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Hello everyone

June – is this spring or summer – or do we just accept whatever weather we wake up to? We have had to adjust our interests/hobbies/social time accordingly for the last 5 months, but one solid and singular way of coping is to read. That can start with a newspaper, fair enough, because if we watch the news on TV then the topic allows less than 1 minute of information versus a newspaper whether the news is presented in a more detailed way.

I read a lot through the ‘spring time’ and one book which had an impact was a ‘Chronology of Scottish History’ and how time is speeding by when we remember events which at the time, were big news. Only careful digging on the internet can elaborate on some of the events as news was not recorded in the same way as it is now, with an instant answer for any question. Some news from the 1960s and if you do remember any of these then you will recognise just how time has flown since:

- 1964 Typhoid resulting from corned beef, broke out in Aberdeen in May and June of '64 with 400 cases being reported.
- 1964 Dr Beeching's report closed many of Scotland's railways, cutting off rural d areas resulting in isolation and inadequate alternative transport. Only now do we see the value in the rail network but is highly unlikely that we will ever see many of these lines reopening.
- 1964 I am sure this was co-incidence when many rail were being closed, but the Forth Road Bridge was opened in 1964 and 2 years later, the Tay Road Bridge opened.
- 1965 Capital punishment was abolished.
- 1966 Major gas discoveries in the North Sea.
- 1968 Dunfermline Athletic won the Scottish Football Association cup for the second time. That made history because it is hardly likely to happen again in the foreseeable future anyway.

Fast forward 2024 – all needed in a major way, with no limit.

- Harmony
- Kindness
- Peace

Enjoy the summer months, and for families you will see a poster with details on a children's Holiday Club rotating between Tarves/Methlick/Pitmedden on Friday mornings.

Last but certainly not least, I must thank Meldrum Rotary for their recent funding award towards extra TBC publishing. This will allow us to print an extra 100 copies to cover the new housing in Tarves village and share extra copies with the newly created Formartine Parish Church group.

Ruth, TBC Editor



Dear Friends

I wonder if you were one of the many folks who managed to catch the Northern Lights the other evening. My wife Nicola and I saw a friend post a picture on a WhatsApp group we're on, so we decided to go outside to investigate. As we squinted up at the sky trying to work out if we could see some colours (or if it was just the lights from the local take away), we saw some grey-ish patterns and streaks in the sky and wondered if they were the Northern Lights, but we weren't very sure. However, I had remembered that my brother and his wife had been on a Northern Lights tour in the far northern reaches of Norway and he had said that often the Lights appear as grey streaks at first and the way to see the vibrant colours is to take a photo of them as the camera lens seems to pick up or capture the colours better than our naked eyes. And sure enough, once I started taking photos with my phone the colours appeared. It was just wonderful to see the streaks of blue and purple appearing in the photos and looking up at the shapes in the sky. Quite awe-inspiring. Given that it has taken me 48 years to see them, Nicola and I decided to wake up our elder son so he could see them. While lying on our couch cushions in the garden we explained to James what he was seeing and what his Uncle Euan had said about being able to see them better with the camera.

Which got me to thinking that sometimes need to see our lives and the world around through a different lens to capture the glory and the beauty of a situation. If we spend our whole lives 'doom-scrolling' on social media or watching 24-hour news then we can get the impression that the world is a hopeless place. But there are also so many small acts of goodness going on all around us. One example is the story of Harry Marsh, a Church of Scotland elder from South Lanarkshire who, this Sunday 19th May, will do a 5km sponsored walk to raise money for St Andrew's Hospice where he spent eight weeks in palliative care with a Streptococcal A infection with Necrotising Fasciitis (a bacterial infection) which led to septic shock. Miraculously, with the strength of his faith, support of family and friends and skills of the doctors and nurses, he survived and has chosen to raise money for those who had cared for him. Mr Marsh said:

"There is no way I can repay them for the care and kindness in every aspect of human dignity they showed me... but money helps keep the system going and I want to raise awareness of the wonderful work they do."

Mr Marsh could have easily given up or take his treatment for granted, but the he saw his life, his survival, and the care he received through the lens of gratitude. Closer to home, I am sure you will be aware that Formartine Parish Church is currently in vacancy and in the process of searching for a new minister. This could easily be a time for anxiety but by looking through the

lens of faith in Jesus and knowing that God has a vibrant, exciting, colourful plan for Formartine Parish Church and will hopefully help the congregation and community to use this time to hope and to dream and to really build the foundations together as a new church in anticipation for the person God has called to come and build the church here in Formartine. As Interim Moderator it is my privilege to help guide you through the vacancy and to help keep things ticking over and supporting the developments in the church as we prepare for the new minister.

