



## Introduction

This e-bulletin is the digital newsletter for all members of the Maryburgh Amenities Company Ltd. and is designed to keep all its members informed and updated. Sorry the bulletin is a bit late this month, but work pressure and waiting for information on outcome of a meeting between the Board and HIE last Monday afternoon about the SLF funding has caused the delay. Lots of news this month as the gala organisers are already planning for this year's Gala Week and there is more news on the "Grow Your Own Cinema" project.



Figure 1 – The Cottage Bar & Restaurant- Maryburgh.

## Development Funding

The MAC board have been working with our allocated development officer from HIE and has applied for Stage 1 funding from the Scottish Land Fund. We will find out about this funding around the end of April. If successful, this will provide funding to help us develop a sustainable business plan and Stage 2 funding application for to take over ownership of the site. Going forward this will give us much more control and opportunity for future developments, but to help us develop plans and work through the next stages we need help from the community.

At this stage we want to set up a Development Committee or Steering Group to help guide the project as it develops, being involved in the group isn't expected to be a significant

commitment, but it is vital that if we are to demonstrate there is community support for the Amenities Centre and its future that we can also show that we have a bigger number of people directly involved in the work to shape and support the ongoing developments. **If you would be able to be involved in helping shape the proposals and get involved in the group over the next few months, please get in touch with Jamie Dunsmore.**

We hope to be ready to submit the Stage 2 applications by mid-August this year and part of the work proposed under the Stage 1 funding will be to carry out additional community engagement work to make sure that the plans give people in Maryburgh what they want and need from the Centre – so keep your eyes out for your chance to have your say over the next couple of months.

## Grow Your Own Cinema

Grow Your Own Cinema is an exciting new project set up to encourage voluntary groups to put on their very own film events.

The Grow Your Own Cinema will hold an Inverness-shire training day on Friday 20th May in the SGL Room of the Bishop's Palace section of Eden Court. The training day takes place between 10:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

Morvern Cunningham the Grow Your Own Cinema Project Officer and Holly Turpin the Cinema for All Technical Advice and Equipment Coordinator will be running the training day.

As Grow Your Own Cinema is able to cover lunches for everyone attending please contact Eilidh Green if you wish to attend. Eilidh has also offered a lift to anyone who needs it.

### Raffle Prizes

We have been lucky enough to have a pair of tickets for the Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival donated as a prize for the Gala raffle. They will be on sale in the next few weeks and with a host of other great prizes as normal be sure to get yours in plenty time.



### Maryburgh Mash-Up

This weekend, don't miss the Maryburgh Mash-up organised by Youth Highland.

The event is being held in the Maryburgh Amenities Centre on Saturday 23rd April and Sunday 24th April.



The film: "The Bridge to Terabithia" by FLING! Is showing at 12:00 noon to 1:30 PM on Saturday. FREE ENTRY.

There will also be a Games Console Session organised by the Highland Gaming League on Saturday with FREE ENTRY.

On Sunday between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM there will be a Skate Jam by the Balintore Riders. Like the other special events during the Mash-Up this is also FREE ENTRY.



The poster for this event is included with this e-bulletin. Please support this event.

### Maryburgh Website

We are always looking for posts and ideas for the Maryburgh Hub website and are currently working on enabling online booking of the Amenities Hall rooms. We should have this up and running in the next few weeks.

Any news items or ideas for the website please get in touch – Andrew Steel or the web email address below.



### Volunteers Needed

Over the coming months we are hoping to carry out some repairs and redecoration of parts of the hall – to do this we will need volunteers of all abilities to help!



It would be great if we could build up a list of people who would be willing to help out for a few hours from time to time so that we able to organise some sessions.

If you wouldn't mind helping out, please let Jamie Dunsmore know by e-mailing [jamedunsmore@hotmail.com](mailto:jamedunsmore@hotmail.com).

### Gala Week

This year's Gala day will be on the 18th June between 12:00 noon and 3:00 PM. The Gala week will begin on Monday 13th June.

Volunteers are needed to help. If you would like to help please come forward and get in contact.

If you know of any craft stall holders, performers and entertainment that you would like to see at the gala then let Eilidh Green know by emailing [eilidhgreen@msn.com](mailto:eilidhgreen@msn.com)