By Olli Blair

At the end of January Biebod Properties Ltd, the current owners of Borodale House, commenced refurbishment works to maintain and protect the old house which has started to deteriorate after 3 winters unoccupied.

The work largely involves re-roofing, re-pointing and replacement of lead flashing and rainwater goods.

The contractors have already stripped the roof, which is in relatively good condition, and started to re-slate.

They are re-using the slates which have been removed on the front pitches, with the rear pitches using reclaimed Balaculish slate reclaimed from other buildings in Scotland.

In early February planning permission was granted for the distillery.

There are conditions attached, some of which have now been discharged, allowing work to start as soon as the building warrant, costings and grant funding are finalised.

It is anticipated that this will be sometime in April.

The programme is tight and work should proceed quickly once started.

If you have any issues relating to the site please contact either the Architect, Olli Blair (07500 601940) or the site agent, Ivor Aitchison (07976 686924).
Looks like Spring has Sprung!

One minute it's sunny, the next it's snowing, definitely signs of Springtime.
Also Creme Eggs are here! 60p each

Don't forget Mother's Day, Sunday March 6th

Raasay Community Stores
29/30 Inverarish Terrace, Isle of Raasay IV40 8NS
01478660203 raasaystores@aol.com
facebook.com/RaasayCommunityStores

Community of Raasay Retail Association
2762RS
Raasay Healthcare Matters

Raasay Healthcare Matters, the group set up to campaign for a full-time nurse on Raasay, is seeking your help in identifying risk situations when ‘out-of-hours’ nursing cover is absent.

We hope to distribute questionnaires to each household and would be grateful if you would fill them in and return them to the box in the shop.

The information sought is mainly in the form of Yes / No answers but you can give as much or as little detail as you like. You do not have to give your name.

We intend to use the information to advise NHS Highland managers of the urgent need for out-of-hours patient services on Raasay.

Please return the forms by Monday 7th March.

Anyone who does NOT receive a copy of the questionnaire but would like one, please contact Lloyd Gudgeon (lloydraasay@gmail.com).

Looking for Cameras.

I have recently had an interview with Glasgow School of Art for the degree course in Fine Art Photography. It all went very well, I am still waiting to hear back. The use of analogue film cameras is a very big aspect within the course, so I was surprised that they had shown interest in my work, seeing as I only own a broken Pentax DSLR that I am tumbling around with. If anyone has unwanted working DSLR cameras that take 35mm film, I would eagerly take it off your hands! This would go much appreciated, as it is a growing interest of mine. If you see me in the shop or out and about I would love to know. If you have had something in mind whilst reading this please drop me an email:

binthatfinn@gmail.com

Thank you, Finn Croy

Back to business!

BY ARTEMIS PANA

After a brief period without official representation, enough nominations have been received to form a new Community Council for Raasay.

The new councillors will be John William Gillies, Katherine Gillies, Tekela Koek, Daryl Simpson, Elizabeth Simpson, Anne Gillies and Jill Westgarth.

Katherine Gillies said: “There are many important issues on Raasay affecting us all which require urgent attention.

“Without a Community Council it is much harder for the island to voice these and far easier for organisations off the island to ignore us.”

She said that two future priorities for the Council would be the lack of nursing cover and deteriorating state of the roads and expressed the hope that “members of the community will regularly attend the meetings so that the Council can play a positive role in ensuring that Raasay’s voice is both heard and acted on”.

The final step in appointing the Council will be electing office bearers.

This will take place at a meeting called by Highland Council on Thursday March 17.
Leaving no stone unturned

BY CALUM GILLIES

Above North Bay, you may have noticed the secluded alcove of trees just off the road that holds the recognisable and somewhat mysterious standing stone. With its picturesque location and weathered appearance you would be forgiven to think of it having stood there since time immemorial, placed, we might imagine, by the peoples who created and revered it. However this is not the case.

