



# The Craic Monthly

September 2017

Black Dragon members

FREE

## Glenurquhart Highland Games

by Brad Collins

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> a group of very talented members of the Black Dragon Martial Arts School put on a fantastic display of skill at the Glen Urquhart Highland Gathering & Games.

This group; made up of skilled members from around the area only began in Cannich in September last year and has gone from strength to strength ever since. Designed for all ages to learn practical self-defence and with the first lesson FREE and only a couple of pounds for a lesson beyond that it is a great way to exercise and learn a new skill, certainly those that attend now always have a great time.



## The Battle of Glen Affric

Nearly 300 years ago; back in 1721 The battle of Glen Affric took place. The battle was fought between the government backed forces of Clan Ross against the forces of Clan Mackenzie and their allies the Clan Macrae. So what really happened in what is today one of the most spectacular Glens in all of Scotland?

During the Jacobite rising of 1715 to 1719 the chiefs of the Highland Clan Ross supported the British-Hanoverian Government. The rising of 1715 was defeated at the Battle of Sheriffmuir and another rising was defeated at the Battle of Glenshiel in 1719, where the troops of Clan Ross had fought in support of the government.

In 1720 two members of the Clan Ross were appointed factors on the estates of Mackenzie of Seaforth, Chisholm & Glenmoriston and in 1721 they set off from Inverness with thirty armed men, picking up fifty more from Bernera Barracks to collect rents on these estates.

Whilst on their journey through to Kintail they were ambushed near Loch Affric by Clan Mackenzie and Clan Macrae members and were vastly outnumbered which led to their ultimate loss.

The beaten members of Clan Ross returned home promising never again to officiate as factors.

# Thinking Spring

Well here we are in September, the leaves are already starting to turn and there is a slight chill in the morning and evening air. It is the best time of year to start thinking of flowers for the springtime and in particular bulb planting.

Bulbs can be used to enhance your garden and can be planted out in borders or tubs and pots to great effect. For early spring flowers why not plant some winter aconite and snowdrops. If you want colour for later in the spring the choice is really endless. You can choose from crocus, daffodils, tulips and alliums to name but a few. All of these families of bulbs have a great variety of species to consider ranging from dwarf varieties to taller more impacting varieties. The colour palette is also vast ranging from white to black and many other colours depending on the bulbs you choose. They are also very versatile and can be planted singly dispersed among borders or in groups to give more of a show. Finally they can be naturalised in grass or in woodland situations to add interest to those areas.

The autumn is a good time for treating your lawn for moss. Apply ferrous sulphate which can in either powder or liquid form and can be bought at most garden centres. Please don't be alarmed if you see patches of black throughout your lawn after treating mossy areas, this is what is supposed to happen and the grass can then be scarified and will grow back.

If you would like some advice on the items in this article feel free to contact me at [birchwoodhort@gmail.com](mailto:birchwoodhort@gmail.com) or on 07841432290.

Best wishes  
Allan Purvis



  
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## What's on September

- 4 – SACC Board Meeting: Cannich Hall 730pm – 930pm
- 9 – Strathglass v Kilimalie: Cannich 230pm\*
- 13 – Strathglass Community Council: Cannich Hall 730pm – 930pm
- 13 – Craft Group: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 15 – Flower & Craft Show: Cannich Bridge Primary 5pm – 7pm
- 16 – Rally Event: Kerrow from 830am
- 16 – Rally Awards: Cannich Hall 7pm – 12am
- 18 – First Responders Meeting: Cannich Hall 730pm – 930pm
- 21 – Whist Club: Cannich Hall 630pm – 1030pm
- 27 – Craft Group: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm

## October

- 7 – Another evening with Iain Scally: Cannich Hall 7pm-1130pm
- 11 – Craft Group: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 19 – Whist Club: Cannich Hall 630pm – 1030pm
- 25 – Craft Group: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 25 – Strathglass Community Council: Cannich Hall 730pm – 930pm
- 27 – Halloween Party: Cannich Hall 7pm - Midnight

## Regular Events:

- Black Dragon Hapkido: Cannich Hall 6:30pm – 8pm 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 11:00am – 1:00pm every Thursday
- GP Surgery: Cannich Hall 9:30am – 11:30am every Tuesday

\* 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)

\*\* Youth Club is not held during the school holidays

## 2017 Flower & Craft Show

September 15<sup>th</sup> will see the annual Flower & Craft show on again at the Cannich Bridge Primary School.

The show is open the public from 5pm till 7pm and entry is just 50p

Raffle & Results are at 6pm followed by a produce sale.

As always there will be Tea & Coffee available as well as the BBQ.

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