So, friends, I hope and pray that you can find a lens of hope to look through in whatever situation you find yourself in just now, and remember that Jesus' promise to his followers is "...surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b)

Many blessings to you all

Rev Alastair Bruce

Interim Moderator - Formartine Parish Church

PS - And for those of you worried about me waking up 10-year-old James at midnight, after seeing the Northern Lights he said '...that's ok. You can wake me up any time there is something amazing to see.' And I think there might be another story in that comment!

Kirk News

Formartine Parish Church of Scotland

Sunday Worship:

10.00am in Tarves Kirk

10.00am in Pitmedden Kirk

United worship on the 4th and 5th Sunday of the month when we gather in either Pitmedden or Tarves Kirk.

For details see Formartine Parish Church newsletter, website, and noticeboards.

Refreshments are served after worship

Zoom link and large print orders of service are available each Sunday. Let me know if you would like to receive these.

Easter Sunday was Alison Swindell's last service with us before she retired. We all enjoyed a wonderfully uplifting service with its message of resurrection and hope for the future. After some delicious refreshments there was a surprise in store! It was lovely to see Alison's delight as we played video messages from folk in her previous charges, friends, and parishioners young and old. Her husband Sean, and her parents joined with us for this special tribute to her long and successful ministry. There were tears and laughter as we shared in this memorable presentation. Nellie Rae presented Alison with gifts from the congregation. To remind her of the area there were 2 mugs with a photo of the Prop of Ythsie and a framed print of Tarves Kirk. Members of the congregation gave generously and Alison also received a cheque so that

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she can buy something special as a memento. Her final words were most encouraging and she wished us every blessing as we move forward.

During Alison's seven years with us it has been a privilege to work alongside her as Session Clerk and I know you all wish her well in her retirement.

Now we are in a vacancy and we are looking towards the time when we can call the minister that God is preparing to accompany us on the next part of our journey as a newly united congregation. A team of folk have drafted the Parish Profile – our 'advertising brochure'. It is positive, upbeat, and comprehensive. We have a great story to tell and I hope it won't be long before we are able to elect the Nominating Committee to consider anyone who feels called to our Parish. We will keep you posted on developments.

During the vacancy, worship arrangements are a work in progress. We are fortunate in having two Readers (lay preachers) who are covering three Sundays a month. Rev Alastair Bruce, our Interim Moderator, will also conduct worship from time to time. I am covering funerals and one Sunday per month.

Our visiting preachers, augmented by our own worship team, alternate between Kirks and we 'live stream' their sermon from one Kirk to the other. The method behind this 'madness' is to maintain worshipping communities in both villages without having two services one after the other every Sunday.

I regret that this method is not reliable and our tech team is investigating ways of fixing the issues. I am sorry that we are not providing the best experience of worship just now but be assured that things are under continual review. If the technical issues cannot be fixed, we will consider our options. Please be patient with us as we navigate a way forward.

The new look website and Facebook pages are up and running so you can keep up-to-date with what is going on.

www.facebook.com/FormartineParishChurch
www.facebook.com/formartineyouthprojectfyp
www.formartineparishchurch.org.uk

We are here for everyone in the Formartine Parish, not just members, so please get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you or someone you know...

Susanna Bichard – Session Clerk:

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The MURLY TUCK Cafe



Wednesday-Saturday - 9am-4:30pm

Friday Evening 6-9pm

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Knitting News @ June 2024

A big thank-you goes to the wide spread of Formartine Parish knitters who have used their time with generous donations of new knitting for the various agencies we have contact with.



Cyrenians and Street Friends - large cosy and colourful blankets, plus hats, scarves and neck-warmers have been donated to both agencies, and are then handed out directly to those who need warmth. Mid-Formartine Guild welcomes a speaker from Street Friends to their meeting at 7pm on Thursday 6 June in Tarves Kirk. Please come along and hear their story.

