



Horshader Community Development Newsletter February 2018

Welcome to the February 2018 Newsletter!

Bliadhna Mhath Ùr

Date for your Diary – The Horshader Community Development Annual General Meeting will be held on 8th February at 7.30pm in the Community Room at Raebhat House.

Reminder - We have several vacancies available on the Board. All members of Horshader residing in South Shawbost, Dalbeag and Dalmore or having a croft tenancy in any of the three villages and residing elsewhere on Lewis are entitled and actively encouraged to stand for election at our Annual General Meeting.

We also have vacancies in the PEG Committee. The PEG Committee are members of the community who assess each funding application and score it against specific criteria ensuring that each project funded assists the Trust to meet its charitable aims. For more details, please call the office or check the Horshader Website.

Horshader Children's Christmas Party

December saw the annual Children's Christmas Party take place at the Old School, Shawbost. It was very well attended with many children from Shawbost Primary and from the local area.

Everyone had a chance to meet Santa, receive a present, jump on the bouncy castle and have lots to eat! The evening was a wonderful success and special thanks go to Ann Marie MacDonald and her band of Merry Elves who put the party together for us, as well as the Clann an Latha an Dè and 40 North for the refreshments.



Thea-Mae meeting Santa!

Iolaire

The anniversary of the Iolaire disaster takes place on 1st January 2019, Horshader are very proud to announce they will help to fund the memorial in conjunction with An Lanntair. An Lanntair will be working closely with Acair Books and Museum nan Eilean at Lews Castle on projects around the centenary, producing exhibitions, new publications and an educational programme throughout 2018 and early 2019. Full details available via An Lanntair.

"The Iolaire disaster stretches our vocabulary to its limits and can only be articulated further through art." – Roddy Murray, An Lanntair's Head of Visual Arts and Literature & Founding Director

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Café



Big news for February Proper fish and chips available from Horshader Cafe. Your choice of a succulent portion of Haddock or Cod from Buckies, battered and alongside our well-loved proper chips. Available to take-away or to eat in. Please ring the shop and cafe on 710567 to book yours or turn up at the cafe for a warm welcome from Julie and Rachel.

Trees for the Croft

Horshader will host a Trees for the Croft session on Saturday 24th February, being led by the Scottish Crofting Federation. It will be a practical, outdoor day on all you need to know about planting, ground preparation, planting technique and aftercare. Are you interested or need more details? If so contact Viv Halcrow on training@crofting.org or call 01854 612 220 to book your place. The £40 cost includes refreshments and lunch but the course is free to existing crofters and small holders. The course will be held mostly outside so please wear suitable clothing.

Horshader Music Evening

Do you play an instrument; Can you sing; Fancy an evening out? We are looking at bringing back our music sessions, an informal musical evening, you don't have to be an expert just be able to play a few chords. If you are interested, let us know and we will organise a night when you can all get together.

Mini Bus availability

A reminder regarding the Mini Bus, the Horshader minibus is available Monday-Friday for you to hire and use. We do have daily commitments with the schools but if your trip is between the school times, then give us a call.

Costs are very reasonable, if you have your own driver (must have Midas) then it's cheaper still. Call the office on 701225 or email admin@horshader.com for more details.



MIDAS

We recently advertised we were looking for people that would like to complete the MIDAS qualification so that they can drive the mini bus. A big thank you to all those that applied, we hope to have a date pinned down soon for you and will let you know. With regards to the MIDAS qualification we offer, all we ask is for your help with Volunteering to drive the bus every now and again. Interested? Call the office on 701225 or email admin@horshader.com for more details.