In the early 20th century, there was widespread concern over the possible destruction of important landmarks and monuments. As a result, The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of Scotland (RCAHMS) was established to survey and record such historical artefacts, and arrived on Raasay in 1914 to conduct a painstaking survey of all historical monuments on the island. In their survey they described the stone as such: “...a dressed slab of stone 4 feet 8 inches long, 1 foot 9 inches broad, and 6 inches thick, bearing on the upper part of one face a cross of the same type as the example at the pier (No. 581) with the tuning fork and crescent with divergent floriated rod Symbols below. This stone originally stood near the pier.”

We know now that the standing stone is an example of a Class II Pictish stone, which are defined by their relatively rectangular shape, the presence of a Christian cross as well as possible Pictish or Christian symbols and motifs. Although we cannot be sure of an exact date, Class II stones tend to date from the 8th to the 9th century.

The slab is said to have been found when James MacLeod of Raasay (1761-1823) was building the road from the “landing-place” (The Old Pier) to Raasay House. The stone was actually discovered near the cross stone carving that is still visible near the Battery today. James MacLeod had the stone erected in the conifer plantation where it still stands to this day. You can find a detailed description, diagram and explanation of the stone’s carvings on the RCAHMS website, but it is generally accepted to be a depiction of the Chi-Ro, an early Christian symbol that combined the first two letters from the Greek word for “Christ” (ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ). It is one of the earliest examples of this monogram, called a Christogram and is found in different forms on many Pictish stones. There also appears to be a “tuning fork” and a “crescent-and-V-rod symbol” depicted below the squared chi-ro symbol. There is also evidence of significant flaking and chipping, which seem to have occurred both before and after carving.
A Series of Stones?

While the solitary stone is now a famous landmark on Raasay, it is not the only one of its kind. The area around the old pier where it was found is home to several other examples of Pictish symbols, all from apparently the same time. Although now faded and worn through the passage of time, the most prominent and visible of these is the aforementioned “Cross Incised Rock”, carved into the natural outcrop that forms part of The Battery. While the similarities between the two carvings are clear, there has been debate to the dating of each of the stones. To quote the RCAHMS: “Crosses of this type are dated by Curle (C L Curle 1940) to the second half of the 7th century, but see Radford (C R Radford 1942) and Stevenson (R B K Stevenson 1955) who criticise this paper, and Galbraith (1933) who gives a second half of the 6th century date on the suggestion that it is connected with St. Moluag’s mission to Raasay”.

This is referring to St Moluags, the nearby chapel that was mentioned in Boswell’s tour of Raasay in the 1700’s, as was the cross. Boswell mentions that the cross specifically was the place where the Macleods of Raasay practised their devotions and was noted by him as one of the “St. Maol-luags” sanctuary markers. The standing stone itself was found some 90 metres away from this cross inscription as the road for the landing pier was being built. Whether the standing stone was found during Boswell’s stay on the island is unknown, as I have been unable to find a record of the exact date the standing stone was found. My opinion though, is that since Boswell visited in 1773 and James MacLeod (the man attributed with uncovering it) would only have been in his teens at the time, I find it unlikely that Boswell came across the standing stone.

Finally, there is reference to a second standing stone that was uncovered and removed from where it was found. Much like the standing stone placed in the plantation near Temptation Hill, two sources make reference to a “Sculptured Stone” or “Standing Stone” found in the late 19th century: “Immediately South of Torr Iain Ghairbh [Historical site of Raasay House], a sculptured stone was found in 1846, which is presently placed in an upright position near the East end of Raasay House. This rough granite slab bears on one side in relief what appears to commemorate one of the stages of the Passion of Christ, and is possibly one of the eight crosses referred to by Boswell as St Maol-luag’s chapel sanctuary markers”. The stone is said to have been removed from where it was ‘set up’ sometime between 1877 and 1904. Since then, it has neither been accounted for nor sighted and all inquiries have turned up negative. Interesting to think of a giant stone simply disappearing, though it could have suffered from anything from breaking during transit to simply being broken down after being mistaken for worthless stone. Either way, it is a real shame to think of such an amazing piece of history going missing in such a way.

