish Hub into a sustainable community space which helps provide opportunities for everyone.

If you want to get involved or have any questions or ideas for us visit our website at www.kinlochlovin.org.uk or email us at Kinlochlovin@outlook.com

NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

Election of Councillors for Ballachulish Community Council

The following candidates were validly nominated for the above Community Council and as the number of candidates nominated was equal to or less than the number of councillors to be returned, no poll will take place and at 12noon on 1 November 2019 the candidates shall be declared to be elected as councillors for the Ballachulish Community Council.

- Michael Chisholm
- Shirley Grant
- Al Jack
- Dave Kitson
- Rob Malpas
- Anthony McKenna
- Kevin Smith

Thank you to everyone for standing, and sustaining our Community Council. Please feel free to contact any of us regarding community issues. Also, a reminder that all members of the community are welcome at meetings.



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GLENCOE FOLK MUSEUM RECAP 2019

It has been another fantastic and busy year for Glencoe Folk Museum, with over 7000 visitors from all over the world. Year on year we have seen our visitor numbers increase, and we hope that this upwards trend will continue into next year and beyond.

We were excited to be able to return our beautiful 'Stuart Chair' to permanent display for the first time in years following its conservation last year. Dating to c.1660, this chair reputedly belonged to Bonnie Prince Charlie, and has been a highlight of our extended Jacobite exhibition this season. Our temporary exhibition 'Wha's Like Us?', which celebrated Scottish culture around the world, has also been a hit this year. As part of this, we invited visitors to share information of their Scottish ancestry, and were amazed by how many people from all over the world trace their roots back to our little country.

Another exciting development this year was David joining the team as our Redevelopment Manager. David will be taking us through the initial stages of a long-planned project to expand and improve the museum and the services that we offer. The redevelopment will include the addition of much-needed facilities such as toilets and a fit-for-purpose reception area, improve our exhibition spaces, make our building accessible to all, and ensure long-term sustainability. We are thrilled to have David on the team, and can't wait to see our dreams become a reality!

We had some great family events this year as well: a very busy Highland Archaeology Festival saw nearly 50 people – locals and tourists alike – dropping by the museum to try their hand at soap-carving, Pictish painting and targe-making, and our annual Easter and Halloween crafts brought in some familiar faces. We also visited the Cubs to run history sessions on the Jacobites and the First and Second World Wars – the children particularly enjoyed getting the opportunity to hold and touch some of our objects and dress up like Jacobite soldiers!

Finally, a definite highlight of the year for us was a visit from Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish, two of the stars of the TV show *Outlander*. They were in the area recording 'Clan Lands', an upcoming show exploring the history and culture of the Scottish clans. We let the stars get up close and personal with some of our Jacobite objects, including a pistol from Culloden Battlefield, and chatted to them about the history of the museum and the area. *Clan Lands* will air sometime next year.

We will be busy over the winter period organising exhibitions for next year, continuing with our collections cataloguing project and planning for redevelopment, and you can keep up to date with everything through our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). We are so grateful for the support we receive from the local community, and hope to see many of you again in 2020! Until then, from all of us at Glencoe Folk Museum, have a wonderful Christmas and Hogmanay!

Best wishes, Catriona Davidson, Curator



BALLACHULISH FERRIES FILM

In Mid October, Ballachulish Village Hall played host to a Film Premiere! The Film was entitled The Last Ferries of Ballachulish, and was produced by Graham Kitchener, an award winning film maker and principal at the Film Academy Edinburgh, who just happened to spend a few short years of his childhood in Glenachulish, where his father was gardener at Ballachulish House. During this time, Graham spent much of his spare time on the ferries, helping the ferrymen as the boats criss-crossed the loch.

The film was a highly informative 40 minutes detailing the last few years of the Ballachulish Ferries, and their afterlife. Focusing on the last three ferries, The Glen Loy, Glen Duror and Glenachulish, Graham used a mixture of archive footage and his own, mixed with some fabulous music and in depth commentary to produce a fascinating film.

