

# Contin, Jamestown & Tarvie Newsletter 2011 Issue 7 July

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## Our Say in Our Future ...



The Highland Council has invited towns and villages in the Inner Moray Firth area to consider possibilities for the **future development of their communities over the next 5 years**. The intention is to produce a plan which will show where new homes, shops and employment would be possible - and also which land would be protected from future development. The Highland Council is very anxious that local communities have the opportunity to express their preferences on the subject of

where future building should or should not go. Obviously like any other village, Contin can't pickle itself for ever in aspic. It has to be positive about the future. Even so the Community Council is anxious that the development of Contin should take place in an ordered and sensitive way and with due regard for the nature of our village, its traditions and its life.

Members of the Village community are then warmly invited to a special meeting on **Monday 1st August at 7.30 pm in Contin Community Centre** to contribute to the discussion on the future of Contin and to make our report to the Highland Council. What we have to say will be incorporated into the new Local Development Plan. The importance of all this is such that the meeting will be solely dedicated to this one issue. We very much hope you will be able and would want to come. **Certainly we would value any contribution that you might be able to make.**

*As the 2011 Contin Gala approaches we are looking for volunteers to help on the day. Whether you would like to help set up stalls, sell tickets or serve tea, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Contin Community Trust .*

## Sir Walter Scott

Dorothy Morgan writes: 'I recently visited Smailholm Tower, a Historic Scotland property in Roxburghshire. It houses a permanent exhibition of items relating to Sir Walter Scott, his life and his works. My eye caught sight of a felt model of Willie Laidlaw, Sir Walter's amanuensis.

As I sit, Sunday by Sunday, beneath the bronze plaque in Contin Church, commemorating Willie Laidlaw, I have often thought of the mammoth task he undertook to transcribe 'The Waverley Novels'. In addition to the plaque, the very table at which Willie Laidlaw sat, is in current use in the vestry and his grave is to be found along the South wall of the old churchyard.

On my return from the Borders I approached Harriet Cumming who instantly produced an excellent series of photographs of the plaque, the church and the gravestone. The Curator at Smailholm Tower, unfamiliar with Contin's connection with Willie Laidlaw, was delighted to have the photos, which will now form part of the permanent exhibition.'

## Refuse and Recycling

The new Refuse and Recycling Collections will begin in our area from the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2011.

The blue wheeled recycling bin for paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, food tins and drink cans will be collected fortnightly, alternating with a fortnightly collection of general waste from the green bins. The garden waste collections in the brown bins will remain as present at fortnightly (though collection days may change).

## Community Benefit

Can you think of any small items of public works which would benefit the village? The Community Council are in a position to award small grants from the Fairburn Wind Farm fund of up to £250 to unconstituted groups or individuals for projects of value to the community. An example recently discussed at the Standing Committee of the Community Council was the provision of steps up the steep bank by the road bridge on the last part of the Bluebell walk round the island. Can you think of similar items? If you can, a letter of application should be submitted to Isobel Stewart at 12 Tor View.

## Nancy Stewart, RIP

The Contin, Jamestown and Tarvie Newsletter records with sadness the passing of Nancy Stewart of Cromartie Drive, Strathpeffer. Nancy was always a popular figure in Contin and charmed countless Senior Citizens' Christmas parties with the sweetness of her singing. We extend to Alasdair and his family our deepest condolences and thank God for the joy and happiness she brought into our lives.

## Achilty Quarry.

We are planning to establish a quarterly meeting for liaison between the village and Leith's, the Quarry owners. If anyone would be happy to serve on the meetings, please contact Isobel Stewart at 12 Tor View.





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## CONTIN YOUTH CLUB

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Contin Youth club are looking to potentially organise some Kayaking or white water rafting in Fort William and anyone interested in joining the youth club and going on these activities female or male should get in touch with Nathan on 07809 838341 or the Contin Community hall.



Tickets on sale through  
Laura Crombie  
mob:07907 454931 or  
Contin filling station



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Saturday 27th August 10 am - 5pm

**CONTIN GALA 2011**

**NIGHT: MUSIC WITH TORRIDON (TICKETS £10)**

**INFO FROM: CONTIN COMMUNITY TRUST (OR VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE)**

# Contin Community Hall/Library Opening Times

Monday 10.30am - 1.30pm, Wednesday 2pm - 5pm and Friday 2pm - 5pm

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## What's on

Events in forthcoming months at Contin Community Hall

### ONE OFF EVENTS

29 Jul	Quiz Night	7:00pm	Laura 07907 454931 loopylaurz@sky.com
1 Aug	Future Development Meeting	7:30pm	Isobel Stewart
2 Aug	Bingo Night	7:00pm	Laura 07907 454931 loopylaurz@sky.com
11 Aug	Contin Toddler Group Disco / Dance for ages 0 to 9	10:00am till 12 noon	Carla carla.78@hotmail.co.uk
12 Aug	Quiz Night	7:00pm	Laura 07907 454931 loopylaurz@sky.com
16 Aug	Beetle Drive	7:00pm	Laura 07907 454931 loopylaurz@sky.com
27 Aug	Contin Gala 2011 (Day)	10:00—5.00pm	Laura 07907 454931 loopylaurz@sky.com
27 Aug	Contin Gala 2011 (Evening) Live Music: Torridon	Tickets £10 each	Laura 07907 454931 loopylaurz@sky.com
27/28 Aug	Contin Church Flower Festival	2pm—4pm	Anne Fraser 01997 421397
30 Aug	Beetle Drive	7:00pm	Laura 07907 454931 loopylaurz@sky.com

### WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues	1st Contin Brownies	5:00-6:30pm	Angelina 421386
Tues	Carpet Bowling	7:00pm	George Hay 421615
Wed	Funky Fitness: Zumba.....	6:15—7:00pm	Emma: 07549146231 Email:funkyfitnes@ymail.com
	Funkyfit.....	7:00—7:45pm	
	Yogalates.....	7:45—8:30pm	
Thurs	Carpet Bowling	2:00pm	George Hay 421615
Thurs	Toddler Group	9:30—11.15am	contintoddler- group@btconnect.com
Fri	Youth Club	2.30—4.30pm	Nathan: 07809 838341