You can find Calum’s blog and more of his writing at CalumGillies.com.
Patterns of Flora commended in Arts & Business Scotland Awards

BY DELLA CHESHIRE

Raasay House and ATLAS Arts came second with a commendation in the Placemaking category of the Arts & Business Scotland Awards 2015 at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre on February 3.

The project Patterns of Flora | Mapping Seven Raasay Habitats was an ATLAS Arts commission by artist Frances Priest in collaboration with botanist Stephen Bungard and in partnership with Raasay House.

ATLAS Arts Director Emma Nicolson said: “This project embraces much of what makes an island like Raasay so extraordinary, in particular its community and its beautiful, rich environment.

“We want commissions like this to add to the cultural life of our area, to its economic prospects and to developing the practice of the artists we work with.

“In partnering with Raasay House to deliver Patterns of Flora we have produced a unique and inspiring project that celebrates what Raasay has to offer and inspires visitors to reengage with the natural environment.”

The Placemaking Award was sponsored by VisitScotland.
Wintergreen is a name applied to a variety of plants around the world and on Raasay we are fortunate to have four (just possibly, five) native species.

We have three species in the genus *Pyrola*, Common, Intermediate and Round-leaved Wintergreen, and one in the genus *Orthilia*, Serrated Wintergreen. (None of these is the source of Oil of Wintergreen which is mostly made from *Gaultheria* species, though the active constituent, methyl salicylate, is mostly made synthetically.)

At this time of year, when few plants are flowering and some have disappeared entirely, it is still possible to spot these uncommon species as they are winter-green. The leaves of the three *Pyrola* species look very similar and in order to tell them apart one needs flowers or fruits - or to send a leaf for DNA analysis, which is sometimes necessary as some populations are shy flowerers.

To have all four of these is something of a privilege and two of these plants are "Nationally Scarce", only occurring in 16-100 10 km squares in Britain. The Round-leaved Wintergreen on a limestone cliff on the east coast was only discovered in 1997 and remains the only known site in Skye, Raasay & the Small Isles. The best site for the so-called Common Wintergreen (it isn’t, here) is on the ungrazed islands in the middle of Loch à Chadachàrnaich.

In 1960 a visitor reported Chickweed-wintergreen from the Torran area but commented that it was "in woods" as though it was in a number of places. A great deal of searching has failed to find it since, leading me to think this may have been an error for the vaguely similar Wood Anemone. However, I personally added this species to an area of the Scottish mainland south of Applecross a few years ago and this site is only 8 km (5 miles) from the east coast of Raasay... and the same habitat is common enough here...

Stephen is Vice-county Recorder for the Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland for Skye, Raasay and the Small Isles. His website, including Flora of Raasay, can be found at tinyurl.com/Raasayflora OR bit.ly/Raasay, and his botanical blog can be found at skyeraasayplants.wordpress.com.
Souterrain - from the French - sous terrain - under earth

BY MARTIN WILDGOOSE

Souterrains are stone-built or rock cut passages with stone slab roofs which are usually associated with a settlement or farmstead of Iron Age date or later. These passages are widespread in Ireland and highland Scotland and also occur in Cornwall where they are known as 'fogous'. Their use is uncertain but food storage and ceremonial or religious activities are currently the main areas of investigation.

Locally (Skye and Raasay) there are 23 known or recorded examples, three of which have been examined in recent years. A fine example (discovered during forestry operations near Struan) was totally excavated by Roger Miket in 1990 and proved to be full of broken storage jars. On Raasay the Cave of Oars - a rock cut example - was cleared of Victorian era domestic rubbish in 1991 and Suisnish Souterrain (also rock cut) was cleared of 19/20th century backfill in 2008-11. All three investigated examples proved to be of Middle to Late Iron Age date circa 400BC – AD100 with the Struan example probably used for storage, the Cave of Oars’ use uncertain and Suisnish, because of its shape – a four pillared chamber approached by an ‘S’ shaped passage which prevented a direct view of activities within - was probably used for some ceremonial purpose.

