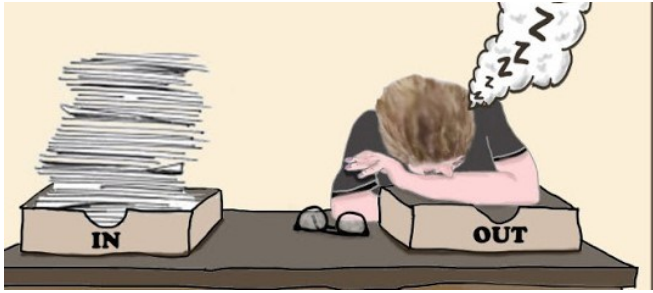




The Edderton Newsletter

Spring 2024



A Note from the (sort of) 'Eddertor'

WELCOME to the Spring edition of the Edderton Newsletter.

In *Spring*, Christina Rossetti writes,

“Frost-locked all the winter,
Seeds, and roots, and stones of fruits,
What shall make their sap ascend
That they may put forth shoots?
Tips of tender green,
Leaf, or blade, or sheath;
Telling of the hidden life.”

One of the things that has kept me going over the winter has been the warmth of activity in the village. As you will see in the following pages, the village school has undertaken a huge body of work since the last edition, including the well attended Christmas Lights Switch On and Fayre.

Another aspect of the community which is putting forth shoots, is the village hall. The back of this edition includes information about an upcoming open day. The new committee have been putting lots of work and this event will also include your chance to have your say about the village plan.

This month's cover art comes from local photographer Richard Shand who kindly got in touch after the last issue. We're very grateful for his contribution which also invokes Rossetti with it's avian imagery:

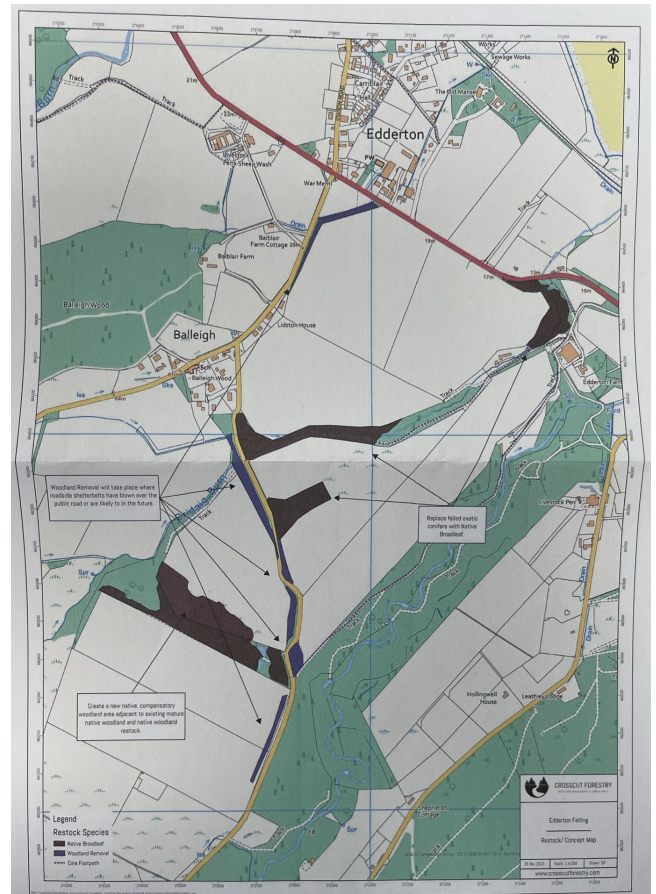
“There is no time like Spring,
Like Spring that passes by;
Clothing the uncouth clod,
Hatched in the nest,

Fledged on the windy bough,
Strong on the wing:
There is no time like Spring.”

For any feedback – good or bad – please feel free to drop me an email at:

pajnewman@outlook.com or, better still if it's bad, to Nikki at ecsecretary@aol.com

Pete



Community News

Treefelling

THE option of felling the shelterbelts around Edderton and Balleigh (map attached) is being explored. According to the company, the shelterbelts are over mature exotic conifers which are now starting to suffer from windblow. The shelterbelts are becoming dangerous, and it has become necessary to fell them.

