

# The Craic Monthly

## April 2017

Opening Ceremony Invitation

Courtesy of John MacLennan

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## 70 Years on...

by Brad Collins

The 30<sup>th</sup> May will roll around very quickly and when it does this year it will have special significance for our area and for many who live here. 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 will mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since the opening ceremony was carried out to mark the start of construction of the Mullardoch-Fasnakyle-Affric Project.

As a member of the local heritage group and with a love of all things historical I had the privilege to be given (on loan) a great book that was issued to those invited to attend the opening ceremony all those years ago



I suspect most of those who have lived here for years will have already seen and read the booklet but for those like me that are new to the area it is a great read to learn about a project which dominates so much of the area.

The descriptions used in the book are fantastic when compared to what we know today. Cannich is described as a 'little old hamlet', 'a cluster of houses some 28 miles from Inverness'. Clearly our little village has grown somewhat since then, thanks in part to the Hydro scheme.

### Did you know?

The original proposal was put forward in 1929 and had the first dam at Loch Gaorsaic, the second at Loch Mullardoch and the third in Glen Affric that would have made Loch Benevean and Loch Affric into one big reservoir. This first proposal however was rejected by a select committee of the House of Lords.

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# What's on

## April

- 1 – Strathglass Markets: Cannich Hall 10am – 2pm
- 1 – Shinty (Strathglass 1<sup>st</sup> v Inverness): 2:30pm \*
- 3 – SACC Board Meeting: 7pm – 9pm
- 8 – Silver Clay Workshop: Cannich Hall 10:30am – 4:30pm
- 8 – Shinty (Strathglass 2<sup>nd</sup> v Caberfeigh): 12pm \*
- 8 – Shinty (Strathglass 1<sup>st</sup> v Skye): 3pm \*
- 12 – Craft Club: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 15 – Shinty (Strathglass 2<sup>nd</sup> v Caberfeigh): 2:30pm \*

## May

- 1 – SACC Board Meeting: 7pm – 9pm
- 5 – Scottish Dance Club: Cannich Hall 7pm – 11pm
- 6 – Shinty (Strathglass 2<sup>nd</sup> v Glengarry): 2:30pm \*
- 10 – Strathglass Community Council: Cannich Hall 7:30pm – 9pm
- 13 – Shinty (Strathglass 1<sup>st</sup> v Ballachulish): 2:30pm \*
- 13 – Shinty (Strathglass 2<sup>nd</sup> v Inverness): 2:30pm \*
- 21 – Archaeology Scotland Summer School

\* All Shinty fixtures/throw ups are subject to change due to weather, unforeseen circumstances etc. For further information see [www.strathglassshintyclub.co.uk](http://www.strathglassshintyclub.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/pages/Strathglass-Shinty-Club](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Strathglass-Shinty-Club)

## Regular Events:

- Strathglass Indoor Bowling Club: Cannich Hall 1:15pm – 4:30pm every Monday
- Health Kicks Fitness: Cannich Hall 12:45pm – 2pm every Tuesday
- Black Dragon Hapkido: Cannich Hall 6:30pm – 7:30pm every Wednesday
- Junior Youth Club: Cannich Hall 6:30pm – 8:00 every Friday
- Senior Youth Club: Cannich Hall 8:00pm – 9:30pm every Friday
- GP Surgery: Cannich Hall 9:30am – 11:30am every Tuesday
- GP Surgery: Cannich Hall 11:00am – 1:00pm every Thursday

## Classifieds

**Wanted**

**Positions Vacant**

**For Sale**

**Strathglass Markets**

### Upcoming Dates

April 1<sup>st</sup>  
 June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 August 5<sup>th</sup>  
 October 7<sup>th</sup>  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**10am – 2pm**

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## 70 Years on...