The following night, Graham took the film up to Glenelg, where of course the Glenachulish (right) continues to operate on the short crossing to Skye. Over the course of the next year, it is heading around the world, touring a number of international film festivals, and unfortunately the entry



requirements for some of these stipulate that the film cannot have been duplicated, distributed or sold, so it will be the end of next year before we will be able to purchase a copy of the film. However, Graham has promised to keep in touch and let us know as soon as the film is released for sale.

Of the other two ferries that were sailing in 1975 as the bridge was erected overhead, Graham has proven conclusively that the Glen Duror is not the wreck on the shores of Loch Lochy at Gairloch as was widely believed. Instead, this seems to be a former Corran vessel, with the Glen Duror having been last used on the Ulva Crossing, before being wrecked on the shore of Mull a short distance away, where her remains can still be seen. The Glen Loy has proven more difficult to locate – indeed with the help of Robert Beale and John Hendy who wrote the excellent ‘Turntable Ferries of Scotland’, they believe they have tracked down the last resting place or fate of every turntable ferry in Scotland except the Glen Loy. Various rumours and stories placed her on the Clyde in the late 1970s, but as she was too big to pass through the Crinan Canal, this seems somewhat dubious, and there the trail grows cold. If you know any more about her fate, please get in touch and we can put you in touch with Graham.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS IN SCOTLAND

It's hard to imagine that Christmas was once legally banned in Scotland. Today shops are full of anything and everything Christmas related you could ever need. You can spot Christmas trees in almost every sitting room window and fairy lights adorn houses and businesses across the land. Up until 54 years ago, however, Christmas day was officially just another working day in Scotland. The ban was surprisingly only lifted as recently as 1958 and Boxing Day was only recognised as a public holiday in 1974.

So where does this turbulent history of Christmas in Scotland begin? Celtic Pagans who inhabited Western Europe between 500 BC and 500 AD held celebrations around the time of the winter solstice (usually around the 21st or 22nd of December). It is believed that the festivities were in part to brighten the dark winter days, and to appease the Gods to allow the sun to return. Traditions included the burning of the Yule log, with the charred remains being used to protect the house throughout the year and kissing under mistletoe (a fertility rite). It is the pagans too who have been credited with the early tradition of decorating a tree. It is thought that they hung shapes from an evergreen brought into the house to symbolise life.

With the establishment of the Christian Church in Scotland in the 5th and 6th centuries, Pagan winter solstice traditions were mish-mashed with Christian traditions, perhaps explaining why some are still around in some form or another to this day. Prior to the Scottish Reformation of 1560, Christmas in Scotland was known as Yule and celebrated in a similar fashion to the rest of Europe. Yule is a Scots word that comes from the Old Norse *jól*, their word for winter solstice festivities. Traditionally Yule refers not just to Christmas Day but the festive season associated with it, which began before Christmas and continued until after the new year.

After the Scottish Reformation of 1560, in which Presbyterians in Scotland formally declared their split with the Catholic Church, anti-Catholic sentiment towards feast days and church holidays was high. The celebration of Christmas in Scotland was banned in 1580, as the holiday (including St. Nicholas) was seen as one created by the Catholic Church. Instead Hogmanay was promoted as a time to celebrate new life. This eventually led to the 1640 Act of Scottish Parliament which officially abolished the "Yule vacation and all observation thereof in time coming", and was strictly enforced by law.

Nevertheless many churches and many within the Church continued to mark Christmas and there are many accounts of folk who continued their Christmas festivities, with some receiving fines or even prison sentences in the 16th and 17th centuries. The Victorians revived Christmas traditions in Scotland to some extent, and by the start of the 20th Century many Scots celebrated Christmas with workplaces closing for the day just like today. However up until the 1960s some Scots were still surprisingly indifferent to Christmas. With influence from the rest of the UK and elsewhere, Christmas time in Scotland today is celebrated with all the trimmings found elsewhere across Britain.