It their intention to replace any shelterbelts away from the roadside with native broad-leaves. The claim is that this will improve both the recreational and habitat value of the woodlands.

Any shelterbelts that run along the roadside will be removed and a new native woodland created. The movement of timber will be designed to avoid disruption within the village. No timber wagons will run during school opening/closing hours.

The company say they would be delighted to get our thoughts on the matter. The felling operation is scheduled for around late summer/early autumn 2024.

Contact via eccsecretary@aol.com or on 07483234172.

ECC Grants Available.

Skill Seekers Grant Up To £250.00

THIS grant is available annually for anyone that doing some form of training/re-training, these include University costs, driving lessons, the list goes on...



Smoke Alarm Grant Up To £200.00.

THIS grant is available to help with the costs of installing smoke alarms to the required Scottish Government legislation.

Energy Conservation Grant Up To £300.00



THIS grant is to help with the costs of installing insulation, double glazing and anything that will help energy conservation.

For more information on any of these grants or a copy of the application form, please contact Nikki on eccsecretary@aol.com or 07483234172.

School News

Christmas Lights Switch-On and Christmas Fayre

THANK you to everyone who attended the Switch-On of the Christmas lights and the Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see such a great turnout from the community.

The children were delighted to sell the crafts they had made. Your support was very much appreciated.

Thank you to Edderton Community Council for donating £50 towards the cost of the tea/coffee and mince pies.

We raised the fantastic amount of £464 for school funds. THANK YOU!

Term Three

THIS term has been very busy.

MUSIC - We have been having lessons from Feis tutors, Bob and Alison Massie.

We have been learning some traditional Scottish songs and accompanying them on the kazoo and the spoons.

Alison has been teaching us how to play different rhythms on the spoons and encouraging us to become performers when we are playing along with Scottish music.

We love hearing Bob's stories about the Scottish way of life and listening to him play his mandolin.

We have also been having Kodaly lessons with Mrs Muir, where we have been learning about rhythm and pitch. We combine our work with body movements and games.

BIKEABILITY - WE have had a short series of Bikeability lessons with Julie Cleghorn from Highlife Highland.

We had a refresher course on how to check

our bikes and helmets to make sure we are safe to cycle.

Our lessons focussed on road positioning and how to carry out right and left hand turns safely.

INNIS MHOR - WE visited Innis Mhor Care Home in Tain to extend our links with the community.

We enjoyed an art activity session with the residents. Working together, we made some lovely rainbows using paint, glitter and other collage materials, for display in the Home.

TALES AND LEGENDS FROM EASTER ROSS - JASON Ubych from Tain Museum visited the school to read us some local tales from a book he has compiled. His stories led to some interesting discussions about their meanings and how stories can change over the years.

COUNTRY DANCING - ON Thursday 29th February, Tain ASG held their annual Country Dancing competition at Tain Academy.

Two of our Edderton pupils joined with Gledfield Primary to make a cluster team. The children danced really well and had a great time. They each received a certificate at the end. They were a credit to themselves and the school.

GARDENING CLUB - WE have started a lunchtime Gardening Club and we are delighted that parents have been able to help us.

We have been cutting, planting and tying willow to make a new tunnel/maze. We are also keen to grow our own vegetables.

Matthew and Mary very kindly helped us to build two raised beds. We learned lots of new skills when we were building them.

We enjoyed using the tools. We are hoping the weather warms up so we can get planting!

What's On?



Meetings are held in Edderton Village Hall, at 7.30p.m. Everyone welcome.

8th April

Sarah Whealing,
Corrycroft Nursery,
"Compost"

Edderton Community Council.
Have your say about your Village.....

Open Day @ Village Hall 9am - 6pm
26th March 2024.

Have your say on anything...

School Roads Transport Post Office Play park Train Station
Housing Hall Foot paths

If you have any ideas that would make our village better, please come along and let us know.
Tea and Coffee will be available.

ANYTHING GOES

EASTER Ross Musical Theatre presents:
Anything Goes.

Wednesday 20th, Saturday 23rd at The Duthac Centre, Tain. Licenced bar and raffle.

Tickets on sale now from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/easter-ross-musical-theatre

Adults £12, Children U12 £8 (plus booking fee.)

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