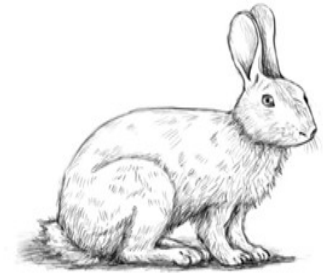

Spring 2018



Welcome to the Spring 2018 edition of The Rabbit. In this edition, news about future events and community groups, an update on windfarm developments, and information about the Finzean Oil Group. Any comments, suggestions or entries for the Autumn 2018 edition, **please contact Emma Forster, by 15 September.**

Dates for your diary

Defib Course: Wednesday 25 April (Finzean)/2 May (Birse)

Daffodil Tea: Saturday 28 April

Finzean Hall Maintenance Day: Sunday 13 May

BCT AGM: Sunday 20 May

Finzean Family Fun Day: Sunday 3 June

Finzean Community Association AGM: Tuesday 19 June

Tom's Cairn Race: Sunday 9 September

Previous events

Bonfire night and fireworks display Many thanks to all our sponsors and helpers for our annual Bonfire night, which was another great event, raising a profit of £1,643.

Burns night This year the Burns night was run by the Community Association, with lots of local talent young and old from the village, entertaining locals and visitors on the evening, and raising a profit of £1,220. Many thanks to all the helpers and entertainers for a great evening with lots of laughs!

Forthcoming events



FINZEAN FAMILY FUN DAY: SUNDAY 3 JUNE

The Finzean Family Fun Day 2018 and Primary School Football Tournament will take place on Sunday 3 June (start time 1pm) in Farquharson Park. As in previous years, it will be based around the Primary School Football Tournament with stalls by local groups including a BBQ, Cake & Candy, and Hamper Raffle.

Donations for the hamper would be gratefully appreciated and can be dropped off to Stuart Gordon (new houses next to Feughside Inn) before **Friday 1 June**.

We will set up for the Fun Day on Sunday at 9.30 am and any helpers would be warmly welcomed.

Please note that no cars will be allowed in our out of the Park after 12.15 for safety reasons.

BIRSE COMMUNITY TRUST

The Birse Community Trust AGM is planned for 5.00 pm on Sunday 20 May. Invitations will be sent out in late April with the Annual Report, which will provide an update on the Trust's activities in 2017. The Trustees are extremely grateful to those who are able attend the AGM as it allows the Trustees to update the community on the Trust's plans for the next year. If you have any thoughts or questions on the Trust please contact Guy Haslam.

In particular, the Trust is looking for help from dog owners on the Finzean Community Path. The path is an excellent community resource used by a large number of local people, but we have had several complaints about dog mess on the path recently. Please could dog walkers ensure that they clean up after their dogs. Secondly, could dog owners please ensure that their dogs do not disturb the animals in the fields close to the path or allow their dogs to run around the fields uncontrolled when ground birds are nesting.

DEFIBRILLATOR COURSE

An evening course on using the defibrillator has been organised in Finzean Hall on Wednesday 2 May. Ballogie Community Association is also running a course in Birse on Wednesday 25 April. Please contact Donna Thow for more information.

BIRSE & FEUGHSIDE PARISH CHURCH

All are welcome to an **Easter Breakfast** at 10am followed by our family **Easter service** which will start at 11am, both at Birse and Feughside Church on Sunday 1 April. There will be an Easter Egg hunt for Children directly after the service.

The annual **Daffodil Tea** will take place from 2—4pm in the Church, on Saturday 28 April.



Messy Church takes place the first Wednesday of the month (except during school holidays). The upcoming dates & themes are as follows:

- ◆ Wednesday 3 May: Stories Jesus told
- ◆ Wednesday 6 June: Stories Jesus told
- ◆ Wednesday 4 July: Paul

TOM'S CAIRN RACE

The Tom's Cairn 10K will be held on Sunday 9 September, starting at Birse & Feughside Parish Church, through Finzean woods and over Tom's Cairn. There are shorter routes for those under 16 and for primary school-children. The race is being held to raise funds for Finzean School. Visit tomscairtrailrace.com for more information and to enter. The Parent Council would be very grateful if anyone could help on the day, for marshalling and serving tea. Please contact Andrew Douglas if you would like to volunteer.

Finzean Hall Maintenance Day

Sunday 13 May at 10am

The usual spring clean is required at the hall and if you have a spare hour or two we would be grateful of your help in order to keep the hall at its best.

