



# The Craic Monthly

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## New sponsor for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team

by Brad Collins



The Strathglass Shinty clubs 2<sup>nd</sup> team were overjoyed last month to receive their new kit kindly sponsored by their new benefactors the Glen Affric Holiday Park. Pictured above are Alan & Amanda Hood proprietors of the holiday park with the 2<sup>nd</sup> team looking great in their new gear.

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## What's on May

- 1 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 945am – 1145am
- 2 – Whist Club: Cannich Hall 130pm – 430pm
- 4 – Scottish Country Dance Rally: Cannich Hall 7pm-Midnight
- 8 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 945am – 1145am
- 9 – Craft Club: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 9 – Community Council Meeting: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 12 – Glen Affric Duathlon: Glen Affric from 11am**
- 15 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 945am – 1145am
- 15 – SACC Meeting: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 16 – Whist Club: Cannich Hall 130pm – 430pm
- 21 – Heritage Group AGM: Marydale Church 7pm
- 22 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 945am – 1145am
- 23 – Strathglass Heritage Pop In: Marydale Church 2pm – 4pm
- 23 – Craft Club: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 26 – Bat Walk: Fasnakyle \*
- 29 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 945am – 1145am
- 30 – Whist Club: Cannich Hall 130pm – 430pm

## June

- 5 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 945am – 1145am
- 6 – Craft Club: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 12 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 945am – 1145am
- 13 – Whist Club: Cannich Hall 130pm – 430pm
- 19 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 945am – 1145am
- 19 – SACC Meeting: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 20 – Community Council Meeting: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 20 – Craft Club: Cannich Hall 7pm – 9pm
- 26 – Pilates: Cannich Hall 945am – 1145am
- 27 – Whist Club: Cannich Hall 130pm – 430pm

\* RSPB Wildlife Explorers programme is aimed at children 8-12 years old but younger children are welcome as long as an adult stays with them.

Please ensure that all children are prepared for a walk, even for indoor events. Unless otherwise stated all meetings are £1 per child

## 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**

Indoor Bowling: Cannich Hall 1:30pm – 4:30pm every Monday

\* 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

## Strathglass Shinty Club

### 100 Club Winners

1. Simon Owen - £70
2. Frank Brown - £25
3. Ross MacLeod - £10

Thanks to Hamish Reid who drew this months prize winners at the U14/17 Training



If you have an event coming up let us know at the shop or email the details to [shop@cannichstores.co.uk](mailto: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.

# Whisky of the Month

Cu Bocan is our choice for Whisky of the month for May and what a great wee dram it is, with a great back story to go with it.

During the last week of every year, the Tomatin distillery use lightly peated barley in their whisky production. This spirit, just 60,000 litres per annum is then filled into 1st fill ex-Bourbon, ex-Sherry and Virgin Oak casks and, when matured, is bottled as Cù Bòcan.

"Why 'Cù Bòcan'?" we hear you ask...

Cù Bòcan has stalked residents of the remote Highland village of Tomatin for centuries, his legend embellished by the hellhound's increasingly fractious behaviour.

Sightings are rare, once in a generation, always terrifying.

A distillery worker, out walking late, was once relentlessly pursued by an imposing black beast, steam spiralling from flared nostrils, teeth bared.

Compelled beyond all natural reason to feel the hound's dense fur he stopped and reached out, hand trembling, only to see the ghostly spectre - Cù Bòcan - dissolve before his eyes leaving nothing but a vacuum of deathly silence and an inky blue cloud of smoke, soon spirited away across the peat moorland...

The legend of Cù Bòcan lives on in this lightly peated single malt Scotch Whisky from Tomatin Distillery. What are you waiting for?

## Tasting Notes:

**Nose** : You are initially hit with coconuts and cream with some botanic notes, parsley and coriander. The smoke emerges after a minute, but only drifting past the nose. A mesmeric mix of lime, grapefruit and tangerines with rich almond and aniseed.

**Mouth** : Initially feather light, followed by a honeyed smoke; toasted almonds. The rich spice of cloves, cinnamon and star anise create an enigmatic elegance. Imagine a café latte with fresh chocolate shavings.

**Finish** : Light with a hint of sweet smoke.



## Road Closure – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May : 9am – 3pm

The road through Glen Affric will be closed to public traffic at the above times between Chisholm Bridge and River Affric Car Park (approx. 1 mile) in order to ensure the safety of those involved with the duathlon.

The only vehicles permitted beyond Chisholm Bridge will be those carrying competitors, support personnel and emergency services. The public road up to this point will of course be open to all, including the car parks at Dog Falls and Loch Beinn a' Mheadhain.



# Time for a Spring Clean



We are very fortunate in that we get to live in one of the most spectacular places in the world. Thousands of people travel from all over the world to spend a few days or even just a couple of hours amongst the splendour and beauty that we see each and every day of our lives.

In an effort to help keep the area looking as wonderful as it does the shop will provide FREE bags for anyone who is willing to pick up any litter that they find along their walks in the area. With all of us working together we can ensure that the beauty of our area remains a place that people want to visit.

Its not just the shop that are trying their best to help encourage a cleaner environment, the Coach House Café in Tomich have

## Congratulations....

Congratulations to Eleanor & Brian who after a lengthy engagement have finally decided to tie the knot.

They plan to hold a low-key ceremony for close friends and family on 13<sup>th</sup> October in a yet to be disclosed location.

## Another Winner....

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the Shinty Club raffle. The draw was made by Heather Redmond in the shop on April 30<sup>th</sup> and the lucky winner was purple ticket #60

Congratulations to Catriona MacIntosh who wins the gift basket & £20 voucher.



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