James Boswell specifically mentions the Cave of Oars in his journal of a Tour of the Hebrides: “A little from the shore, westward, (from Raasay House) is a kind of subterraneous house. There has been a natural fissure, or separation of the rock, running towards the sea, which has been roofed over with long stones, and above them turf has been laid.” A perfect description of a Souterrain. Boswell also records that at the time of his visit the passage was used to store oars - hence its name Uamh nan Ramh – Oar cave.

The above is dedicated to Mrs Margaret Moodie and Mr J. W. MacLeod who financed the work at the Suisnish site.

Courses funded by Highlife Highland

Needle Felting Craft Workshop – Felted Landscapes with Sarah Berry at the Kyle Lighthouse Centre, Saturday 5th March 10-4pm
Introduction to Bodhran Drumming with Stewart Duff at the Kyle Lighthouse Centre, Saturday 12th March 1-4pm

To book contact Elaine Hunter elaine.hunter.whc@uhi.ac.uk or 01559 566775.
Community Arts and Crafts Project

The launch meeting on Wednesday 17 February and the first workshop on Monday 22 have got the project off to a good start.

Proving that her geography teacher’s skills were not rusty, Elizabeth transferred the outline of Raasay and its surrounding islands onto a full-size template of the hanging encouraging everyone to get hands-on with the map and see the scale of the project. Creative inspiration flowed and by the end of the workshop the idea for the "land" part of the hanging had formulated into a fabric patchwork reflecting the colours and texture of the different areas of the island, and showing the main contours in a 3D effect. Lots of ideas for the features that could go on and around the island were discussed and some fabulous work by the children who came to the workshop after school means we have lots of samples of work in paint, drawing and clay to build on. The "ideas book" has more pages filled with the thoughts or samples of those who attended and we are looking forward to another hands-on session with the schoolchildren in the school on Friday 26 February and a further workshop in the hall that afternoon. Ideas for the "canvas" on which the work will be mounted were also progressed.

The dates for the March workshops are:

Friday 11 March 2 - 4pm
Saturday 19 March 2 - 4pm

Please do come along and let us know your ideas and try some new techniques, whether you consider yourself arty or crafty or neither, there will be something that everyone can offer and we will have different materials and techniques to try at the workshops: fabric, drawing, printing, clay, wire, rope, foraged finds etc.

For further information contact Elizabeth Simpson or Lloyd Gudgeon.

Want your own copy of Raasay Community Newsletter?

If you would like to receive Raasay Community Newsletter electronically as a PDF each month, for free, please contact Lloyd Gudgeon (lloydraasay@gmail.com). We currently have around 250 subscribers.

However if you think there’s nothing like the feel of real paper with real ink, hot off the photocopier, then copies will be available to buy in the shop for 50p from April 2016.

That’s less than the price of a Cadbury Crème Egg.

How will you read yours?
Raasay Primary School

Forestry Operations: On Wednesday 3rd February, Bruce Taylor from the Forestry Commission invited Raasay Primary School to a site visit and safety talk at the forestry operations which are currently being carried out. Mr Taylor gave the pupils some background information on the current situation and also some safety advice and information regarding the large plant machinery which is on site.

Yoga: As part of our Health topic work, we have been very fortunate that Tekela has come in to school to do some yoga sessions with the pupils. These have proved to be very popular with the pupils and they have been learning some basic moves as well as breathing and relaxation techniques.

Clan Donald Centre: On Thursday 11th February, pupils travelled to the Clan Donald Centre in Sleat as part of their Jacobite topic. Mr Jonathan MacDonald very kindly arranged to open the centre especially for us. He also went to the trouble of preparing activities and a presentation which the pupils found very engaging and informative. The centre museum provided the pupils with an opportunity to see artefacts belonging to Bonnie Prince Charlie himself, including his shoe buckles, targe and dirk.