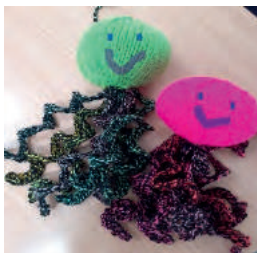


Smaller colourful blankets, lots of baby + toddler + P1 – P4 age cardigans/jumpers plus hats and scarves have gone to

AberNecessities and of course, many teddy bears. This Charity make up packs of age specific clothes and necessities, and for younger children a gift of their own teddy bear to cuddle can make such a difference



Twiddle octopus for elderly wards in **Woodend Hospital** have been shared among patients and well admired by the relatives and friends who visit them.



Knitting and donations of wool can be handed to Jessie at Hanover (01651 851958) and at the Hanover Knitting Group in their lounge on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm, or dropped off at the Church on Tuesday mornings 10-11am, Sundays between 11-12noon, or collected via arrangement – please email me at rmbn@btinternet.com

Thank you everyone – and if you know any organisations who would welcome some knitting, please let Jessie or myself know.

Ruth

On behalf of Formartine Parish Church - Tarves Kirk



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Tarves Guides recently designed our own new hoodies which we have been proudly wearing to our meetings and events. In our meetings last term we did all sorts of activities including creating space for wildlife by making

bird boxes. This term we are enjoying fire making, team building, macrame and raft building. We are also looking forward to playing pétanque.

We recently went ice skating in Aberdeen and to the science centre. We are having a sleepover in the trampoline park in Inverurie and we are looking forward our camp which is being held in Daviot. Tarves Guides meet on Wednesdays from 6.30 till 8.30pm. If your daughter would like to join us, or you would like to join the adult team, please email Kate and Sandie at tarvesguides@gmail.com or visit the girlguiding website and click the 'register you daughter to join Guides' link ([Guides \(10-14\) | Girlguiding](#)).



We were lucky enough to see the northern lights during our sleepover at Skyline and we made fire rafts at Guides this week which was fun.



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We got off to an exciting start after the Easter break celebrating our 8th birthday. Thankyou to all our amazing leaders who volunteer their time to help the girls build their confidence, have adventures and learn new skills and to the families who continue to support the unit.

This term we are working on our 'Take Action: Make change' badge. We will learn to identify the changes we would like to see in our own lives and in our community, learn techniques for making positive change happen and feel empowered to set change in motion.

We have an exciting and fun filled couple of weeks ahead and will be making the most of the lighter evenings with a scavenger hunt and visit to Tarves Heritage Centre, an evening at the bowling club and a litter pick for World Environment day. Other activities include an evening learning Self Defence, Fathers day crafts, a space themed evening to celebrate National Space day and finishing the term with a visit to Ellon Fire station.

1st Tarves Brownies (for girls aged 7-10) meet on a Wednesday evening 6.15-7.30pm at Tarves Primary School. Please email Tarvesbrownies@gmail.com for further information or check out <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>



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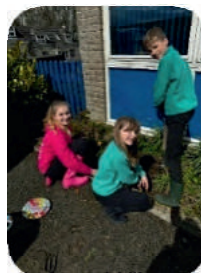
Well the sun has made an appearance at last and our learners at Barthol Chapel have again been extremely busy putting their leadership and team work skills to good use. We have been learning more about The United Nations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) this year since it is now incorporated into Scots law. With the UNCRC there are articles linked to Children's rights. These are now being linked to our learning in school.



Using resources provided from The Royal Northern Countryside Initiative Windowsill Garden Project 2024 we have been busy preparing our outside space to plant new flowers, herbs, fruit and vegetables which will be cared and looked after by the pupils. We have linked this to UNCRC Article 24 – Health, water, food, environment. Once these have grown the pupils have asked if we can cook with any of the fruit and vegetables and if we have any surplus to offer it to our community. I am already looking forward to what we end up making in the kitchen!



Our learners have also been busy organising our sports day. Pupils



discussed the different events and games they would like to take part in, organised teams and supported each other throughout the afternoon.

We again extend a big 'Thank you' to all families and individuals who have supported the school this year. Your contributions really do make a difference!

As always, we have aligned our learning to the 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". Our Global Goal of the month was Global Goal 7 – Affordable and clean energy. We linked this to our world book day so our parents and carers could share what we had been learning about in Energy and Forces



World Book Day / Open Afternoon

A huge thank you to all who managed to come along to our Barthol Book Day – World of Experiments. We hope you enjoyed taking part in these and saw firsthand the knowledge gained from this Context for Learning subject of Energy and Forces. Our pupils led the organisation of the afternoon, researched and designed the



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experiments for the afternoon showing their Leadership qualities, Teamwork,

Creativity and Problem Solving all linked to our Learning, Life and Work skills.

