



# muaitheabhal

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## Pairc and Kinloch

### South Lochs Cubs and Beavers roar into Glen Lyon

The 1st South Lochs Cubs and Beavers had their first great adventure off-island in June this year when they travelled as a group to Meggernie Camp Site, a Scout Activity Centre based in Glen Lyon, Perthshire.



As this was a first stay away from home for some, the farmhouse on site was booked, which meant that there were comfy beds, cosy duvets, soft pillows and more importantly no wet tents to contend with!

Saturday morning started early with breakfast followed by archery for the Cubs and pond dipping and night lining for the Beavers – all activities being run by the qualified instructors on site. With a quick break for lunch it was then off to Aberfeldy to join the team from Splash! who were to provide the water activities. The afternoon was a huge success and we cannot thank the team at Splash! enough.



Back home to the farmhouse for frisbee, golf and orienteering, followed by a campfire with hotdogs and toasted marshmallows, which finished off Saturday night quite nicely.

Sunday morning there were plenty sleepy heads, but once their energy was renewed with a hearty breakfast it was back outside again for grass sledging and the traversing wall.

12 noon came too soon and it was time to pack up and leave Meggernie. It was sad to go, but that wasn't the end of the adventure. Whilst on board the ferry a tour of the bridge was laid on – what a smashing way to finish a brilliant weekend.



The Cubs and Beavers had a great time, and the weekend was action-packed from start to finish. Of course they also earned lots of badges and can be very proud of themselves for their conduct over the whole weekend; they were a pleasure to take away.

Thanks to everyone who was involved in the whole trip, and Pairc Community Council and MCWFT for the grant aid we received.

Finally, thanks to the wonderful people of Lewis and Harris who gave generously to the bag packing in the Co-op, and the parents and supporters who put their trust in us every week to do our best for their children and teach the values of Scouting, which will hopefully stay with them and be useful throughout their adult life.



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Welcome to issue 9 of the newsletter for Pairc and Kinloch, produced by MCWFT, and full of the latest news and events in the area.

October/ November issue out: **22 September.**

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### Balallan Charity Shop



**Opening Hours**  
**Wed - Fri 1-3pm**  
**Sat 11am-3pm**

**The Old School, Balallan**

## Pairc Trust Celebration

Pairc Trust held a Celebration Event on Saturday 18th June in Kershader. The purpose of the event was to celebrate taking ownership of the Estate on behalf of the community and to thank all those involved for their support.

We had local youngsters provide entertainment with singing and dancing, and all the children were presented with Pairc Trust medals (pictured below).

Alasdair Allan MSP said a few encouraging words and unveiled our commemorative sign. The event was well attended and the Trust raised £200, which was donated to the Pairc Playgroup.



## Community Consultation Events

The Trust recently held a number of community engagement workshops and drop in sessions, and would like to thank everyone who contributed. We will summarise the discussions and publish this on our website in the near future.

If you did not manage to attend but would like to contribute, our Pairc Residents Survey is available on our website: [www.pairctrust.co.uk](http://www.pairctrust.co.uk). You can complete this and return to us by email. We welcome any suggestions and encourage members of the community to contact us with ideas.

## Housing Needs Analysis

Pairc Trust would like to thank everyone who completed and returned their Housing Needs Surveys. We will analyse the results and once this has been done our findings will be available on our website.

We are also grateful to MCWFT for their funding, which allowed us to purchase Ravenspoint vouchers for our prize draw. The winners of the draw are:

DJ Matheson  
(pictured with our Housing Support Officer Al Reed),  
S. McLaughlin,  
William Holden,  
Kenny MacKay



## Pairc Road Race

This year's annual Road Race will take place on Saturday 27th August. More details will be posted on our Facebook page nearer the time, and can also be found on the Stornoway Running Club website and the Calbost Harriers Facebook page.

## Keep in Touch

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## Pairc Community Council

### COMMUNITY SKIP UPDATE

The Community Skip is located in Gravir.

The Skip will be manned and opened on Saturday mornings between 10AM and NOON.

Please look at the Information Leaflet which outlines what rubbish is allowed in the Skip.

It is not permitted to leave rubbish outside the Skip as this is deemed Fly Tipping.

The Comhairle are monitoring the skip closely; we would appreciate your help by using the Skip responsibly.

