

EMBO NEWS

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Is This The End for the "Embo News"?

As we disappointedly have had only one volunteer to take over the running of the 'Embo News' this could be the penultimate issue. We can't believe there is no one willing to at least try to keep it going, after 10 years of building it up it seems such a shame that we will see the end of all the hard work. There is now much less work involved as Dornoch Academy print it for us, although we do have to pay for this privilege, it takes away so much work believe me!

It's hard to believe this will be the last time the village address list will be printed - also the birthday's and anniversary list and so on and so on. potentially be saying good bye to all our readers next

Is this what you really want?

FIREWORKS at the Back Park

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Monday 5th November at 7 p.m.

This will be the last show of fireworks until the Youth Club are able to start up again. The Embo News was the main fundraiser for the youth club (all be it small), but now this is folding we will be unable to afford treats such as fireworks in the ALL WELCOME foreseeable future.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY SPOT



Grace Jane Plunket		2nd
Kriss Ross	1	2nd
Mary Butterfield	60	3rd
Amanda MacDonald	19	7th
John Munro		7th
James McGillivray	23	10th
Billy Strathy Mackay		13th
Siobhan Macdonald	9	14th
Sue Beresford		17th
Louise Williamson	18	18th
Roxanne Williamson	14	18th
David Sutherland		21st
Michelle Bisset		22nd
Joey Mackay		22nd
Dorothy Fraser		22nd
James Bumble Mackay		27th
Curtis Cross	12	28th
Marie Munro		30th

THIS MAY BE THE
PENULTIMATE ISSUE OF THE
EMBO NEWS!
ANY VOLUNTEERS?

NOVEMBER

Anniversary Wishes

Iris & George Munro 20 years married on 6th

Donella & Steve Smith 32 years married on 8th

Shirley & Murdo MacDonald 27 years married on 14th

Christine & Paul Mackay 9 years married on 14th

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION



NO ONE SENT US ANY INFORMATION.

What a pity because there were prizes ready and waiting.

SPAR SHOP CASTLE STREET

Patsy & Billy would like to extend their sincere thanks, to both staff and customers for their loyalty and business over the past six years. We have enjoyed every minute, and wish you all, together with the new owners, Mr. Frank Hirst and Ms. Sandee Bradbury, every success and good health in the future. 3 Sinclair Court, The Meadows.



Georgie Moore while sending us kind comments about the Embo News also told us about her recent surgeries, which were - in February she had spinal surgery then in October she had a total knee replacement. We are sorry you had to go through these operations Georgie but pleased you told us that the Embo News brightened up your stays in hospital. We all hope you are well on the mend now.

EMBO SENIOR CITIZEN FUND BONUS BALL - WEEKLY DRAW

A big thank you to all who so readily contribute to the Embo Senior Citizen's fund, by buying a bonus ball each and every week at Mackay's Shop in Embo.

OCTOBER WINNERS

Saturday 6th no. 10 Joey Mackay Saturday 13th no. 44 Helen Lawson Saturday 20th no. 20 Helen Lawson Saturday 27th no. 3 Claire Munro

The decision has been made that all bonus ball draw numbers must be paid for before the draw date. If a number comes up before it has been paid for, this will automatically be considered a rollover.

Embo Sweepstake

Please note if it is raining on a Saturday from now on PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO MARIE'S HOME TO PAY FOR YOUR SWEEPSTAKE NUMBERS. Bay View, 3 Hall Street.

If the numbers aren't paid for then they will be null and void. THANK YOU.

The was one winner on 14th October was Davy Grant, he won £166. CONGRATULATIONS

Babs Richmond-Watson donated £5 to the local charity.

Thank you to everyone who has started paying a couple of weeks in advance as this saves Marie having to give up every one of her Saturdays. If you are able to pay more than two weeks in advance please do so.

On her rounds, Marie gladly receives any loose change anyone wishes to contribute. After there is a winner, this small collection is donated <u>in rotation</u> to the following groups - Youth Club, Luncheon Club, Senior Citizens Fund, Football Club, Bowling Club and I want to apologise here if I have missed any groups out.

ALSO, the winner of the "lottery" often donates a little bit of their winnings to this collection too.

Keep up the good work Marie, you do a terrific job.

October Competition Entries

Thank you to the following folk for entering the October wordsearch, if no one comes forward to take over the newsletter this month could be our penultimate competition.

