



ROGART NEWS

Community Council Jottings

Trading Places

It's goodbye to Sandy PO who after an incredible 62 years is retiring from the shop. The Community Council will be marking his retirement with a ceilidh in the hall on Saturday 9 November featuring the Rogie Dolls Ceilidh Band. Save the date! More details to follow, including how to show your appreciation of his service to the community.

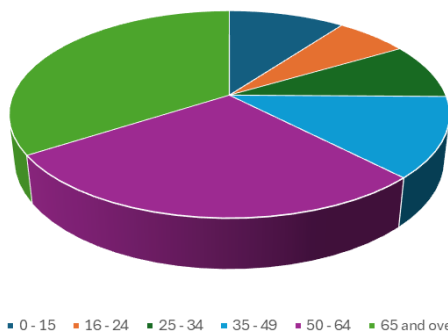
It's hello to Rasan and Arthy Sivakumaran, the new owners of the PO Stores (and the pub!). A warm welcome to you. We are delighted that you are continuing with this vital community service.

Place Plan

Thank you to those who completed the Place Plan survey. The completed document is now available on the Community Council Website rogartcommunitycouncil.com

Census

Rogart Population By Age



The 2022 Population Census has revealed that Rogart had 471 inhabitants. Here's the breakdown. More analysis will be available on the RCC website.

Poppy Day

The 2024 Act Of Remembrance takes place at the War Memorial at 1045 on Sun 10 November, and in St Callan's Church afterwards.

Rogart Community Forum

The proposal to allocate the Gordonbush Extension Funds of £24k p.a. to cover the core costs, training needs and regulatory compliance of the parish's voluntary and community groups has been approved in principle by SSE. A formal agreement is in process.

RCC Meeting

The next Community Council Meeting is on Mon 7 October at 1930. All welcome.

Rogart Primary New Year

We are delighted to have 21 pupils in our school this year and have 4 children in nursery. Keeping our school alive with 2 full time teachers is our priority and we need at least 20 pupils to do this.



Classes of 2024

We have lots of engaging projects planned for our children this year including forestry, the Vikings and a play about a wise polar bear for Christmas time! We very much value being part of the community of Rogart and we welcome visitors at anytime. We pride ourselves on giving our

children a broad and varied education full of outdoor learning, play and learning about the natural world. Through these contexts children can develop their numeracy and literacy skills and become competent and independent learners. If you feel you would like to be part of our school in anyway or have skills that you could share with our children please get in touch. We are always looking for gardeners, storytellers, knitters and/or dressmakers and bakers. It takes a village or a parish to raise a child and we welcome your input to our wee country school. Rogart Primary 641335.

Rogart Development Trust Update

Putting the community at the heart of Rogart

Events at the Mart

We have been delighted with some great events at the Mart this summer. The music events have showcased our local talent with Strath Fleet Buttons and Bows giving us a lovely evening and Andrew Robinson entertaining us with a superb performance on his guitar at our Spanish evening.

The quarterly markets are attracting folk from near and far, with the ever-increasing range of foods and crafts on offer. And even the weather has been kind to us enabling the outdoor space at the Mart to be enjoyed by all, together with the tasty refreshments on offer.

The Swish sales have become a firm favourite for many and in July we trialled our first Wheeler Dealer Cycle Jumble joining up with East Sutherland Wheelers, the local cycling club. Golspie Bothy and Dr Bike repair also attended giving the chance for folk to try out e-bikes and get their bikes fixed for free!

Upcoming Events

Sunday 13th October - Dances with Flutes

Starring Liz Wilshaw with her Flute Ensemble and special guest singer, Aileen Ogilvie

Saturday 7th December - Christmas Market

Looking forward to this one! With an exciting range of market stallholders already booked in. The RDT team will be offering hot tasty treats to keep you warm, and the heater will be on!

Saturday 21st December - Christmas Carol

Concert starring Simon Scott and his choir plus a glass of mulled wine with festive baking to stoke the Christmas cheer.

New Year's Eve Bash - This is still in the planning stage, but it's going to be a good one!

Thank you to everyone who helps and supports these events.

RDT, together with all the voluntary organisations in Rogart, work hard to sustain the wonderful community spirit and make the village an attractive place to work, live and visit. Anyone is more than welcome to join up, as without volunteers the organisations will crumble. Come and enjoy the craic and laughs and meet up with family and friends.

Projects in Progress

Mart - Phase 2 - With the canopies, kitchen upgrade, increased safety measures together with general tidying up, this project is now completed. Thanks to SSE – Gordonbush Windfarm for helping with funding this work.

Mart -Curtains and Cushions - Curtains across the double doors at the Mart together with cushion seat pads will provide extra comfort for event goers. We were delighted to appoint local expertise to carry out this work. Charlotte Gibson, seamstress, to make the curtains and cushion covers and Robert Mackay, local retired civil engineer, to craft the bespoke brackets and finials for the curtain rail. Work is in progress, with completion in mid-September. Thanks to Kilbraur Windfarm for helping to fund this project.

Community Orchard - Work on the Community Orchard will begin in September. Dunky Mackay has been appointed to carry out the groundwork and the fruit trees etc. will be purchased and planted over the dormant season.

Many thanks to all who have helped us make a start on the clearing of the vegetation. Funding from Gordonbush Windfarm and Kilbraur Windfarm has now been secured.

Round Rogart Path RRP - We hope many walkers have been able to enjoy this walk over the summer, despite the weather! Maintenance on the path will be carried out this autumn. A work party will be organised early October to cut back the gorse on Pittentrail Hill, date to be confirmed.