We linked this to UNCRC Article 17 – Access to Information



Rotary Quiz



Congratulations to our Rotary Quiz Team who took part for the first time in a number of years at the Rotary Quiz at Meldrum Academy. Our pupils did a fantastic job representing Barthol Chapel and we are all so proud of them! We have

linked this to UNCRC Article – 31 Rest,

Play, Culture, Arts



It's time to Vote

The pupils of Barthol Chapel will be holding their own election. This will be linked to our Global Goal 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. They are finding out about a democracy and discussing the rights and responsibilities of citizens in Scotland. This again also links to our UNCRC Article 4 – Making Rights Real and Article 14 – Freedom of thought and religion.



Rag Bag Recycling Scheme

A reminder that we have a Rag Bag Container in our school playground. The 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in Scotland. The scheme increases awareness about textile recycling. Please think of us if you are having a clear out. We can accept clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts etc. *Just pop them into a bag and deposit in the container.*

A huge thank you to the community for supporting this important fundraiser. We have been amazed at how quickly it fills up. On average we are receiving approximately £75 every three months!



Tarves Folk Club

The Club held a very successful 9th Tarves Rant in April. The weather was fine and both free afternoon events were well attended. There was the usual bothy ballad and traditional singing in the Heritage Centre and a music session in the Aberdeen Arms. You could even get your car washed by the Tarves Peoples Party!



Our special guests for the evening concert were The Quiggs, a Scottish/Danish couple who kept our audience very well entertained, and they were supported by the excellent fiddler George Davidson and members of the Folk Club. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such an enjoyable day and special thanks to Colin and the Aberdeen Arms Hotel for their continued support.

The Club continues to meet on the last Friday of every month in the Aberdeen Arms Hotel from 8.30 - 11.00pm ish!



June update from Hanover Court

We still have our regular coffee mornings 3 times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 am and visitors are very welcome. Please keep your eye on posters advertising other events within Hanover.

The knitting group is going very well with dozens of hats/scarves/ blankets/jumpers/ cardigans/teedies being donated to a wide range of recipients! The knitting group meet on a Tuesday afternoon at 2 to 4 pm up in Hanover Court lounge - all are welcome. If you would like to donate any wool or finished knitting, please contact Jessie on 01651 851958.

Jessie Simpson - Hanover

As usual, all our sections have had a busy programme over the last few months...



- **Squirrels (age 4 – 6)**

Squirrels took part in the Founder's Day service at Methlick in February. We had a lovely Mother's Day session where we decorated cupcakes, made mini pizzas and decorated tables for our mums to enjoy an afternoon at the hut.

We had a nature walk along the Gight path, and ended the term before Easter with a visit to the Fairy Woods at Fedderate! This term we have been planting some plants and learning all about maps and compasses.
- **Beavers (age 6 – 8)**

Beavers also attended the Founder's Day service.

We took part in "Beaverbowl", did activities for Mother's Day and managed some problem solving.

We had an "experiment night" and did some activities around the Easter theme. This term, we have a games night, and worked on our Health and Fitness badges and also doing more experiments!
- **Cubs (age 8 – 10.5)**

Cubs had a night centred around the leap year (as 29th Feb was on our Cub night) where we learned about why we have leap years and did some activities centred around the number 366.

We celebrated Mother's Day by making some chocolate truffles, and had a very enjoyable visit to Methlick Kirk where we did a quiz. We have done some work towards our Scientist badge and we hosted the Methlick Friendship Club for an evening of tea, biscuits, origami frogs and tower building!

This term we have celebrated "Star Wars Day" and the Eurovision Song Contest. We plan to have our annual weekend camp in the coming weeks.
- **Scouts (age 10.5 – 14)**

As all other sections, Scouts were part of the Founder's Day celebrations in February. Scouts have been making flower bombs on the same night as a nature treasure hunt!

We also celebrated Mother's Day followed by a science night and then some "hygiene hijinks!"

This term, we are doing some park games, having a night around knots and tents, a "ready steady cook" night which is always good fun, a hike to Gight and some orienteering.
- **Explorers (ages 14 – 18)**

Explorers have had a casino night, an outdoor cinema (on the walls of the Scout Hut) and helped to clear the ice rink behind the hut.