Vhairi Mackay age 17 - Embo, Joey Mackay - Dornoch, Lorraine Currie - Dornoch, Minnie Murray - Fleuchary Dornoch, Billie Corder - Dornoch, Kayleigh-Ann Christie age 13 - Aberdeen-Shire, Helen Robertson - Perthshire, Andrew McLaren age 6 - Edinburgh, Georgie Moore - Livingston

Helen comments - "Hope you are able to keep the Embo News going, it would be disappointing not to receive it each month" -Thank you Helen for your kind words.

Georgie comments - "Just wanted to say how much I enjoy the Embo News, I look forwards to it every month, especially the old photos and reading news about old school friends and I also love Kye's Krack". -Thank you for letting us know you have enjoyed the last ten years Georgie, it will be such a shame when December comes and it is the last issue.

FOR SALE

3 and 2 Seat Sofas - Totally removable covers in Dark Green which fit into a washing machine - Very Good Condition £200

Week-End suitcase on wheels - Dimensions H 20" W 14" D 8" -Grey

- Never Used - Excellent Condition £10

Two Judo Suits, one white for competitions, one blue for practice sessions - Size 170cm - £10 each or both for £15

Large selection of single quilt covers - Some Children's Styles - Very Good Condition - from £2 each

Large selection of Dresses - Some brand new

sizes from 22 to 28 - £10 each o.n.o.

Contact Karen on Embo - 01862 - 810996 This page was missed out of last months issue due to an oversight at the printers, sorry.

Football News

LEAGUE and CUP RESULTS 2007

7th April	1st rd Couper Cup	Dornoch City 3 - 1 Embo
14th April	League	Golspie Stafford 2 - 1 Embo
2nd May	League	Embo 3 - O Dornoch City
5th May	1st rd Stafford Cup	Durness 5 - 6 Embo
9th May	League	Lairg 2 - 4 Embo
12th May	1st rd High. Am. Cup	Castletown 4 - 1 Embo
17th May	League	Helmsdale United 2 - 4 Embo
23rd May	1/4 final Staff. Cup	Golspie Stafford 3 - 0 Embo
30th May	League	Embo 2 - 4 Brora Wanderers
9th June	League	Dornoch City 0 - 2 Embo
16th June	Semi Final Paul Cup	Brora Wanderers 2 - 2 Embo
		(Brora won 4-3 on penalties)
20th June	League	Embo 0 - 2 Golspie Stafford
4th July	1st rd Pattison Cup	Embo 5 - 3 Helmsdale United
7th July	League	Embo 2 - 6 Lairg Rovers
14th July	League	Embo 0 - 1 Helmsdale United
18th July	Semi Final Patt. Cup	Embo 2 - 1 Golspie Stafford
21st July	League	Brora Wanderers 2 - 2 Embo
28th July	Pattison Cup Final	Embo 1 - 4 Brora Wanderers
22nd Sept	Semi Final Mackay Cup	Embo 2 - 3 Durness
23rd Sept	Charity Cup	Embo 2 - 6 Aberdeen Charity Team
	PLAYED	20

PLAYED 20
WON 7
DRAW - 1
LOST - 12
GOALS FOR - 42
GOALS AGAINST - 55

Kye's Krack!

Did you know?

The average person spends 2 years on the phone in their lifetime

August has the highest percentage of births

Google is a number (1 followed by 100 zeros)

The average persons left hand does 56% of the typing

Rubber bands last longer with refrigerated

The tooth brush was invented in 1498

Mageiricophobia is the intense fear of having to cook

Animals that lay eggs don't have belly buttons

Slugs have four noses

Flamingos are pink because they eat shrimp

Camel's milk does not curdle

Little Johnny from Embo asked his granny how old she was. Granny said 49 and holding. Johnny thought for a moment and said and how old would you be if you let go?

This prospective father-in-law in Embo asked - Young man can you support a family? The surprised groom-to-be replied - Well no I was just planning to support your daughter, the rest of you will have to fend for yourselves.

The Sunday School teacher in Dornoch asked - Now Donny, tell me do you say your prayers before eating? No sir he replied, we don't have to, my mum is a good cook!

Question - Doctor, doctor will you help me out? Certainly, which way did you come in?

This bald man in Embo went into the Police Station and said My wig has been stolen. Has it been handed in yet? Not yet says the policeman, but we are combing the area.

