

Local Telephone Numbers

Health, Teeth & Pets

Culloden Surgery	Tel. 793400
Culloden Medical Practice	Tel. 793777
NHS 24	Tel. 08454 242424
Rowlands Pharmacy, Culloden.	Tel. 791900
Dentist, Highland Primary Care	Tel. 792554
Moray Coast Vets,	Tel. 794224
Culloden Vets	Tel. 793700

Schools & Council

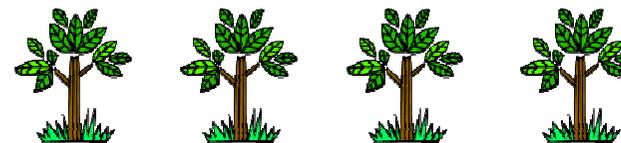
Balloch Primary.	Tel. 790287
Culloden Academy	Tel. 790851
Culloden Academy Community Wing	Tel. 792794
Library	Tel. 792531
Council Service Point, Ardersier	Tel. 01667 462658
For local public transport information	Tel. 702660

Food

Scotmid (Open: 7am - 8pm Daily.)	Tel. 795817
A & I Butcher, (Free Home Delivery)	Tel. 798303
Fast food home delivery (nearby):	
Magic Wok	Tel. 798866
Raj Tandoori	Tel. 798800
Curry Hoose	Tel. 795844

Places of Worship

Barn Church of Scotland	Tel. 798946
St Mary in the Fields, Diocsn Office	Tel. 01349 854984
King's Factory	Tel. 792700
St Columba, RC	Tel. 791957
Free Church	Tel. 790977
Culloden Baptist Church	Tel. 794005



BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Balloch Village Trust

Local History 'A Living History of Balloch' was launched and published in November 2009. For the moment, all copies of the book are sold or given to contributors. We are likely to do a small additional print run and copies will be available from Waterstones in Eastgate. Much of the information will soon be available for view on ballochvillage.com along with the original interviews and photo archive that went into this local history project. Many thanks to those that contributed to this project and who have been so interested in its progress and continuation.

We are well aware that many gaps remain in this first attempt to pull together something of Balloch's local history. There are undoubtedly many more gems of memories and photos tucked away out there. If you feel able to make a small written contribution or have photos that we could scan and return, we would still like to hear from you. Please contact via e mail on b.v.t@btinternet.com or in writing to Mrs Liz Green at 26 Cherry Park, Balloch, IV2 7HG. Our aim is put new material on the website and if sufficient new material turns up consider printing a second version.

Balloch Community Council

Contact Details & Meetings

Chairman	Alex Bennett	Tel.790541
Vice Chairman	Graham Dunbar	Tel. 798580
Secretary	Kate Stephen	Tel. 798526
Treasurer	Allan Robertson	Tel.790446
	Margaret MacMillan	Tel. 791090
	George Riddell	Tel.791990
	Ian Williams	Tel. 790282
	Elspeth Fraser	Tel. 790710

Meetings are held in the Balloch Village Hall on the third Monday of most months throughout the year. They start at 7.30 and usually finish within an hour and a half.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you would like more information about meetings, please contact the Alex or Kate.

If you have concerns about the village or would like to bring a matter to the attention of the Community Council, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Notice Board

The Community Council notice board used to be on the wall of the old shop. After the building was demolished the notice board was moved to the green triangle on the other side of the road. Usually it is full of local information as well as minutes from Community Council meetings.

To make the notices more 'noticeable' it is hoped to install a new notice board on the wall of the new shop.

Tree and Hedge Planting Plans

It is planned to plant trees and hedge-type plants along Barn Church Road. Advice from Highland Council's Tree Officer is being taken as to what species to plant.

Funding has been received from Highland Council Ward Discretionary Budget to plant the trees.

Last year Cllr Glynis Sinclair kindly donated trees which were planted near the Cherry Park junction on Barn Church Road.

Please contact Ian (790282) or Kate (798526) if you would like to know more, to give your views or to help out.

There is no local history club as such (with regular meetings and sharing of information) but if anyone is interested in running one in Balloch, the book and the materials that we have would provide a strong foundation to set one up.

Balloch Woodland Path Map BVT is producing a map of the paths in the woodlands to the east of the village, entering at the bus turning circle. We plan to get this printed. Numbered posts at path junctions will relate to numbers on the map. Once maps are available, there will be a notice on the noticeboard saying where to obtain them.

General BVT continues to work on existing projects. We welcome new members to take forward new ideas. For more information or for anyone interested joining the committee, please contact b.v.t@btinternet.com.

The BVT AGM will be held at Balloch Village Hall on:

Wednesday 26th May at 7pm

Anyone interested in joining the committee please contact

BVT by the 12th May.