Playground toys: The Pupil Council recently identified a need for new playground toys. They were given a budget and then ordered what they thought would be suitable for outdoor play. Here they are taking delivery of their new toys – they are proving very popular.
Drama: On Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} February Raasay Primary invited Elgol Primary pupils to join them in a workshop delivered by ‘One Day Creative’, learning about the life and works of Robert Burns. This proved to be an extremely successful day delivered in a fun and engaging way by Linsay from ‘One Day Creative’. Parents were invited to come along to the end of day show and ended up getting roped in to the final game! All the pupils from both schools reported that they thoroughly enjoyed it – and one of the best things about the whole day was ‘making new friends’. Linsay from ‘One Day Creative’ said “I had a fantastic trip and the pupils were creative, engaged and a delight to work with.”

Pond: A special thank you to Kate and Katherine for giving a helping hand to remove the pond cover and clear out the weeds – a job well done! Hopefully, in the not too distant future, we will have some colourful pond plants in place.

Poly Tunnel: Raasay Primary School, in conjunction with the Parent Council, has applied to the Climate Change Fund for a grant to support the purchase of a new more weather-proof poly tunnel. £1000 has been allocated from the School Fund which we hope would be matched if we are successful. Thank you to the various community organisations who provided letters of support for our application and a special thank you to Katherine for working against the clock to meet the deadline!

Rag Bag: We have taken delivery of a new Rag Bag bin – the old metal bin tended to leak, spoiling the clothes and donated items. We hope that this will be much more suitable and we are delighted to say that the Rag Bag bin is now open for business again!

**Useful Contact Numbers**

**Business Gateway/Highland Opportunity/ Princes Scottish Youth Business Trust:**
Alistair Danter, Tigh na Sgire, Park Lane, Portree, Isle of Skye, IV51 9EP. Tel 01478 611501, Mob 07921 758451 Email alistair.danter@highland-opportunity.com

MP:
Ian Blackford MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel 0207 219 5292 Email ian.blackford.mp@parliament.uk

MSP:
Dave Thompson MSP, Thorfin House, Bridgend Business Park, Dingwall, IV15 9SL. Tel 01349 864701, www.twitter.com/@davymsp

Local Councillors:
o Hamish Fraser, 8 Scullamus, Breakish, Isle of Skye, IV42 8QB. Tel 01471 822929
o John Gordon, 3 Mill Park, Staffin Road, Portree, Isle of Skye, IV51 9EY. Tel 01478 611783
o Drew Millar, Ibrox, 6 Carndearg Place, Portree, Isle of Skye, IV51 9PZ. Tel 01478 612895
o Ian Renwick, Lochside, Brookside, Clachamish, Portree, Isle of Skye, IV51 9NY. Tel 01470 582386

Ward Manager:
Willie Mackinnon, Tigh na Sgire, Park Lane, Portree, Isle of Skye, IV51 9GP. Tel 01478 613849
Raasay New Cemetery and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

BY SALLY WALKINSHAW

On the gates of Raasay New Cemetery is a green plaque that identifies the cemetery as the location where Commonwealth casualties from the two World Wars are commemorated. There are about 23,000 cemeteries, memorials and other locations worldwide.

Raasay New Cemetery is the resting place of five casualties, four from World War 1 and one from World War 2. Although I do not know the circumstances of the death of these casualties it is likely they died from wounds received but I would be very pleased if anyone can tell me more about them.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) ensures that 1.7 million people who died in the two wars will never be forgotten.

It was realised in the early days of WW1 that the volume of casualties would make repatriation of the bodies of those killed impossible.

Therefore thousands of soldiers were buried on the battlefields in individual or communal graves by their comrades. A simple cross or marker may have been all that showed their location.