Abridged from Scot Clans website <https://www.scotclans.com>

USEFUL CONTACTS

If you have any questions about what is going on in the community, or would like to help with anything, please get in touch with someone below:

Community Council: www.ballachulish.org.uk

Our Community Councillors are: Michael Chisholm, Shirley Grant (Vice-Chair), Alisdair Jack (Treasurer), Dave Kitson (Secretary), Rob Malpas, Anthony McKenna, Kevin Smith (Chair)

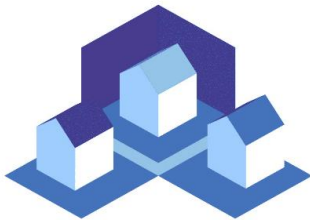
Community Association: www.ball-a-hall.co.uk

Our Trustees are: Brian Dickie (Vice Chair), Mags Ingram, Donella MacDonald, Rob Malpas (Secretary), Sheila McLean, Sandy Stoddart, Marjie Thornton

Booking Secretary: Judy Bigham 811758

Community Company: [on Facebook](#)

Brian Dickie, Simon Ingram (Treasurer), Dave Kitson, Angus MacInnes, Niall McLean, Kevin Smith, Morgan Smith



Inside Out

Property Maintenance

- **Painting & Decorating (Interior & Exterior)**
- **Bathrooms & Kitchens fitted**
- **Joinery work undertaken**
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- **Fully insured / DBS clearance.**
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- **Flooring laid / adapted**

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REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Please note some activities do not meet during school holidays.

Monday

- 10am Local Walking Group meet at TiC 
- After school primary football – Jubilee Park
- 7pm Highland Hustle at School
- 8-10pm Scottish / Country Dancing at Village Hall

Tuesday

- 9.30-11.30am  Playgroup at Village Hall
- 6-8pm Junior Shinty Training at Village Hall / Jubilee


Wednesday

- 6.30-7.15pm Zumba at Village Hall
- 7.30-9pm RockSkool at Village Hall

Thursday

- 9.30-11.30am  Playgroup at Village Hall
- 10.30-1pm Knit & Knatter, Coffee & Crochet at TIC
- 5.30-9.15pm   &  at Village Hall
- Evenings – Shinty Team Practice at Jubilee Park

Friday

- 10am Local Walking group meet at TIC 
- After school dancing session at school

Sunday

- 11.30am Church of Scotland Service at St Munda's
- Episcopal Church Service at St Mary's, Glencoe
- Catholic Church Service at St Mun's

RBS Mobile Bank

Tuesdays

10:45-11:15 Abbeyfield
11:30-12:30 V Hall

Fridays

10:30-12:00 V Hall



Mobile Library

Thurs 19/12

12:40-12:55 Square
13:00-13:10 Lochside Cottages

Wed 4/12

(13:30-14:25 School)
14:30-15:15 W Laroch
15:20-16:00 Park Rd & Abbeyfield
16:05-16:30 Albert Rd



As you can see, ours is a very busy community with lots going on. However, if your group isn't mentioned above, please get in touch!

If you are interested in any of the above, we're sure you will be made very welcome. Contact details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, on facebook or simply ask us and we shall pass your enquiry on!

Also active locally:

- South Lochaber Bowmen – Archery Club
- Ballachulish Football Club

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December

- 3rd Community Council Meeting, 7pm at shinty pavilion
- 5th School Christmas Fayre 7-9pm
- 5th-7th The Swan Princess Panto at Village Hall
- 14th Santa Dash starting at the TiC at 10.30am
- 15th Kids Christmas Party at Village Hall 1-3pm
- 17th School Christmas Concert
- 17th Community Carols at Village Hall 7pm
- 20th Schools finish for Christmas
- 22nd Family Service at St Munda's 11.30am
- 24th Watchnight Service at St Munda's 11.30pm
- 25th Merry Christmas everyone! 10.30 Family Service at Duror Church
- 31st Lantern Parade



January

- 1st Happy New Year!
- 6th Schools go back
- 7th Community Council Meeting, 7pm at shinty pavilion



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