This young lad was working at a farm in Dornoch during the school holidays, and the farmer told him to count the sheep in a field nearby. Quick as a flash little Tommy replied there are 517 sheep in the field. The farmer was amazed. How did you count them so quickly he asked? Easy said Tommy I just counted their legs and divided the total by 4.

This Embo couple won £250,000 on the lottery. They were obviously delighted but the wife had one worry. She said to her husband but what about all the begging letters? He said continue sending them my dear.

Did you hear about the St. Bernard that went up Ben Bhraggie to take some brandy to a lost climber? They thought the dog had died because he was gone for days, then suddenly he turned up with a note around his neck, "Great brandy" "Can you send up the bottle"?

This primary school teacher in Dornoch was complaining to her Headmistress "How can I compete with television's influence on children?" she cried. "I tell the class that fish have fins but they all insist they have fingers!".

This Embo lad was heading down the motorway to London and he stopped at a Service Station to buy a cup of tea, a sausage roll and a bar of chocolate. Approaching the till he tells the cashier "I'm sorry, I only have a £20 note. "Don't worry, she says, "Just put the sausage roll back on the sheif".

The man from Embo inserted an advert in a shop window in Dornoch. 'WIFE WANTED'. Next day he received two dozen replies. They all said the same thing - "You can have mine".

Cheers, Willie Kye

The Embo Trust Ltd

October Update on the new Fourpenny Woodland Tenant-Only Crofts

The Community Company has been formed for a month now and things are starting to move quite positively. A few administrative points need to be sorted out however.

The Company Subscribers need to agree and sign up to a few changes to the company Memorandum & Articles of Association. These were suggested by Colin Gray of the Land Reform Unit at SEERAD Offices in Edinburgh and involve a couple of minor changes to post codes and a rewording of a couple of clauses to suit the current legislation.

Once we have signed on at least 20 Ordinary Members for the Company we can have a Members Meeting to elect the Directors of the Company to take things further.

Along with Becky Shaw of the Scottish Crofting Foundation we had a meeting on site at Fourpenny last Thursday with people from the Forestry Commission who were very enthusiastic about what we are trying to do and asked many positive questions. It was only afterwards that I was told that these were the Forestry Commission Conservators (the main men in each region in Scotland) and their boss – the chief Forestry Commission guy in the whole of Scotland – Bob MacKintosh, who seems in a hurry to see this go through as soon as possible.

As a result of this meeting, Becky is immediately writing the Company Business Plan and also drawing up the Allocation Policy for the assignation of the tenant-only crofts to be set up at Fourpenny. She has indicated that the Crofting Foundation is in negotiation with the Government and several banks to try to organise a system of mortgage agreements based on secure croft tenancy, basically re-inventing the old Crofting Loan system which was discontinued by the Crofters Commission a couple of years ago. It would be very helpful if this came about.

Following on also, Malcolm Wield, Rural Development Adviser for the Forestry Commission, has asked for a meeting with myself and Becky to start filling in the National Forest Land Scheme application forms. This should have taken place by the time this issue of The Embo News is with you.

It should be pointed out that Becky is doing a lot of work on this project, and it was indeed originally her idea in the first place. The Scottish Crofting Foundation always needs new members and can be contacted at its headquarters at Lochalsh Business Park, Auchtertyre, IV40 8EG. Also, the local branch (Kyle of Sutherland) is holding a fund-raising Ceilidh Dance in Ardgay Community Centre on 10th November with the Graham Mitchell Band and the Lairg Gaelic Choir. Its always a very good night, and if you can't do ceilidh dances going in to the hall, you will be able to by the end of the evening.

Jim McGillivray

STEERING GROUP COMMITTEE UPDATE 29August 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Jeanette Cumming, Liz Robertson, Nancy Weymouth, Helen Houston (Options Support), Iain MacBeath (Architect), Graham Nicol (Highland Council).

Pre-Meeting at 6.30 pm with Iain MacBeath, Helen Houston, Liz Robertson, Jeanette Cumming and Nancy Waymouth.

