



Carr-Bridge News



CARRBRIDGE LIVE 2005

Wednesday September 21 - Sunday September 25

The annual showcase festival providing an eclectic combination of traditional music, spectacular street carnival and jazz. This year's programme has been extended to include traditional music master-classes, a Gaelic song and step dance workshop, a guided walk and guided mountain bike tour to places of local historical interest as well as an open pairs golf competition and a primary schools shinty tournament. For further information and concert bookings, please contact the Carrbridge Community Arts Ticket Line on Tel: 01479 841211 or by e-mail to carrbridgelive@aol.com

Programme

Wednesday September 21: 10am - 12 noon Squirreling About. Guided walk starting at the Old Bridge with Tessa Jones from HC Ranger Service.

Thursday September 22: Carrbridge Village Hall @ 8pm. The Badenoch Waulking Group. Traditional Gaelic songs including waulking songs originally sung around the table to relieve the monotony during the process of shrinking the tweed. Admission: £3 / 2 under 18.

Friday September 23: 4pm Free guided cycle tour of places of local historical interest in conjunction with Glenmore Bike Hire. Free of charge. Cycle approx 2 hours. Competent cyclists. Please wear helmets. Bike hire can be arranged - £8. Limited places, please book in advance.

8:00pm Carrbridge Village Hall Traditional Music Concert with Scotland's top fiddle players, Charlie McKerron and Gordon Gunn, renowned box and melodeon player, Tim Edey joined by singer / guitarist Kris Drever, Gaelic singer, Sandra Mackay and Alison MacLeod of the Scottish Step Dance Company. Admission: £6/ £4 under 18.

Saturday September 24: 9am onwards Carrbridge Golf Club Open Pairs Competition. Open to any pairs - ladies/gents/mixed/ juniors (paired with an adult) with a maximum handicap of men 28 / ladies and juniors 36. Tee times from 9am and into the afternoon. The club will try to match up any singles. Contact Carrbridge Golf Club on 08444 141415. carrbridgegolf.com
10.30am - 12noon. Traditional Music Fiddle and Guitar MasterClass with Charlie McKerron and Kris Drever. £8 per person. Competent intermediates - advanced.
10.30am - 12 noon Step Dance and Gaelic Song workshops with Alison MacLeod from the Scottish Step Dance Company and Gaelic singer, Sandra Mackay. £3 per person.

10.30am - 12.30pm Youth Rock Cafe @ Carrbridge Village Hall
12.30pm - Samba drum and brass workshops for competent players led by Marcus Britton and Stan from Carnival Collective.

5.30pm - 7.30pm Youth Bands Open Mic Session with help from members of the Anne Dickson Band. Young bands wanting to book a slot please contact Linda Jolly 841211

7:30pm A spectacular street carnival along the main street to Carrbridge Village Hall led by the Carrbridge-based street samba band, Carrumba and the Aberdeen samba band, the Dezibels with music going on into the evening with the 12-piece Edinburgh based band, Orkestra Del Sol. Parade starts at the Landmark Centre car park at 7.30pm

Sunday September 25: 10.30am - 12.30pm. Carrbridge Playing Field. Strathspey Primary Schools Shinty Tournament 2005. A showcase of the traditional game of shinty organised in conjunction with the Camanachd Association plus live music with the Feis Spe Ceilidh Band.

12:30 Carrbridge Village Hall. Jazz brunch with ever-popular favourites, The North Coast Jazz Band. Admission £5/ £3 under 18.

5:00 Village Hall. T-in-the-Hall. Music and song led by members of Duthil Church. Refreshments. All welcome



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

On Tuesday 23rd August, a brief inspection by Allied Surveyors of Inverness was carried out on the Village Hall. The main points of concern reported were:-

1 Structural fracturing of the left/south gable wall.
2 Poor and inadequate ducting of the rainwater down pipes.

3 Poor slating work to the rear elevation.

4 Decay affecting the external joinery timbers.

Although this was a brief survey, which did not go into much detail, the problem with the South gable wall requires further investigation and this investigation will cost around £3000. Depending on the result, repair work could cost anything from £5000 to £50,000. Due to the hall's listed building status, we will need to get permission from Scottish National Heritage before any investigative or repair work is done. Readers will understand that it is important for the hall to raise as much as possible towards these costs.

To "start the ball rolling" the committee has launched a "200 Club". It costs just £12 to join up. After applying you will be given a randomly selected "Lucky Number" for the year 1/9/5 to 31/8/6. A draw of these numbers will take place in the Cairn Hotel, on the last Friday of every month. With prize money of up to £100 available every month, you could be a winner every month! Application forms are available from the following: the small meeting room of the hall, the Cairn Hotel, Spar shop, hall committee members, by phoning 841597 or by email at carrbridgevillagehall@bigfoot.com. Please join up now and show YOUR support for YOUR Village Hall.



