



ROGART NEWS

Community Council Jottings

The Community Council has reached agreement with SSE Gordonbush to enable Rogart Community Forum members to receive funding to assist with training, compliance, insurance etc. The funds will be held by the CC and will be awarded to community groups on an annual basis.

Acheilidh windfarm was objected to by the Highland Council, triggering a Public Local Inquiry.

The CC is working with the Highland Council on the refurbishment of the play park behind the pub.

The Hub is continuing following the successful application for THC ward Discretionary Funds.

Pylon Line- SSEN will be publishing its Report on Consultation (ROC) in January 2025 after which they will carry out further public engagement events early next year, and then aim to submit a Section 37 Planning Application in Spring 2025.

The next CC meeting will be on Mon 6 February.

The newest wedding venue in Rogart!

The keen-eyed amongst us may have noticed something a bit different happening at the Mart in Mid September.

History was made on 14 September 2024 as the first wedding in the recently refurbished Mart took place.



The first couple to hold their wedding in the Mart were groom, Grant Sutherland, and bride, Shannon Ross, accompanied by their son Archie Sutherland as page boy. They were joined by their family and friends to celebrate the event.



I hope you will join me in sending best wishes to the happy couple.



Raffles, Whists and Dances - how women helped to save St Callan's

In the mid-1950s, St Callan's Church of Scotland was at a significant turning point. The building, which dates from 1777, was in a bad state of disrepair. The roof was letting in water and the woodwork was rotten. If the congregation couldn't fund the cost of a major renovation the church would be forced to close.

The Congregational Board established a target of £700, but had only collected £200 in the first year. The Woman's Guild stepped in and mounted a funding drive which was an astounding success.

Raffle tickets were sold, whist drives organised, dances and auctions arranged. Cash donations were received from people across the whole parish, no matter what denomination they adhered to. As a result of one event alone—a sale of work—the women raised £269, which was almost 40% of the renovation costs.

In the end, the objective had not only been met but had been exceeded by £100. As a result, the roof was renewed and the interior redecorated. Electric light and central heating were installed.



St Callan's was reopened and rededicated on 14 October 1956. The role played by the women of the parish was not forgotten and a framed photograph of that esteemed group is still displayed in the church today.

Rogart Heritage Society

Rogart Primary and Nursery update

Rogart Primary and Nursery had a Care Inspectorate report in September 2024. This is a summary of the report highlighting what a great school we have in our community.

How good is our care, play and learning?

Children experienced warm, caring, nurturing approaches to support their wellbeing. Staff were kind and respectful to children which contributed to positive relationships. We observed praise, cuddles and reassurance from staff which supported secure attachments and positive relationships. This contributed to children being happy, safe and secure in the nursery.



Children were leading their own play and learning. The effective and well considered use of real resources and natural materials provided children with a wealth of exciting opportunities to be curious, creative and develop enquiry skills across all areas of learning.

Staff had a good understanding of child development and this was demonstrated in their practice. They carefully observed play and timed interactions sensitively to create a balance of opportunities which allowed children to investigate for themselves and noticed the moments they were more receptive to support. As a result, children experienced support at the right time to help them succeed.

Children's play and learning was enhanced through strong connections to the local community. Children recalled learning following a visit to a local farm. These experiences stimulated children's interests and curiosities.

How good is our setting?

The indoor environment had recently been refurbished, resulting in the setting being able to accommodate up to 18 children from as young as 2. Spaces were welcoming and nurturing for children. Homely touches and the use of natural, real-life resources contributed to a comfortable, engaging environment. The Playroom was well ventilated with plenty natural light and recent renovations increased the play space on offer, ensuring children had ample space for their needs to be met.



Children benefitted from a well-resourced play area within the school grounds which allowed children to explore a natural environment. This provided opportunities for children to experience more physical play experiences, helping to develop their co-ordination and extend their gross motor skills.

How good is our staff team? (5 – Very Good)

Children received consistent, stable and compassionate care, from a small staff team who were motivated and committed to providing a happy and supportive environment for children.

Thank you from Hope and family

Hope Gordon and family would like to say a very big thank you to all who made the Thank You / Homecoming Ceilidh such a special and memorable night. Thank you for coming, MCing, playing, dancing, helping at the bar, on the door and in the kitchen and for all the wonderful food, raffle prizes and gifts to Hope ! Also a thank you from Finding Your Feet for the amazing £1000 raised . Roll on LA 2028 and hopefully we can do it all again !

Thank
You :)

Sandy P.O's Retirement Ceilidh

Sandy and Marj would like to thank Rogart Community Council, the Rogart community and people from beyond for the generous gifts and wallet of money received on Sandy's retirement. It has been extremely humbling. We thoroughly enjoyed the ceilidh organised by the Community Council. It was great to see so many familiar faces.

A huge thanks to all the entertainers who made it so memorable. The band - Monica Maclean, Maggie Jamieson, Diane Mackay and William Sutherland. The highland dancer's - granddaughter Erin Mackay and Shannon Sutherland with piper Brian Mearns. Malkie Ross with his amusing stories of the past accompanied by his side kicks Daisy and Dinah, very unique. The pipeband - granddaughter Georgie Maclellan, Gillian the Bee, Malcolm Paton, David McHardy, Grant Cumming, Brian Mearns and granddaughter Berry Maclellan on drums. Granddaughters Eilidh Mackay, Georgie and Berry Maclellan for fiddle, accordion and drums. Singer Chrissie Allan and M/C for the evening Frank Roach. Speeches from friends Joe Beedles and Rachel Allan. All those that contributed to the lovely tea. Thank you all for a really great Rogart night.

We wish the new owners of the shop the very best and thank them for being willing to take on our village shop and P.O.

A heartfelt thanks to all staff that have helped us over the past 60 years. It was a walk down memory lane looking over all the names. They were great times. Many a laugh was had, also some very sad times, as is life, but thank you one and all for 60 years of your support as a village shop cannot survive without local support.



Rogart Hall Calendar

Indoor Bowling

Every Thursday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Rogart Heritage

4 January, 1st February, 1st March

Sutherland Accordion & Fiddle Ceilidh Dance

18 January, 15 February, 22 March, 19 April

Phone Monica on [01408 641388](tel:01408641388) in case of changes or for further information.

The Hub

Tuesdays 11am to 2.30pm

Coffee & Blether

There will be no Coffee and Blethering in January, restarts on Thursday 20 February 10.30-12.00

CAB

Every Friday 10am to 11.30am

Dancing

Fridays, 17 January to 25 April 7.30pm to 8.30pm
(Check for cancellations on [01408 641 388](tel:01408641388))

Hall Committee Meeting

14 January 7.30pm

Rogart Primary Presents



Rogart Village Hall

Tuesday 17th December

6.30pm

Entry by donation

Raffle & Refreshments

WE NEED YOU!

Rogart Hall Committee is looking for several new members to help run our Community Hall. Please contact Monica if you are interested.

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Church News

The Christmas Eve service will be held at 6.30 pm in St Callan's. All welcome!

MHS Golspie

Are you looking for a new challenge or something to banish the winter blues? If so, why not join our friendly, inclusive swimming group and see what a dip in the open water can do for you.

For more information see facebook.com/mhsgolspie/

Christmas Carols at the Mart
Saturday 21st December
6.30pm
Enjoy some festive cheer
with Simon Scott
and the Harmony Choir
In aid of Air Ambulance & Tearfund
Mince pies & mulled wine
Rogart Church of Scotland