Chair. Melanie Smith.



BALLOCH VILLAGE HALL



The following is a list of names and contact details of the organisations that use the Village Hall



For more details, contact Karen Hallkett
Tel: 01463 790601, or 07786257637.



1st Balloch Rainbows

Mrs Lilian Riach

19 Moray Park Avenue Culloden IV2 7LS

Tel: 790191

l.riach@btinternet.com

Meet Monday evenings 6.30-7.30

1st Balloch Guides

Anne Speight

Tel: 07523252689

Meet Wednesday evening 7.15-9pm

1st Balloch Brownies

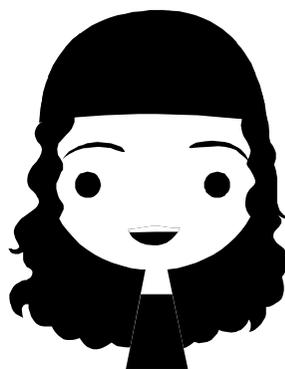
Mrs Jenny Card

Fairhaven

6 Wellside Balloch IV2 7GS

Tel: 793631 E: jenny.card@btinternet.com

Meet term time Wednesday 5.15-6.45pm



Culloden & Ardersier Ward

The Ward Manager is employed by Highland Council to support the elected Members to scrutinise the delivery of Council services and to ensure the Councils Programme for Administration is delivered.

The role includes dealing with issues that arise across the Culloden & Ardersier Ward to ensure they are dealt with effectively. A key feature is supporting the Community Council to represent the views of their community to the Council.

The Culloden & Ardersier Ward receives a Ward Discretionary Budget each year of £59,659 that is managed by the Ward Manager on behalf of the Councillors.

So far the following grants have been disbursed:

- £1,950 towards half the costs of new lights on the pedestrian crossing
- £200 for the Balloch over 60's club
- £500 for Balloch Primary School for Christmas activities

This is entirely discretionary with funds being available to groups who apply. Application forms are available from the Ward Manager's office.

Charles Stephen

Ward Manager Culloden & Ardersier/Inverness South

Chief Executive's Service

Town House, Inverness IV1 1JJ

T: 724246 E: charles.stephen@highland.gov.uk

Councillors' Comments

There is great interest locally in the A96 Corridor Masterplan developments and of course the outcome of the Strategic Transport Review, and the announcement that the upgrade of the A96 from Inverness eastwards including a bypass of Nairn be a priority project.

Discussions which have generated a great deal of comment are the improvements to the transport infrastructure, and the proposed expansion of the Inverness Airport and a business park at Dalcross. The relocation of the Inverness College UHI, to the Beechwood area, with additional housing and a district shopping centre proposed for Culloden. All of those developments which are looking to the long term requirements of an expanding city including a trunk link routing from A96/A9/A82.

As councillors we continue to press for improvements to all other local routes as everyone is aware they get busier every day. It is always at the forefront of our ward business meetings, local road infrastructure, grass verges to be kept clear, dog fouling to be addressed ensuring that the quality of life in the locality is of the highest quality possible.

It has been a pleasure to assist many local organisations and our Primary Schools with funding through our discretionary budget over recent years. We would hope to assist where we can over the next period which is looking to be quite challenging for everyone.

Regards

Cllr. Bob Wynd



Krafti Kar

Karen Halket

Tel: 790601

www.kraftikar.co.uk E: Karen@kraftikar.co.uk

School holidays

Parents & Toddlers

Rebecca Huxtable-Smith

Tel: 798018

E: bechuxtablesmith@googlemail.com

Meet Thursday and Friday Morning



Playgroup

Jayne MacIntosh, Cawdor

jayne.mackintosh201@btinternet.com

Meet Monday-Thursday 9-12.30 in large hall.

Tabetha Sandelands is joining the regular hall booking slot doing Sing & Sign for mums and Toddlers - waiting for confirmation of day.

Over 60's Club

George Mudd

29 Cameron Avenue Balloch IV2 7JT

Tel: 790547

Meet every fortnight on Wednesday afternoons from second week in September to the following May at 2.30-4.30pm

Bonsai Association (Highland)

Mrs Anne Monckton

Tel: 01349865485

Meet 3rd Wednesday evening of month

SWRI

Fiona Boyd

Tel: 790363

Meet second Wednesday evening in month

Cheryl Heggie School of Dance

Cheryl Heggie

Tel: 221786 /07967104121

Friday pm

Duncan Dance Club (Adult Ballroom)

Jenny Duncan

Tel: 233151

Monday evening

Edith MacPherson School of Dance(Highland – Children)

Edith MacPherson

Tel: 01463 232112

Monday 3.15-4.15pm

Riddell School of Dance(Tap, Ballet – Children)

Fiona Riddell

Tel: 0779957041

fiona@inverness-dance.org.uk

Thursday afternoon evening

Vals Dance (Highland)

Mrs Val Houston

Tel: 01997421191

Meet Saturday afternoons



Everybody had great fun throughout the week and we hope that it will be possible to have another Expressive Arts Week for the pupils next year.

