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# MANOR & CASTLE NEWSLETTER



## Manor & Castle Newsletter

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### Chairman's Comments



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Happy New Year to you all and I hope it's a good one and welcome to the first newsletter of 2016.

Great to see we have our own Facebook page to keep us up to date with relevant matters and well done to Gordon for putting past Newsletters onto this forum.

Despite the much rainfall we have on our island we are thankful that we do not experience the flooding and subsequent consequences that many people in various parts of the UK have had to endure over the past few weeks and judging by the weather forecasts there is no sign of it abating to any degree.

To those who were able to attend I hope that the seasonal lunch in Eleven was good and gave you all a chance to relax and enjoy each other's company in a nice atmosphere. Still there are ongoing problems with Loganair/Flybe with delays and cancellations which lead to so much inconvenience for many people who depend so much on this necessary service. I suppose if it was a lucrative route then maybe other airlines would be keen on applying for a licence but in the meantime let's hope that this year we can get an improved air service.

Roddy Nicolson

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## Councillor's Report

First of all I would like to wish you all a happy new year and all the best for 2016 on behalf of myself, Julia and Grace. As a family, we are expecting the arrival of our baby in mid to end January so its some way to start the year! Thank you for all your kind wishes of support to Julia over this time.

It seems like a long time since I penned the last councillor's report with quite a number of events happening over the festive period. Santa visited Bain Square and Manor Drive and dropped off some little presents to all the good girls and boys before scooting off to Marybank with more presents. Santa says thanks to Steven Clinton who was standing in for Rudolph and drove Santa around Stornoway.

The bag packing was a great fundraiser again and the association would like to personally thank al those who bagpacked and who "manned" the raffle table over the 23rd and 24th of December. It is a big commitment at the busiest time of the year and the Association is very grateful to the Riding Club, Volunteers Centre, Christopher Kerry (Ballalan), Alzheimers Scotland who helped us bagpack. Thanks also to the Coop for allowing these slots which have been duly booked again for next year—don't worry , we won't be collecting names yet!

We held our Manor and Castle Senior Citizens Christmas dinner in the Caladh Inn on 13th January and what a great occasion this is. I always find it a highlight to sit down and eat with everyone and relax top some great music. Thanks to Tosh and the Nicolson pupils for some great tunes. Tosh made a great impression and we have booked him for next year.

I am currently looking for suggestions/ideas for the use of the green area between Westview Terrace and Kennedy Terrace and would appreciate if you could spread the word and encourage people to have their say by giving me a call.

Councillor Gordon Murray



### **Support from Stag Bakery**

**We are very lucky to have support from Stag Bakery every year in the form of a beautiful cake.**

**This cake is always an attraction in our raffle at Christmas to raise funds for our Senior Citizens Dinner and the Spring Outing.**

**The workmanship is first class and Roddy (pictured left) is always happy to donate the cake to help our cause.**

**Thanks very much to Roddy and his team at Stag Bakery for their continued support and wish them all the best for 2016 as their business expands and creates more jobs !**


**"Free-Mic Womens-Nite" / Maggie Smith**  
 and Hazel Mansfield HGMansfield@yahoo.co.uk

**Free-Mic**  
**WOMENS'-GIRLS' NITE**  
**HAVE FUN**  
**Meet new people,**  
**Sing,**  
**Play an instrument,**  
**Recite a poem**  
**All performance skills Welcome**  
**Come along and learn new skills**  
**7.00 to 9.00 pm**  
**Bridge Centre**  
**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Every month**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**  
**... save the date ...**





**Tea & Technology**  
*The Lewis Retirement Centre*  
 Learn the basics of your phone, i-pad, laptop or tablet over tea and biscuits.

- Learn on your own device
- Learn only what you need to know without complicated language
- There is an excellent WiFi link available free to Centre users
- No charge for the teaching or the WiFi
- It's a pop-in event, not a regular commitment so stay until you have learned what you need
- Pop in again for a refresher if you want

*The Lewis Retirement Centre will be open from 2pm to 4pm every Wednesday from 6th January 2016 for 12 weeks*  
*Teas, coffees & soft drinks available throughout (And biscuits!) for a nominal fee*  
*Meet in a comfortable social environment, not in a classroom*  
 Contact Donald McKee on 07747166758

## Lewis Retirement Centre Traditonal Music Night

Every Friday 6-9pm

All welcome



## Council Budget Consultations

The council are progressing with the budget strategy for 2016—2018 and public feedback is sought. Please take note of the meetings and attend if possible. The meeting we are most interested in is Thursday, 21st January at 7pm in the Council Chamber. Or, alternatively, let Councillor Gordon Murray or Councillor Iain Mackenzie know your thoughts on the savings and cuts that are being presented.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar budget consultation meetings will be held throughout the Western Isles this week.

Date	Venue	Time	Venues
Thursday 21 January 2016	Council Chamber, Stornoway	7pm	
Friday 22 January 2016	Facebook Chat with the Comhairle Leader	7pm-8:30pm	



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

## Public Consultation Events – IJB Draft Strategic Plan

A series of public consultation events will be held in the Western Isles in January and February 2016.



These meetings will provide an opportunity to ask questions about the draft Strategic Plan for Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board and will take place during the formal consultation period of 13 January to 12 February 2016.

We are interested in hearing from the people who use our services, family carers, members of the public, community leaders, and members of staff across the NHS, Comhairle and third sector.

The meeting will take place as follows:

Wed 27 Jan    Public Engagement    6.30 – 8.30 pm    Chamber, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar,  
Sandwick Rd, Stornoway

If you have any enquiries in advance then please contact, Catriona Mackenzie, on email [catriona-mackenzie@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:catriona-mackenzie@cne-siar.gov.uk) or tel 01851 822706.