Should you have any questions, please contact any member of Pairc Community Council.

## Alzheimer Scotland

Alzheimer Scotland Lewis and Harris wish to express sincere thanks to the Muaitheabhal Trust for their recent grant of £2323.04 to support the dementia cafés/drop-ins in North and South Lochs. This will support both dementia cafés to develop and run for a further 12 months.

Ravenspoint: 2pm - 3.30pm - First Wednesday of every month.

Balallan Hall: 2pm - 3.30pm - First Thursday of every month.

If you wish to find out more about these dementia cafés/drop-ins please contact Ellen Donnelly on:

[edonnelly@alzscot.org](mailto:edonnelly@alzscot.org) or 01851 702123.



# Naidheachdan na Sgìre...

# Around the area...

## Balallan Hall

The Balallan Hall AGM is on Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm.

New committee members are urgently required to help bring our newly renovated hall forward and turn it into a community hub to cater for all ages of people in the community. If you have an hour a month to spare, please consider joining us.

Work on the hall is now almost completed and we can guarantee it will now always be warm and welcoming with all our new insulation!

We are grateful to the public for bearing with us while all the renovations were going on and thank them for their understanding and patience.

We are also very grateful to Muaitheabhal Trust, Awards for all and of course, you, the public, for supporting all our fund raising efforts and making it all possible.

A big "Thank You" from all members of the hall committee.

## Dè tha dol... What's on...

Sunday 24 July	Thursday 18 August
Muriel Macleod	AGM
Muriel will be speaking about her recent experience of working in Cambodia.	Co-Chommun na Pairc
7.30pm	7.30pm
Gravir Church Hall	Ravenspoint

Tuesday 30 August	September
AGM	Quiz Night
Kinloch Historical Society	Kinloch Historical Society
With guest speaker	See Facebook for details
Balallan Old School	Balallan Old School

**Pairc Free Church, Gravir**

**Special Evangelical Services**  
(Orduighean Beag)

Jesus - good news to share!

with free church ministry students  
Iain Morrison  
on  
Friday 29 July at 7.30pm  
&  
Innes Macsween  
on  
Sunday 31 July at 12 noon and 6pm

Open forum in the church hall after the evening service on Sunday evening.

Opportunities to ask questions  
Tea/coffee/cakes

Everyone in the community is very welcome!!

**IBT Book Launch**

You are invited to join the Islands Book Trust as they present their latest book,  
**MV Isle of Lewis, by Mark Nicolson**

Author Mark Nicolson will be joined by Ian McCrorie, Caledonian MacBrayne's company historian

Caledonian MacBrayne Office, Oban  
Saturday 6th August, 7pm

**Free to attend  
Everyone welcome**

Copies of the book priced £9.99 will be available to purchase.

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# Generation Science at Sgoil na Pairc

P1-3 had a fun filled learning experience when they met teddies Isaac and Newton in Edinburgh's Science Festival 'Ready Teddy Go' workshop.

Isaac and Newton involved the children in learning about how things move using forces of push and pull, about gravity: why objects always fall when we drop them, floating and sinking and about friction: why balls will never roll along the ground forever, through a series of practical activities.



Pupils investigated friction by using a catapult to propel cars over different surfaces; carpet, bubble wrap, rubber, fleece, painted etc. to see how far the cars could travel on each surface.

Pupils tested gravity by finding out how many teddies could be lifted off the ground using a helium balloon.



Pupils investigated balls of different sizes and weights to predict and then see if they would float or sink.



The children's laughter at the antics of Isaac and Newton, their willingness to volunteer and take part in the engaging activities, brought the learning to life in a memorable way for all involved.

It was amazing to see how so much science could be investigated and explained in this workshop with such simplicity and fun.

## Rocket science

**A few weeks ago we began an experiment to see if seeds that had gone to space could then germinate on earth. We received two packets of rocket seeds from Tim Peake, one packet had been to space and one hadn't and we didn't know which was which.**

**We labelled and planted both packets and recorded how many of each packet germinated. At the minute the seed germination is very even and it is almost impossible to tell which ones went to space.**

**We will continue to check the seeds every week until the end of the six weeks when we will be told which packets are which and send in our information.**

**By Adam and Austin**