FIRE-FIGHTERS UPDATE

The long term plan - probably at least two years away - for a new Fire station is in place and at present the popular sites are :Golf Club Car Park - By Football Pitch - & Next to Tom & Julia Moody's in Station Road. In the meantime the Fire Authority have told our local team that they cannot have their appliance unless they have somewhere to put it.



Grant Swanney of Dalrachney Lodge Hotel has kindly allowed the team to use an empty shed on his land and Douglas MacDonald supplied most of the materials to convert it. The new appliance is expected within weeks. The team has recently been fully trained in RTA rescue training.

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What's on in Carr-Bridge

Interested groups who wish to promote their village activities in this section should notify the editor, Scott Bruce at 841264 or at: scottbruce@btinternet.com

Carrbridge Community Arts

hosts a regular touring performance programme encompassing traditional and contemporary music, theatre, children's theatre and dance.

Saturday October 8: Mull Theatre presents **Katie Morag**. Carrbridge Village Hall @ 7pm. Based on the stories by Mairi Hedderwick, Katie Morag comes to life in a musical show full of fun for all the family.

Friday November 25: Right Lines Productions present **Watching Bluebottles**. Carrbridge Village Hall @ 8pm

A one-man show based on the life of a village hall keeper from the team behind the highly acclaimed Accidental Death of an Accordionist.

Carrbridge Community Arts Ticket Line: 01479 841211

 **THE CARR-BRIDGE GATHERING** 
FEATURING
THE 3RD ANNUAL LANDMARK CHAINSAW SCULPTURE COMPETITION
SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm
Carr-Bridge Playing Field

"A fantastic day out for all the family"

G2 climbing Wall • Archery • Wonky Bike Ride • Bouncy Slide • Kids' Rides Stalls • Mini Highland Games • Tug of War • Terrier Racing • Piano Smash • The Highlanders • Paintball Target Practice • Penalty Shootout • Poi Demonstration and lots more
Live music, Pipe band, Carrumba, burgers

The Chainsaw Competition starts at 11am and there will be an auction of all the sculptures at 4.15pm

To get the weekend going, join us at our **Ceilidh Village Hall • Saturday, 10th September**, from 8.30pm – 12.30pm

Dancing to: The Strathnairn Ceilidh Band
Licensed Bar • £5 per Ticket • Over 18's only

To round the fun off there will be live music at the Cairn Hotel, Sunday 11th September from 7.30pm
www.carvecarrbridge.com



The Carrbridge 12th annual World Porridge Making Championship

Sunday October 9 at Carrbridge Village Hall

10am The Big Breakfast

11am The Great Porridge Fun Run

12.30pm approx Fun Run Prize Giving

1pm The Toast to the Porridge and piper-led procession from the Old Bridge to Carrbridge Village Hall

2pm First heats of the World Porridge Making Championship
Final cook-off and prize giving from **4pm**

For further information, click onto the website at www.goldenspurtle.com

HISTORY CORNER



1914 RAILWAY DISASTER

On June 18th 1914 Carr-Bridge had its infamous railway disaster that cost the lives of five people and injured ten others. That day, a small burn that runs into the Dulnain and which often ran dry, became a seething torrent which tore apart a railway bridge, hurling trees and huge boulders in its wake. For the passengers it started as an uneventful journey on a balmy June day but a ferocious cloudburst turned the Battan burn into a torrent and raised the level of the Dulnain by ten feet in as many minutes. Trees and other debris were carried down and choked the archway of the railway bridge with the water rising to the parapet of the bridge. A few hundred yards upstream there was a rocky obstruction that had formed a dam with trees and rocks being borne down. When this dam burst a wall of water surged towards the bridge just as the train approached. Water filled the archways and rocks and trees crashed against the bridge foundations. It only needed the weight of the train to bring it all crashing down. The driver, Murdo Ross, felt the engine sway and give a jerk then stop. He walked back to find the bridge gone. It had collapsed taking three coaches with it. The centre carriage sank in the middle of the chasm with the water tearing it apart like matchwood. People at the station had their first indication of trouble when they saw items of luggage floating past. Some of the bodies were eventually discovered two and a half miles downstream. Half an hour before the accident there had been no rain and the burn was only a little stream. Five days later in the tiny waiting room at Carrbridge station the Board of Trade inspector, Col. Druitt opened an enquiry into the disaster having just visited the scene. It was another beautiful highland morning. The burn responsible for the disaster was once more flowing peacefully. All that remained were a few splinters of timber from the 25 ton coach that had been torn apart. In 1991, local contractor and Community Councillor, Davie Ritchie discovered a grisly memento of the occasion in an Inverness saleroom. It is a carved plaque (shown in the photo) commemorating the event, and was probably made from some of the remaining wood of the carriage. Davie has never been able to trace its history, who made it, or where it has been since that time.

