



The Craic Monthly

December 2017

FREE

Strathglass comes together to celebrate

by Brad Collins

On Sunday night 5th November the communities of Strathglass came together in a field in Cannich to celebrate Guy Fawkes night. Despite the Councils introduction of fees the spirit wasn't dampened and the people of Tomich, Struy and surrounds joined those of Cannich in a field to celebrate and from all accounts it was a roaring success. Thanks must go to those that organised the event with an absolutely fantastic fireworks display and a bonfire so large it burnt well into the following day.



Thanks to Arnie Sweetman who bought this little gem in to the shop, dating from 1878 (see inscription below) it is the most beautiful little purse. Further research by Jim McAuley has shown that sadly Mrs Ballingall didn't get to enjoy the gift for very long as she passed away later the same year.

This purse of Sovereigns presented to Mrs Ballingall by her numerous friends as a token of their esteem and in appreciation of her 8 years management of the Glenaffaric Hotel, Cannich 25th May 1878



Thanks Everyone!

For those that don't already know Cannich Stores was a finalist for the Independent Convenience Retailer of the Year, we were one of four finalists which was such an honour to be chosen from all stores throughout the UK. As the only store from Scotland meaning we are #1 in Scotland in that Category it really meant a lot to us.

Whilst we didn't get the top prize, we were pipped at the post by a store about 10 times our size from Ireland.

Of course, any success we have is down to you our valued customers, without your continued support we just can't do what we do. So, thanks to all those that continue to support us and help us grow.

Right Place, Right Time

Sometimes you just happen to be in the right place at the right time and recently for two customers who wish to remain nameless they happen to be the lucky pair who stumbled in to the whisky tasting happening at the back of the shop.

After an unexpected visit from our Whisky rep, he left a range of samples of some newly released malts and according to our lucky tasters, they are of superb quality; specially the dram that one of the lucky pair tasted that would work out at just £230 per bottle

All told there were 12 different malts to be tasted, ranging from 12 year olds to 25 year olds, the majority of which ranked above the 70% mark by our chosen experts.

As our whisky range grows you can be sure that some of these will be instore soon and a big thanks to our two lucky customers.

We hope you enjoyed your afternoon break!



New Menus, More choice

For 12 months or more you have been able to get Pizza, Chips etc. for dinner, Bacon Rolls, Lorne & Black Pudding for your breakfast or your lunchtime fix of Sausage Rolls, Pies, Slices, cakes & more. In fact our customers have enjoyed all sorts of take-away foods direct from the shop and in some cases delivered to your door but we have found that not everyone is aware of what we do here. As the Spar tagline says we are **there for you**, anytime of the day; any day of the week; specially if you don't want to cook, we can do it for you. We have fed the Shinty Club, the RSPB, countless workmen from the SSE and the various hydro schemes being built. We have now made it easier for you to get your take-away fix with our new Pizza Menu and our new Take-Away menu, if you haven't got yours already then ask in the shop for your menu and enjoy a hot cooked meal without the fuss and bother or washing up.

**Pizza – Baked Potato – Chips – Steamed Vegetables – Chicken – Fish – Pies – Slices – Bacon – Haggis
so much more.... Just Ask**

Guyson Award winner



CONGRATULATIONS to Eddie Noble for taking out the award for A3 Class winner in the Scottish Sprint Championship Guyson 2017 Awards on Saturday 25th November.

Christmas Fun

This year the childrens party is having a bit of change and we are organizing a kids Christmas Disco. This will be a night of great fun starting at 6.30pm running till 8.30pm on Saturday night December 16th.

Please bring your children dressed with sparkle and/or tinsel - lots of dancing to Christmas hits!

Cost for the disco is just £2.50 per child (includes drink and crisps) all funds raised go towards next years party!

The Scottish Poppy Appeal 2017

Awarded to

CANNICH STORE

in recognition of the outstanding work carried out on behalf of Poppyscotland and for helping to provide life-changing support to our Armed Forces community in Scotland.

Amount collected £ 91.25

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Thanks once again for all those that helped us support the Poppy Scotland Appeal. Together we raised £91.25

THANK YOU



Community First Responder

HELP! Your community needs you.

Are you interested in becoming a Community First Responder? You will train in many life saving techniques that means you could be the difference between life & death.

The First Responder scheme is a locally managed group of volunteers, but without your help it simply cannot exist.

If you can spare a small amount of time and would like to do some good for your community then please get in touch with either Alan Speed or Simon McLaughlin (simonthespider@googlemail.com) for the full details.

What's on

December

- 3 – Christmas Fayre: Cannich Hall 1pm – 4pm
- 4 – Hall Committee Meeting: Cannich Hall 7pm – 930pm
- 6 – Heritage Group Drop In: Marydale Church 2pm-4pm
- 6 – Craft Club: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 6 – Strathglass Community Council: Cannich Hall 730pm – 930pm
- 16 – Kids Christmas Disco: Cannich Hall 630pm – 830pm
- 19 – SACC Director meeting: 7pm – 9pm
- 20 – Craft Club: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 31 – Hogmanay Party: Cannich Hall from 7pm

January

- 1 – HAPPY HOGMANAY
- 3 – Craft Club: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 9 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 10am – 11am
- 10 – Strathglass Community Council: Cannich Hall 730pm – 930pm
- 16 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 10am – 11am
- 17 – Craft Club: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 23 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 10am – 11am
- 27 – Bird Catch: Guisachan 10am – Midday

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

** Youth Club is not held during the school holidays

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.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

Are you looking for something different to give as a gift this Christmas?

See the shop for details on how to gift an RSPB membership to someone you love this Christmas.

PILATES!!!

Looking to get fit or stay in shape? Pilates is now running in the Cannich Hall, Tuesday mornings from 10am – 11am

Get your copy direct

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Do you want to be the first to get a copy as soon as its published?

If so send your email address to shop@cannichstores.co.uk to be added to our mailing list to make sure you don't miss out.



December Drop-In

Wednesday 6th
Marydale Church

2 – 4pm

Tea, Coffee &
Biscuits provided

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