Vicky MacRae P7 pupil at Balloch Primary School.

Lights at Zebra Crossing

Concern was raised about the Zebra Crossing earlier in 2009. To improve safety Highland Council, with support from our local Members' Ward Discretionary Budget, have installed new lights above the crossing.

POP-IN**At the Free Church, Murray Road, Smithton**

The Pop-in is open from 10am to 4pm every Wednesday from September to the end of June. Everybody over 50 years or thereby is most welcome to come along and meet and make friends and have a very pleasant time.

Tea, coffee, light refreshments and soup is served. There are activities including quizzes, singing, story telling and some very light exercises which you can take part in if you so wish. Most important thing is to come along and have an enjoyable time

The Balloch bus for the City Centre stops outside the Church. If you are unable to access transport and require a lift please call the Church office on 01463-793191 and we will arrange for you to be picked up and taken home again. We look forward to meeting you.

SCHOOL NEWS

Balloch Primary School Expressive Arts Week

From Monday 22nd to Friday 26th February, Balloch Primary School had an Expressive Arts Week. Each day we did a different activity- starting with Kodaly with Mrs. Rae on Monday. In Kodaly we did various different singing games and warm ups. We all enjoyed the tongue twister about toboggans, even though it was quite confusing! I think that everyone had a great time and really enjoyed this activity.

On Tuesday we had Jammin Fitness with Laura. This is where we learned a variety of different “moves” and put them together in a dance...to “Diversity” type music. Everybody had fun and it would be really nice if we could have her more often!

The activity on Wednesday was storytelling with Lilian Ross. She told us a tale called “The seed of Truth” which was set in the Highland Clearances. It was a nice change to sit and listen to a professional story teller, and it would be great if we could start every day like that!

Sadly, we didn't get the drama on Thursday as the lady got stuck in the snow, so on Friday we had drum fun, which was most people's favourite activity.

The instructor, called Steve, was very enthusiastic, which made it all the more fun and exciting. We all had different types and sizes of drums, which we quickly mastered, and we all liked doing the rhythms and enjoyed getting to be loud!

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Fullforte (Keyboard Lessons)

Clunie Conochie

Tel: 870309/07732355171

Wednesday morning

Badminton Club

Mrs Isobel Brill

55 Edgemoor Park Balloch IV1 2RA

Tel: 792234

Meet Term time – Thursday 7.30- 9pm

Indoor Bowling

Lorna Robertson

“Shamal” Upper Cullernie Balloch

Tel: 790446

Meet Tuesday and Friday evening

Baptist Church (Culloden)

Mrs Ruth McGowan

32 Wellside Road Balloch

Tel: 794005 cullodenbaptist@btinternet.com

Meet alternate Sunday Evenings 6.30-8pm

Inverness Christian Fellowship

Robbie Halket

Tel: 790601

www.icfchurch.co.uk

Meet last Sunday of month pm

Subud Britain

Solihin Roberts

Tel: 01224791373

Meet first Sunday morning of Month



Over 60's Club

Balloch Over 60's Club meet fortnightly in the Balloch Community Hall from the second week in September until the May following. Meetings are on Wednesday afternoon from 2.30-4.30pm.

During the course of the eight months a range of entertainment is provided by way of guest speakers, accordion and fiddle players or a school choir.

After the entertainment, we hold a raffle with each member contributing a small prize. This raffle helps with club funds which provide additional fun entertainment. Tea and biscuits follow.

In October we have a half day coach outing and in May a full day coach outing. The week before Christmas we have a Christmas lunch at a local hotel and on the nearest Wednesday to Burns' anniversary, we hold a Burns' Lunch.

At present we have a membership of 33 and we would welcome as many more members as we can get. Membership is not confined to Balloch as we have members from Culloden and Smithton.

The club is run by a committee of at least seven members elected by the membership at the A.G.M. which is the last meeting in May before the summer break.

For further information contact **George Mudd** on **01463790547**.

CRAFTS & HOBBIES COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAYS 10.00—11.30

Barn Church, Culloden

April 7, 21

May 5, 19

June 2, 16, 30

Genealogy	Card making
Sewing	Tapestry
Live music	Cross stitch
Computer	Internet Café
Drawing	Jewellery

OPEN HOUSE COFFEE & CHAT

Wednesdays between

Crafts & Hobbies off over summer holidays

Starts again Wed 1st September

Open House Coffee & Chat continues
throughout summer