



Horshader Community Development Newsletter April 2017

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter.

Spring has sprung and the Polycrubs have started to come alive with seedlings for vegetables, flowers and fruit. We have had some wonderful weather recently meaning the team are hard at work, watering and planting, we will have a selection of vegetables and fruit available to accompany your meals this year as the season progresses. We now have two gardeners Frank Stark and David Murdo MacKay working full time, we have access to a 2.5 Acre piece of land Courtesy of Lucas where we intend to put 25% of it in potatoes this year. A new venture is starting this year with the help of Mark Bradley, the start of our tree nursery

Don't forget we are always looking for volunteers to help out at the tunnels, please contact the office if you are interested on 701225 or admin@horshader.com



Polycrubs

You may notice over the next few weeks lots of activity at the Polycrubs with some changes being carried out to the tunnels. The reason for the changes is to introduce hydroponics to grow lettuce initially to accompany a bumper harvest of tomatoes, in season.

Although the funding for the Growing Project has now sadly stopped the growing will continue and develop.

Leaving

Many of you will be sad to hear that Finlay is moving on to pastures new, his last day was 31st March. Finlay was the Project Officer for the Growing Project. We will all miss him and we are sure you will all wish him the best in his new endeavour!

Cookery Workshops

We held several Cookery Workshops over the winter period and they were all very well attended. Due to their success, and for all you budding Jamie Oliver's out there, we have created a very special Horshader Community Development Recipe book and this will be available from the office in a few weeks. If you attended the Cookery Workshops we will arrange for one to be delivered. If you do make one of the recipe's let us know how you got on and send us a picture, we can feature in the next newsletter and the Facebook page.



Garden Workshops

We also had several Garden Workshops with experienced Gardener, Peter Harlington, who happily shared his knowledge and practical tips on how to improve gardening results this year. They were open to all that were interested in how to make their garden a success this year and very well attended. The workshops included a visit to his wonderful garden at Blue Pig in Carloway.



Dates for your diary!

New Café and Shop

The café and shop at Raebhat House will be opening soon. There will be tea, coffee and drinks available and snacks. Alongside this will be the new second hand shop, why not pop in for a coffee and have a mooch around the shop at the same time, you may find some great bargains! We expect the cafe and shop to open at the beginning of May 2017. Please don't throw anything out that you think could be of use to others, clothing, furniture, electrical goods, bric-a-brac and more, all welcome. We can collect any items, one thing we ask is that any clothing donated must be clean.

Pizza

Fancy something a little different for dinner? Why not try the wood-fired pizza oven courtesy of Seaview Croft, serving tasty pizzas? The Pizza Oven will be on site Wednesday 5th April 6pm-9pm and our cafe will be open so you can wait for your order in comfort with complementary tea and coffee, if the visit is successful they plan to return every two weeks.



Handyman Service

Don our Handyman has been very busy, working with the team at the Polycrubs making tables for planting and helping to get the café ready. Remember he is available to complete your small, odd jobs around the home. Just give the office a quick call to discuss your needs and we can get your jobs booked in.

Minibus

Don also is our main minibus driver, keeping his diary full driving the children to school, out on day trips. He has recently taken groups to Uig, the Viking museum, An Lanntair and the BBC Alba offices.

We would love to hear your suggestions for the Community Spins for the next few months and remember the bus is available for community use. Contact Lesley in the office to check its availability and we can get you booked in.



MIDAS Training

Another big thank you to all those that would like to participate in the MiDAS training. We are still keen for to have a larger group of volunteers to drive the mini bus and would encourage anyone over 21 with a clean license who is interested to get in touch via Facebook or call the office.

The training is straight forward and a great skill to have under your belt.

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Folk Nights/Music Evenings – All Welcome

We hold monthly music evenings in the Community Room at Raebhat House and are always looking for new members. Everyone is welcome, beginners to experienced. Bring an instrument of your choice.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for dates

<https://www.facebook.com/HorshaderCommunityDevelopment/>

New staff member!

We are sure you will join with us to welcome our new staff member, Lesley Smith, she is our new Office Administrator. If you are passing by, pop in and say hello!



A few reminders...

Oil Bulk Buying Group

The scheme is now fully up and running, Members are topped up every 14 weeks and receive a discount of 4p per litre. If you would like to join, please contact the office and we can help you join the scheme.

Grasscutting

This will recommence soon; letters and emails were sent to all members recently to advise of the criteria change. If you have any questions about this, please contact the office. Needing to get the grass cut? Call us and we can get you booked in.

Director Vacancy

We presently have one vacancy on the HCD board. Why not get involved and help us make a difference for everyone living in the Horshader area. Full training is available. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact one of the Directors.

Check Facebook

We pop all our dates and up to date information on to the Facebook page, keep an eye on it for any updates.