Due to the nature of the battles and trench warfare many of these sites were lost in later shelling and fighting as the front line was constantly changing. This can account for the huge numbers of missing casualties and those that were later found but could not be identified.

The CWGC was originally the Grave Registration Commission and in 1917 the Imperial War Graves Commission was established.

It was after the Armistice that the Commissions’ work really began and the enormous task of recovering and recording details of the dead commenced. By the end of 1918 some 587,000 graves had been identified and a further 559,000 casualties were registered as having no known grave.

Memorials to the missing were designed, the first being the Menin Gate in Ypres which was unveiled in 1927. This was followed by Tyne Cot in Belgium. There are also further memorials on Gallipoli and the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme.

Many of the cemeteries in France and Belgium also have their own memorials incorporated within the cemetery.

So, although Raasay may only have five graves from the wars, they are as important to the CWGC as the huge monuments and memorials that they maintain and protect throughout the world.

If you have any further information regarding WW1 and Raasay residents past and present, Sally would love to hear from you. Her email address is walkinshawsally@gmail.com.

A step in the right direction for CORRA

An application for planning permission for alterations to the community shop was submitted to Highland Council on February 9. The plans propose new steps and a canopy to the front of the shop, and a new storage shed to the rear.

You can find details of the plans at wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=O2A039IHJC4000
Never mind New Day, have you read this month’s Raasay Vole?

BY DELLA CHESHIRE

That’s what you might be saying as of next month as we’ve decided to rename the newsletter, and the Raasay Vole seems a popular choice. If you have a better suggestion or take offence at this one, let us know by Thursday March 24, as we’ll be voting on it then.

In April, we’ll start selling paper copies of the newsletter in the shop for 50p (a month – that’s the same as New Day will cost daily!).

So it’s a great time to become an advertiser. If you have a business in any way connected to Raasay, why not start now? Our rates are very reasonable, reaching an estimated overall readership of 500. And if you want to place a Wanted ad for non-commercial purposes, it’s free!

Many thanks as always for all your contributions to this month’s newsletter.

The deadline for the April newsletter is Friday March 25.

Please send any newsletter correspondence, including feedback, to Della Cheshire at Creachan Cottage, Isle of Raasay IV40 8NT, tel 01478 660380 / 07952 806176 or email dellatfcheshire@gmail.com.

March 2016 RAASAY COMMUNITY NURSING COVER

Please be advised that due to staff shortages there will be NO COMMUNITY NURSE on duty overnight for March

There WILL be a nurse on duty Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm however we are continuing to provide cover for Raasay from within the North Skye Community Nursing Team. Due to service demand on occasion the nurse may be required to leave early.

At present there is no confirmed weekend cover for the other weekends but a request for cover has been placed with nurse bank, you will be informed if cover is found.

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999

For Minor Injuries or Illness dial 111

Thank you for your understanding at this challenging time.
Project Updates from RDT

RDT will hold its AGM on March 23rd 2016. All members are invited, and other interested members of the community of visitors will be welcome. Members should receive individual invitations within a few days. See page 15 for nomination and proxy forms.

Forestry (in conjunction with Artemis Pana)

The work continues in the forest, so the warnings are still in place: go carefully, do not approach any forestry machinery, and be prepared to turn back if asked or instructed to do so. The contractors will only close footpaths or roads if they have to. This is for your own safety. The mulcher will be off the island this week, and some other equipment also, but work is going to continue right into the summer, at least.

Residents have asked about the need to clear private properties of rhododendron. Forestry Commission Scotland has advised that rhododies will be tested again in the spring and property owners with infected plants will be notified by letter. Residents who are obliged to clear them will be able to use FCS’s own contractors to help keep costs down if they wish. Long-term, FCS offered to work with crofters, RHCC and external organisations to plan a combined approach to clearing Raasay of rhododies, including accessing grants where these are available.

