THE CRAIC MONTHLY ISSUE #3



# The Craic Monthly

December 2016

GLEN CANNICH

By Keith Helliwell

FREE (Donations appreciated)

## Tourist Services - A community effort

by Brad Collins



A lot of businesses in our area depend on tourism for survival and providing for our visitors is an important aspect all year round. With great thanks to a few members of our community who wish to remain nameless we now have an absolutely stunning new tourist information board attached to the side of the shop.

The board has been expertly mounted by a private individual from Glassburn, of course George didn't want any fuss made about his outstanding workmanship so we are unable to name him, but we owe a massive thanks to him for his fantastic erection.

Complete with lighting under the canopy and some LED lighting mounted within the cabinet that was kindly donated by Mr Hans-Werner Hoppe of Wuppertal, Germany who was staying with our anonymous benefactor from Glassburn this is sure to be a great addition to the village and big assistance to anyone visiting the area. Thanks again to all those involved in its construction, erection and provision of images.

#### **Dundonnel Mountain Rescue Team**

We received a message of thanks from the Dundonnel Mountain Rescue Team, the change you left in their collection tin added up to £41.94.



This is a great effort for a small community and is well appreciated. The new base being built in Dingwall is nearly complete and you can read all about that at their website http://www.dmrt.org.uk/

#### **ADVERTISE HERE !!!**

You can advertise your business or event to all our readers for as little as £1 - Contact us for all the details: shop@cannichstores.co.uk

#### The mail must get through

Thanks to one of our intrepid posties, this months cover image was taken up in Glen Cannich.

No matter what the weather Keith makes sure that our mail is delivered but there is always time for a great photo to be taken as well.

If you would like one of your photos published let us know at the shop or email them to us

## Think of the children



Everyone loves Christmas, it's a time of joy and fun for everyone. Christmas dinner with friends and family is the tradition for many of us. It's a time to reflect on the year and to enjoy spending time with our loved ones, but sadly not everyone will have a Christmas that is that much fun. Sometimes in life things happen and for whatever reason you land yourself in hospital. So this year we thought it might be nice if the people of Strathglass were to help out the children of the Highlands that find themselves stuck in hospital over Christmas.

So if you have a small gift of just £5 - £10 in value that you would like to donate to help out, then please drop it in to Cannich Stores. Label the gift with the sex & age range the gift is appropriate for and we will ensure that Santa gets the gifts to the Childrens Ward of Raigmore Hospital in time for Christmas.

There are children aged 0 - 16 years and this small gesture will certainly brighten up their Christmas day



#### Fresh Baked Bread on Christmas Day

Christmas Day is fast approaching and there would be nothing nicer than fresh baked bread straight from the oven. So, if you are wanting any of our great tasting rolls, pastries, croissants or fresh loaves come in to Cannich Stores and place your pre-order now to avoid disappointment. All bread will be baked that morning and available for pickup from the shop on Christmas Day between 8:30 & 9:30am





## Thanks to the community. A message from Adventure Quest UK

Can I say a big thank you to the communities of Strathglass on behalf of Adventure Quest UK Highlands for all their kindness, support and sponsorship for our recent NC500 ride.

We raised over £2000 in the end and can now purchase our canoes which will enhance the experiences we can offer to our Wounded, Injured and Sick Veterans (WIS) here in the Cannich and Glen Affric area. Further funding from Help for Heroes has also been secured for a further 3 years ensuring we continue to deliver these week long courses every month, which the guys get so much value from.