Helen Houston:

introduced Graham Nicol (the Education Cultural Sports Manager for the Highland Council) and thanked him for attending the meeting. gave him a brief history of the project and presented Iain Mac Beath's proposal for turning the old school into and artist studio/workshop with a

stand alone hall in the school grounds.

explained that money had already been awarded for Planning, Project/ Adviser, Surveyor's Report and Valuation, Business Plan Revision and Architect, which would allow the Committee to progress the project to Stage 1 of the Lottery Funding.

informed Graham that this idea was provisionally put to CASE who saw the potential in it. They gave a favourable response, especially as East Sutherland currently does not have an artist studio/workshop facility and because there was the prospect of this proposal having the potential to generate income for the planned community centre.

Graham Nicol:

informed the meeting that he would look into the issue of the transfer of ownership and meet with Helen Houston who could then report back to the Committee.

NB It was decided that a formal request should wait until Ltd Status was achieved.

Action: Helen to contact Douglas Graham for a progress report.

FILE NOTE: The ECC request should ask to purchase the building and land from the Highland Council for a community benefit (ie community centre, workshop, etc) for a peppercorn figure.

added that any request of this kind would go to consultation, ie Area/ resource Committee, Property & Architecture Dept, Ward Members, Council, Scottish Ministers and the ECC would be liable for HC legal fees.

Helen Houston:

asked if the Highland Council would agree to write a letter (ie "deal subject to") to allow the Committee to aply for funding in lieu of the requested transfer of ownership.

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STEERING GROUP COMMITTEE UPDATE 29August 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

Continued from over:-:

Graham Nicol:

did not foresee any problem with this request. said that the HC contact would probably be Helen Allen, the Community Learning & Leisure Officer based in Wick.

- Any request for HC funding should go to Julie Graham.
- Advised that these types of projects were usually long haul (10 years approx) and that during that period capital funds disappeared and "goal posts" usually moved.

Thanked everyone who had been invited present, for their input and said that he saw synergy in the proposal, especially as there was a prospect of income being generated by the idea of the artist studio/workshop facility.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

ACTION:

HELEN

to contact Douglas Graham for a progress report on Ltd Status. To contact Phil Tomlin re Ward funding for the hall demolition

LIZ / JEANETTE

send site plan to Iain MacBeath (this was done on

31/08/07 via email).

Find letter re toilets, GHH car parking and previous correspondence re transfer of school ownership.

Copies of the above were given to the other members of the steering committee - George Macdonald - Sandy Gunn - Rhona Grigg - Karen Holmes - Donald Hadden - Kathryn Davidson - Shirley MacDonald - Fraser Bonthrone - Michelle Rafferty - Gayle Mackay - James Mackay - Joyce Collett - Nancy Collett - Stan Collett also a copy was given to our local councillor Jim McGillivray.

The next meeting will be arranged for either 29th or 30th October

On The Coast

Last Report???

It is highly possible that this may be the last report of "On The Coast" that will appear in the Embo News, in that there may be no more Embo News as no one has volunteered to take over. I would consider doing it with the help of others, as I am pretty busy with the Coastguard these days.

Any volunteers let me know.

Roaming Around

I am now a roaming Inspector for Fishing Vessels that have to be inspected before their deadline of being detained. This means that vessels that have not responded to having their safety Inspection done, will be detained from going to sea. Obviously this has caused concern and once they receive the letter informing them of this, they are suddenly keen to get the inspection done, but their local Coastguard Inspector are not always in a position to drop everything and go and do the inspection before their deadline is up, with the result that they are detained. That is where I come in if I have nothing on. After all we are here to help the Fisherman. As one Fisherman explained to me who had received a letter. I did not think it applied to me.



While nothing to do with Coast-guards I had the Brother
OutLaw, sorry In Law, James and Wife Ailsa, up on Holiday, not only that, the rest of the
Outlaws have come up for a
Holiday in Embo. They love it.
James and Ailsa have recently completed a round Britain
Cruise on the Queen Elizabeth
2 which started and finished in
Southampton, this was celebrating the fortieth
anniversary of its launch at
Clydebank.

During part of the cruise in the Hebridean came out and carried outMinches, the new Coastguard Helicopter some winching exercises. This often happens with the Coastguard Helicopters. This gives them experience in winching off any type of vessel should an emergency occur. The picture of the QE2 shows her at anchor in the Firth of Forth.

I am still short of two Coastguards at Dornoch, so if you feel you would like to volunteer for a worthwhile cause and assist the community, whether Male or Female, please feel free and give me a call, to which will I explain all. It is not difficult, honest. Helmsdale Coast Team have a majority of Females which is working very well, not that I am biased. Pick up that phone and make your life a bit more interesting.