A public meeting to discuss re-stocking the forest was held on 2nd February. One suggested option is that the forest combine productivity (especially fuel wood) with amenity and access. Restocking should reflect an alternative-to-clearfell approach, and so there should be no large areas of monocrop conifers all of the same age. Useful broadleaves, particularly those suitable for coppicing, could be featured alongside a range of conifers. Features such as archaeological remains, fine views, existing paths and the river should be planted around to highlight them and promote access to them, rather than just planted over.

At the meeting the community asked that money is spent repairing the periphery fence rather than on tree guards. This is not within FCS’s budget but they will look into it. Callum Nicholson from FCS will prepare draft plans/options on restocking by end February or early March. These will be passed to the community for comment when available.

Hydro Scheme

Some of you will have received a questionnaire about the possible district heating scheme. Please fill it in and return it RDT as soon as you can. The questionnaire was sent to each Inverarish Cottage or Terrace, as these are the houses that would be involved. Some houses do not have a letter box, and so did not receive a questionnaire. If you think you may have missed out, please get in touch with Lloyd.

Website

Various community groups took part in the first design and training session for the new website. Dave Lily from IsleofSkye.com came over and took us through some of the issues to think about in designing our new site. This will be worked on by the trainees and Dave until we have a draft design to try out. We hope the final version will be ready for the summer.

Community Artwork

This project is now underway. Please take part in whatever way you can. The more people who contribute, the better the finished piece will be and the closer it will be to representing the whole community.

Courses at West Highland College UHI – Broadford

Emergency First Aid at Work £90 Friday 4th March 9.30-4pm
5 day Chainsaw Maintenance & Tree Felling £595 Week beginning 11th April
Gaelic We plan to run a course of Gaelic classes starting soon. Whilst we are still at the planning stage we would love to hear from anyone who is potentially interested in learning Gaelic, to know whether daytime or evening would be the preferred time.
Email Abigail Manvell Szőke (abigail.manvell.whc@uhi.ac.uk) or phone 01471 822 622 or 01397 874 530.
Raasay Development Trust Ltd AGM 23rd March 2016: Appointment of proxy

At the Annual General Meeting of Raasay Development Trust to be held on 23rd March 2016 and any adjournment thereof, I

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Of ................................................................................................................................................................., a full member of Raasay Development Trust, hereby appoint the Chairman of the meeting or

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of ................................................................................................................................................................. (delete as applicable and insert name of proxy in capitals if appointing someone other than the Chairman) as my proxy to exercise all or any of my rights to attend, speak and vote at the extraordinary general meeting.

Signature: .................................................................................................................................

Signed on the ................. day of ........................................, 2016.

Raasay Development Trust Ltd AGM 23rd March 2016: Nomination of Director

I, Of ................................................................................................................................................................., being a full member of Raasay Development Trust, hereby nominate for election as a Director:

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Who has confirmed to me that he/she wishes to stand as a Director.

Signature: .................................................................................................................................

Signed on the ................. day of ........................................, 2016
Raasay Community Association

Events
On Thursday 24th March at 6pm Raasay Community Association Presents: The Fisherman And The Seal.

Living in a small Scottish village by the sea a lonely fisherman looks for love, and things never quite go according to plan.... sometimes true love can be found in the most unlikely of places... and with the most unlikely of soul mates.

Using charming hand-crafted puppets and striking shadow theatre Yugen Puppet Company has created this comic story based on the myths and legends of the selkie, with music from the past, Yugen Puppet Company puts its own charming and surprising twist on this usually tragic Scottish fairy tale.

This show is suitable for ages 5+ (although younger children are very welcome) and is a great family show which lasts 45 minutes.

Tickets are £5 per person, £20 per family.

This show is part of the Puppet Animation Festival 2016 which will also include the showing of an animated film "The Song of the Sea" at the school on Tuesday 22nd March - more details will be supplied by the school.

Hall Hire
The £10 monthly sports deal is still on in March giving unlimited use of the hall for a family or group of 4 friends.