RDT Trustees are
Kate Roach (Chair), Mairi Mackay (Membership Secretary), Kat Lee, Karen Mackay, Liz Allan, Jonathan Hedges

The Rogart Hall Christmas Whisky Bonanza!

The Hall Committee have organised a super raffle

Remember to buy your tickets to support our hall and you could win the JOHNNY WALKER LIMITED EDITION BOTTLE COSTING £1000 or 24 OTHER WHISKY PRIZES. The draw will take place in Rogart hall on Saturday 14th December at 12.30 pm there will be soup and a sandwich for our kind supporters.

Books of tickets are available from Rogart PO Store or from members of the hall committee, £1 per ticket!

Well Done Hope!

Hope Gordon, from West Langwell, Rogart, is back in the UK from the Paralympic Games in Paris.

She returns a local hero with a very well deserved silver medal which she won in the final of the VL3 canoeing. Among her many fans cheering her on



in Paris were her mam Rona, dad John and brother Sean. Her proud grandad Mike Matthew's, and many others, cheered her on through the heats to two finals while watching the Games on the television.

Hope is an inspiration to many after her leg had to be amputated as a young woman. Like her mam Rona, she was always, and still is, an excellent horse rider and swimmer, competing at a very high level. Hope keeps going from strength to strength. This was her second Paralympics and we look forward to watching her in a third.

The road to Paris

Paris 24 saw the Women's VL3 (canoe) Hope qualified the boat for this event back in 2023 by becoming World Champion in a New world record. 2024 World Championships saw Hope take silver behind her teammate and friend Charlotte Henshaw. Paris was a repeat with Charlotte breaking Hopes WR and taking the Gold Medal. A fantastic GB one two .



Team Hope in Paris

Hope also competed in the KL3 kayak event taking silver behind teammate Laura Sugar at World Champs and finishing 5th in Paris in her first summer Paralympics . Paris was fantastic and many of her friends and family were there to support . The support especially from the North of Scotland has been fantastic , just incredible!!

Hope is holding a Thank You ! Homecoming Ceilidh in the Rogart Hall BYOB , Pot luck supper with a raffle for Finding Your Feet 7pm October 26th . Be wonderful to see you there !!!

The Fittest in Rogart?

Congratulations to the team Croft Fitters, being Jennifer Moodie, Jane Moodie, Eilidh Mackay, all Rogart, and Erin Johnstone, Brora, for coming 6th out of 65 teams in their category at the Turf Games, 'Glasgow Fittest in the City'.



Rogart Heritage Society

2024/25 Craic & Ceilidh Season

All events are in the small hall, Rogart Hall, and start at 7.30pm. A talk is followed by light refreshments and a raffle. The second half of the night features music and songs by our talented local performers.

12 October 2024 – John Mackay on The King of Spain's Trousers.

2 November – AGM and William Sutherland on HMS Hood (There will be no music on this occasion).

14 December – Terry Keatinge on Traditional Music.

4 January 2025 – TBC

1 February – Bruce Fields on The Mound Sluices

1 March – Christina Perera on The Craigton Diaries.

Rogart Hall Calendar

The Hub is on every Tuesday – 11.30am – 2.30pm

Puppy Club Every two weeks starting 18th September – 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Coffee & Blether - 19th September and the 3rd Thursday of each Month – 10.30am – 12.00 midday.

CAB Every Friday – 10.00am – 11.30am.

Rogart Hall AGM Tuesday 24th September – 7.30pm. Please all attend.

Sutherland Accordion & Fiddle Club AGM and first practice Thursday 26th September and every week afterwards 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

Ceilidh Dance Class – Every Friday starting 27th September – 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Indoor Bowling - Starting Thursday 10th October – 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

Rogart Heritage - Saturday 12th October, 2nd November, 14th December – 7.30pm – 10.00pm.

Sutherland Accordion & Fiddle Ceilidh dance nights - Saturday 19th October, 16th November – 7.30pm – 11.50pm.

Hall Committee Soup & Sweet
Saturday 26th October – 12.00 – 2.00pm.

Hope Gordon's Ceilidh Dance - Saturday 26th October – 8.00pm – 11.50pm.

Rogart Hall Quiz night after Dance Class
Friday 22nd November 7.30pm. Tea sandwiches and cakes included.

Strath Fleet Buttons & Bows Ceilidh Dance with Gizzen Briggs – 7.00pm – 11.30pm

Rogart Primary School Christmas Play - Tuesday 17th December.

Rogart Gala Dance -Friday 20th December.

..and finally.. What an age difference!

Karen was delighted the other day when she realised the oldest and youngest members of our Parish were, by chance, in the shop together. Hamish Mackay, a very young 92, and Kayden Kingdon, just starting life's journey with his mum Chloe and dad Scott. What a special photo.



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Golspie Office opening hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-5pm
Wednesday 8am-7pm
Saturday 10am-12pm

Every Monday at Brora Library 2pm – 4pm

Every Tuesday at Helmsdale Community Centre 10am-11:30am

Every Wednesday at Dornoch Hub 10am-12pm

Every Thursday at Lairg Community Centre 9:30am-10:30am

Every Thursday at the Hub Bonar Bridge 11:00am-1pm

Every Friday at Rogart Hall 10am-11:30am

Fortnightly Munro Seminar Room, Lawson Hospital (starting July 17) 2pm – 4pm

Fortnightly Seminar room, Migdale Hospital (starting July 25) 2pm – 4pm

For more information call 01408 910069 or email advice@ecscab.org.uk.

Interested in volunteering? Contact us at volunteer@ecscab.org.uk.



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