From this picture of the staff houses we can see how much Cannich has changed over the proceeding decades. More houses, more people, caravan park, chalet park, café, pub, shop and from April 1<sup>st</sup> a new Art Studio

### GP Surgery

Most people should be aware by now but if you haven't heard the GP Surgery is now run from the Cannich Hall. The Surgery is held in the Committee Room of the hall each Tuesday from 930 – 1130 and again on Thursdays from 11am till 1pm

# Whiskies Galore

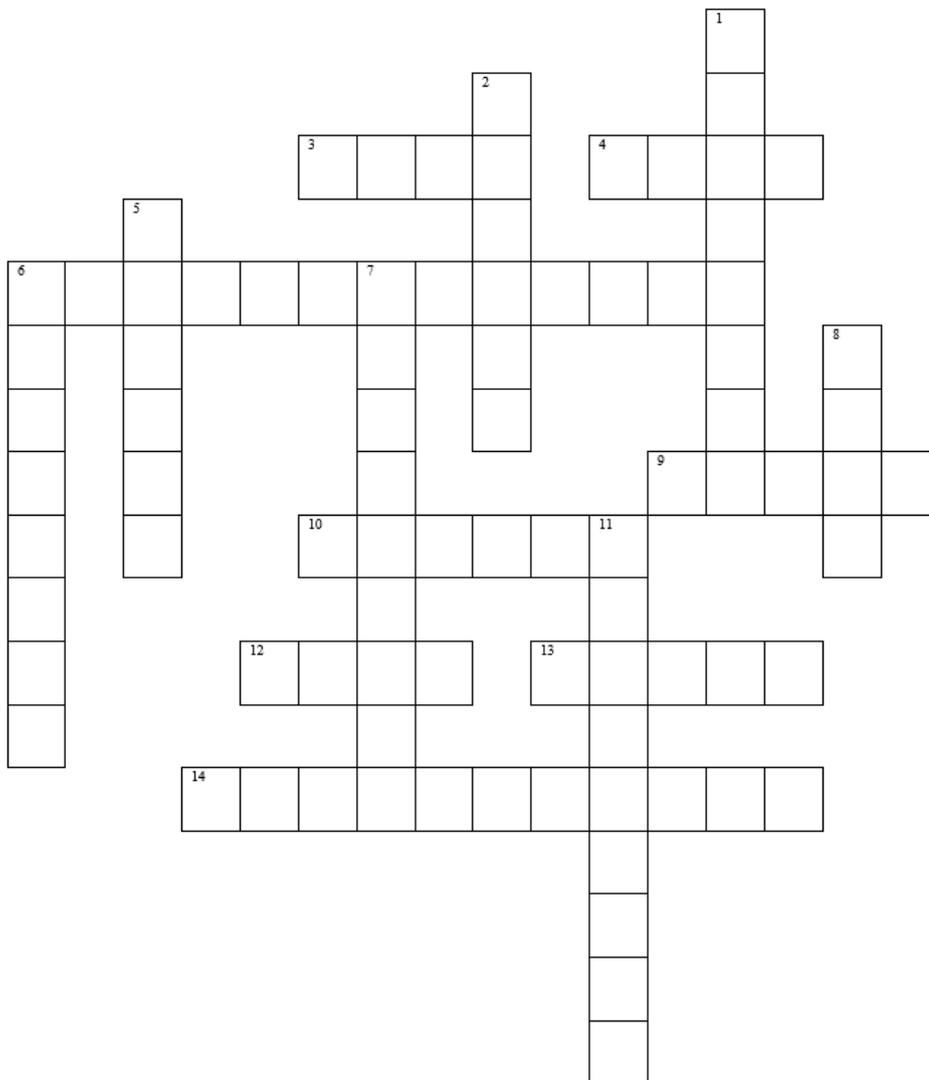
by Edward Redmond

## DOWN

- 1 Educators
- 2 Speyside distillery founded in 1824
- 5 Drinking vessel
- 6 Hill near Dingwall
- 7 Popular Islay whisky for over 200 years
- 8 Source of flavour
- 11 Distillery founded in Inverness in 1846

## ACROSS

- 3 Island near Islay
- 4 Town, home to Mc Caig's folly
- 6 Recently re-opened distillery on Islay
- 9 Island with more than 10 distilleries
- 10 Islay whisky owned by LVMH
- 12 Measure of whisky
- 13 Highest selling whisky in UK
- 14 Water of life



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