Please book through the hall with Katherine (or Ann O in her absence) as usual.

Hairdresser
The hairdresser currently plans to be on Raasay on Thursdays 3rd, 17th and 31st March.

Lunch Club
The next one will be on Wednesday 16th March.
De tha Dol? Talla Ratharsair | What’s on at Raasay Community Hall

- Community Arts and Crafts Project Workshop on Friday March 11 2pm-4pm and Saturday March 19 2pm-4pm.
- Bible Study on Friday March 18 at 3.30pm.
- Pancake People on Monday March 21 (High School pupils) at 7pm.
- Raasay Development Trust (RDT) AGM on March 23 at 7.30pm.
- The Fisherman And The Seal puppet show on Thursday March 24 at 6pm.
- Arts & Crafts – Mondays 2.00pm-4.00pm.
- Football – Tuesdays 7.00pm.
- Knitting Bee – Thursday evenings 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Lunch Club – Next lunch Wednesday March 16.
- Yoga – Tuesday mornings 9.00am-10.15am and Thursday evenings 6.30pm-7.45pm. Best to practise before you have your evening meal, or at least one hour after. All welcome, bring a mat and a blanket and wear comfortable clothing. **Five sessions paid upfront £15; one-off sessions £4 per session.** Please contact Tekela on 660 253 or 07810 480972 if you are interested or to book. Other times can be arranged to suit a group of 3 minimum. As usual visitors and newcomers welcome.
- Contact details for the hall bookings: Katherine on 01478 660233/358 or Ann on 01478 660388.
- If you are planning an event and would like to publicise it, please get in touch with Della as soon as possible on 01478 660380 / 07952 806176 or email dellatfcheshire@gmail.com for a mention in the newsletter.

Local Services

- RDT Surgery every Wednesday 10.00am-12.00pm or by appointment. Contact Lloyd on 01478 660358 or email lloydraasay@gmail.com
- NHS Nurse – 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday on 660204. Emergency calls to 999; minor injuries or illness to 111 (NHS 24).
- GP Surgery – Wednesday mornings by appointment through Portree Medical Practice on 01478 612013.
- Vet Surgery – Rhona Campbell, Veterinary Surgeon on 01478 611269.
- Recycle Rag Bag Raasay Primary School – **Open for business again!** Please ensure that all items are securely bagged before placing in the bin.
- Pensioner’s Bus Service – Contact Theresa or David on 660337. Next trip March 10.
- Mobile Library every third Wednesday – 9.55am Inverarish Terrace Phone Box, 10.30am Inverarish Terrace, 10.45am Raasay Primary School (teachers and pupils only), 11.35am Raasay House, 12.00 Raasay Ferry terminal - next due: March 16.
- The Alexander Technique – Call Winnie Ireland on 660227.
- Coal will be delivered fortnightly to Raasay. Coal lorry also delivering/selling garden coverage.
- Split fuel logs £40/£60 (£70 for hardwood) a load for community members from RHCC on 660226.
- Isle of Skye Fish van deliveries weekly on Friday afternoons.
## What’s On Raasay – March 2016

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### Church Services

- Free Presbyterian Church – Sundays 12 noon & 6.00pm.
- Free Church of Scotland – Sundays 12 noon & 5.00pm. (Check Church noticeboard for any time alterations.) Sunday 6th March 12 noon & 5pm Archie MacInnes.
- The Episcopal Church – Bible Study 3.30pm Friday 18th March in Raasay Community Hall – all are warmly invited. Pancake People 7pm Monday 21st March - all of High School age are warmly invited.
- Holy Week Eucharist, Presider Rev Keith Riglin 11am Tuesday 22nd March at Ceol-na-Mara.
- Easter Eucharist, Presider Rev Keith Riglin 11am Tuesday 29th March in Raasay Community Hall.
- Catholic Celebration of the Word and Communion at 37 Inverarish Terrace, Sundays 11.00am. Dave/Teresa Tel 660337.