#### What's on

#### **December**

- 1 & 2 Guys n' Dolls show GUHS Adults £6, Children £4
- 3 Christmas Fayre & Markets: Cannich Hall
- 14 Senior Citizens Lunch Cannich Hall from 12:30pm
- 15 Whist Drive: Cannich Hall 6:30pm 10:30pm
- 16 Christmas Jumper Day Cannich Bridge Primary
- 17 Womens Aid Highlands Fundraiser Bog Cotton Café 2:00pm 5:00pm
- 18 Childrens Christmas Party: Cannich Hall 12:00pm 5:00pm
- 19 Carol Service Cannich Catholic Church (refreshments afterwards)
- 22 School Christmas Party
- 31 Hogmanay Party: Cannich Hall from 5pm

#### **January**

21 – Affric Wildlife Explorers: Cannich Hall 10:00am – 12:00pm

#### **Regular Events:**

Strathglass Indoor Bowling Club: Cannich Hall 1:15pm - 4:30pm every Monday

Black Dragon Hapkido: Cannich Hall 6:30pm – 7:30pm every Wednesday

Junior Youth Club: Cannich Hall 6:15pm – 7:45pm every Friday

Senior Youth Club: Cannich Hall 7:45pm - 9:15pm every Friday

#### Classifieds

#### **Wanted**

#### **Positions Vacant**

Retained Firefighter – Cannich see www.myjobscotland.gov.uk for full details

#### For Sale



If you have an event coming up let us know at the shop or email the details to shop@cannichstores.co.uk to get your event listed in our community diary.

More and more people are reading our newsletter and it's a great way to promote your event to the community.



#### **Black Dragon Scotland**

By Kevin Shorthouse

On the 12th October 2016, our little Martial Arts and Self-defence club opened its second night at the Cannich Hall.

On the 12th February 2014, Black Dragon Scotland was born at the Glen Urquhart Public Hall in Drumnadrochit, with a few friends from the Scottish Fighting Arts Society, of which we are a member, and my stepdaughter, Anna-Marie. We opened our doors and for the next few weeks our class consisted of Anna and myself with no one even popping in just for a free first lesson!

Slowly we began to increase our number and over the last two and a half years we have built up a very talented and dedicated team of "Little Dragons" and a few big ones!

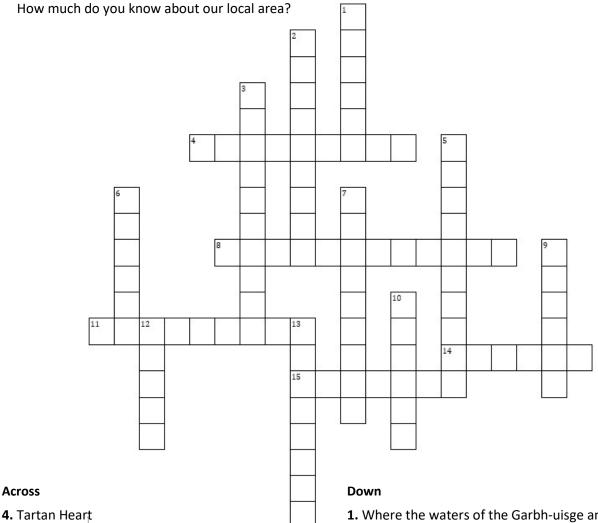
Before we took the decision to open our "Cannich Dojo", we already had members coming from Cannich to Drum on a regular basis, so it made sense to expand it this direction.

Now, a few weeks on we have gained a couple of new faces, but we have room for more. Anyone from six to sixty and beyond are welcome to come down and join in. Our policy is to make fit the martial arts to you, whatever your situation.

So don't be put off by what you think you know and come down and see us, you may be surprised!

For further information, please contact us at: blackdragonsclub@yahoo.com or find us on Facebook.

### STRATHGLASS LOCALES



- 4. Tartan Heart
- 8. Used to be part of the lands of the Grants of Glenmoriston
- 11. The power of the Glen
- 14. Pony Trekking
- 15. Furthest point of the A831

- 1. Where the waters of the Garbh-uisge and Uisge Misgeach merge
- 2. Ancestral home of the Golden Retriever
- 3. Church of Talorcan
- 5. Largest concrete dam in Scotland
- **6.** 46m high
- 7. Famous for Mony's Stone
- 9. Part of the lands of the Clan Chisholm and the Clan Fraser of Lovat
- 10. The Model Village
- 12. Home to the Cnoc
- 13. Ancestral home of the Chisholms