FCA - AGM

Tuesday 19 June at 7.00pm.

All welcome. There will be cheese and wine after the main meeting.

Local groups

FINZEAN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Finzean Friendship Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.30 (with the exception of the first meeting of the year on Monday 9 April, and the 2.30 start in October). Tea is served at the end of the meetings. Each member (and their guests) is requested to bring a mug/cup for tea and a small prize for the raffle. For further information please contact Elizabeth Rose.

The Programme for 2018 is set out below:

- ◆ Monday 9 April, Dark Island Ceilidh Band entertain
- ◆ Monday 7 May, The Lodgers entertain
- ◆ Thursday 7 June, Bus run
- ◆ Monday 2 July, Scolty Group entertain
- ◆ Tuesday 7 August, Bus run
- ◆ Monday 3 September, Couthie Company entertain
- ◆ Monday 1 October, Hector Riddell entertains (2.30 start)
- ◆ Saturday 8 December, Christmas Lunch (12.30 for 1). Members exchange a small gift.

PETANQUE: THE BOULERS O'BIRSE

The promise of lighter nights means that Boulers o Birse will be resuming their evening sessions, playing boules on the dedicated terrain in the car park at Birse and Feughside Parish Church every Tuesday at 6.30pm, starting on **Tuesday 10 April**. The Club has gone from strength to strength since being formed two years ago and is always keen to welcome new members, whether novices or more experienced players. Boules are available for those wanting to try the game for the first time and coaching is provided by our more seasoned members..

In addition to Tuesday evenings we also play most Saturday mornings at 10am. Please come and try our this sport, we are a very sociable club and you are guaranteed a warm welcome and lots of fun. We play in most weathers, so dress appropriately!

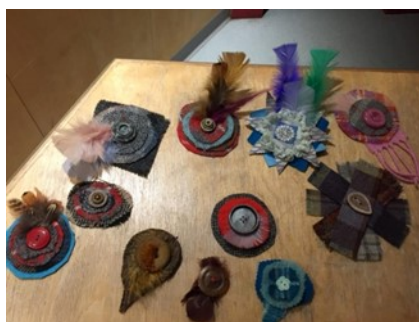
FINZEAN BADMINTON CLUB

Another successful season of badminton in Finzean Hall has just finished. The club will restart for the next season on the first Monday of October 2018, at 7.30pm, and will run until the end of March. Anyone from secondary age upwards is most welcome. For information contact June Whyte.



FINZEAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Finzean SWI meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Finzean Hall at 7.30pm from September to April. This session we have made Fairy Gardens, visited Bennett House, had a Birthday Outing to see Grease, made Cocktails and Mocktails, had a Watercolour Painting Workshop and made Fabric Brooches. We have a wide variety of interests and love to share our skills with others. New members and visitors are always welcome. Tea and cake also provided.



FINZEAN UNDER 5S

We are a friendly playgroup for parents, carers, and babies and children 0-5. It runs all year round from 10 –12 on Thursdays and everyone is welcome. There is outdoor as well as indoor space and lots of toys. Come along for a cuppa and some home baking. First session is free. Contact us via our Facebook page.

WIND FARMS

There are now two proposed wind farm developments in the area south of Finzean. The first one is the Glendye Windfarm (26 turbines) which is on the western side of the Cairn o'Mount which has been in the planning process for some time, and there is now a second potential farm which is essentially an extension of the Mid Hill Development (10 turbines) which some people can already see to the south east of Finzean (south of Kerloch). Both projects are in the early stages of the planning process and may not, of course, end up going ahead. Finzean Community Council is now a consultee on both developments and so if you have any views or comments please contact the Community Council; contact Paul Tanner.

FINZEAN OIL GROUP

The Group was set up to improve the efficiency of oil deliveries around Finzean. The aim is to ensure that one tanker delivers to a number of houses in one delivery and that members benefit from a bulk order. It is a competitive price and there is certainly a 2-3 pence a litre reduction if you normally order under 1,000 litres. There is no membership fee and the Group has a contract with Highland Fuels. It is very simple—you set up an account over the phone and receive an email every 2 months asking how much oil you require in the next delivery; it is then delivered within a week and you just have to pay. We currently have 15 members and are looking for a few new members to join. If you are interested please contact Guy Haslam.



New Website

Please visit our fantastic new hall website: finzean-hall.co.uk. This has a lovely photo gallery showcasing the hall, and calendar which allows visitors to see exactly what's going on and check availability for bookings.