Bryan Jones
HM Coastguard 01862-810525. 07917808539 Mobile

The following is copy of the letter William Hamilton received from Glasgow's Beatson Oncology Department after he handed them his fundraising money.

Acute Services Division

Regional Services Directorate

Specialist Oncology Services 1053 Great Western Road Glasgow G12 0YN

Tel: 0141 301 7694 Fax: 0141 301 7689





William Hamilton 15 Terrace Street Embo DORNOCH IV25 3PX Date: 9 October 2007

Your Ref

Our Ref : AGR/JG

Dear William

On behalf of the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre I would like to thank you for the extremely generous donation to our Fund which you raised by holding raffles at Grannies Heilan Hame and also by running the Moray 10k in September. It is most kind of you to assist us in this way in appreciation of the care and treatment you received at the Beatson two years ago and I am delighted to see that you are continuing to keep very well. I would be grateful if you would convey my thanks to all of your family and friends in your local community who participated in raising this tremendous amount by taking part in the raffles and by sponsoring your run, and also to everyone who very generously donated raffle prizes. Your contribution is most welcome and much appreciated and we are grateful for all the effort and support.

As you are no doubt aware the Beatson is the Cancer Treatment Centre for the West of Scotland. It is the second largest Cancer Treatment Unit in the United Kingdom. The Unit is involved not just in treating patients but also in carrying out research, clinical and laboratory research, which allows us to investigate possible new treatments of cancer and to look into causes of cancer as well. The research which is carried out there is obviously costly and depends upon grants from large cancer organisations and also money raised locally which is given to our Fund and which is used to finance projects being carried out. Our Fund also helps provide extras for the care and comfort of patients coming for treatment. We endeavour to keep the Unit as attractive as possible and to see that the most up to date useful pieces of nursing equipment are available. It is only through the generous support of people such as yourself that we are able to fulfil these two aims of our Fund.

Many thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A G Robertson

Consultant in Clinical Oncology

And Treasurer

Enc. Receipt - £3760.98 (£3367.98 cheque/£5.00 cash/£388.00 (justgiving website)

A FEMALE BRAIN

In the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where their family member lay gravely ill.

Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and sombre.

"I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news,"

he said as he surveyed the worried faces.

"The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant.

It's an experimental procedure, very risky but it is the only hope.

Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the brain yourselves."

The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much does a brain cost?"



The moment turned awkward.

Men in the room tried not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women, but some actually smirked.

A man unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask,

"Why is the male brain so much more?"

The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and explained to the entire group,

"It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains, because they've actually been used."

THE FINAL WORD ON NUTRITION:

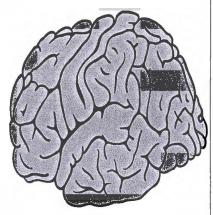


After an exhaustive review of the research literature, here's the final word on nutrition and health.

- 1. Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
- Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
- 3. Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
- 4. Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
- 5. Germans drink beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.

CONCLUSION:

Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you!



You don't have to own a cat to appreciate this one...

A couple was dressed and ready to go out for the evening. Cautiously, they turned on a night-light, turned the answering machine on the phone line, covered their pet parakeet and put the cat in the backyard.

They phoned the local cab company and requested a taxi. The taxi arrived shortly after and as the couple opened the front door to leave their house, the cat that they had put out into the yard, scoots back into the house.

They don't want the cat shut in the house because 'she' always tries to eat the bird. The wife goes out to the taxi while the husband goes inside to get the cat. The cat runs upstairs and the man hurriedly follows in hot pursuit.

The wife doesn't want the driver to know the house will be empty so she explains to the taxi driver that her husband will be out soon. "He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother."

A few minutes later, the husband gets into the cab. "Sorry I took so long," he says, as they drive away. "Stupid b**ch was hiding under the bed. Had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out! Then I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me.

But it worked. I hauled her fat ass downstairs and threw her out into the back yard!"

A SENIOR MOMENT

From a US newspaper.....

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun,

proceeding to scream at the top of her voice, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car...!!"

The four men didn't wait for a second invitation.

They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she couldn't get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then it dawned on her why.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

If you're going to have a Senior Moment, make it a memorable one!





BULKY REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Wednesday is bulky refuse day.
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14th November 9th January

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