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Our major event was the “Monopoly Run” in London on a beautiful weekend in March. 2 Teams plus leaders camped for a weekend in London and had a very enjoyable (but very tiring!) day around the capital – visiting our required “Monopoly” sites. We made friends with other Scouts from around the country, buskers, police officers and other members of the public!

Some of us also attended a tree planting day at Aden country park, where we assisted in planting 300 new trees.

This term, we have visited a farm for a session of “lambing live” to see some new lambs and we also did some geocaching around the Haddo Country Park.

All the above cannot be achieved without the skill and dedication of our volunteer leaders. We are very much in need of new/additional leaders and assistants for all sections listed above – can you help to deliver our varied, fun and educational programme, helping our young people to learn skills for life? If you are interested in helping and want to know more, please get in touch by emailing methlickscoutgroup@gmail.com or visiting our website at www.methlickscouts.org.uk/join-us

Barthol Chapel SWI update at June 2024



We are almost at the end of our “financial” year and as always, the members have a good discussion on moving forward. We try to have a varied program and we are always surprised by the amount of knowledge we gain.

Earlier in the year we had a brilliant informal chat with Toby from Pawpalz discussing the implications of mental health imbalance and the positive effects that dogs can have.

We also had a session on book binding, interesting to see how a book is created. We had a go at ceramic painting too, which was a relaxing afternoon with much laughter.

The members were also busy preparing for our fundraising brew and buttery morning, knitting the most amazing wee chickens to cover chocolate oranges, we made baskets from card and filled with choc eggs, folk made cards and tablet and scones and sewn articles and so it goes on. Everyone was crossing fingers and hoping to win one of the lovely hampers that were raffled. The hall was transformed into a spring garden and it looked spectacular on the bright sunny day.

Thank you to all the members for the hard work.

Our Women’s group is held in Tarves and is for all women. We are an informal group and come together to chat and enjoy a bit of company. There are no entrance exams or obligation to do, or be able to do anything! It is all about passing a few hours once a month in a friendly environment. Why not give it a go!

Contact Kerry Keys on email : bartholchapelswi@gmail.com

Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy

Thank you for including a Lieutenancy page in your wonderful Tarves and Barthol Chapel Newsletter, and congratulations to all those who contribute to such an informative and interesting community publication. This Newsletter is a great example of helping to build an ever more engaging and cohesive community spirit.

Many people may not be too familiar with the work of the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy. There are 35 Lord-Lieutenants throughout Scotland essentially one representing each county with the Lord Provosts of Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, and Glasgow also fulfilling the role of Lord-Lieutenant in their city.

I was delighted and honoured to be appointed as Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire by Her Late Majesty the Queen in April 2020. In my duties I am supported by my Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Lady Aberdeen, and 19 Deputy Lieutenants (DLs).

As Lord-Lieutenant I have the privilege of being His Majesty's representative in Aberdeenshire and my first and foremost duty is to uphold the dignity of the Crown. In this role I support The King in His capacity as "Head of Nation" in which The Sovereign acts as a focus for national identity, unity, and pride; gives a sense of stability and continuity; officially recognises success and excellence; and supports the ideal of voluntary service.

We are fortunate to welcome His Majesty and other Members of The Royal Family on visits to Aberdeenshire from time to time, with eight visits in the last year.

One of the Lieutenancy's roles is to ensure that messages of congratulations are delivered from The King and myself to those celebrating their 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversaries and 100th and 105th Birthdays.

Another hugely enjoyable part of our work as The Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy is to support, thank and encourage the remarkable work done by so many selfless volunteers in our communities. Whilst often so much work goes on "behind the scenes" and no recognition is expected, we are delighted when people nominate others for recognition such as a National Honour for their exceptional contribution to our society.

The Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy is keen to know of any individual or voluntary organisation who have made an exceptional contribution for the wider benefit of others in their community and assist in giving full consideration for appropriate recognition. Please contact us at the email address below should you have any suggestions.

Please do look at our web site for further information:
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Best wishes

Sandy Manson

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire



His Majesty The King's representative in Aberdeenshire is the Lord-Lieutenant, Mr Alexander Manson.



Map shows Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy area outlined in red

Birthdays and Anniversaries

One of the Lieutenancy's roles is to ensure that messages of congratulations are delivered from The King and His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant to those celebrating their 60th, 65th, 70th or 75th Wedding Anniversaries and 100th or 105th Birthdays

Awards and Honours

The Lieutenancy is keen to learn of any individual or voluntary organisation who has made an exceptional contribution for the wider benefit of others in their community - or further afield in order that they may be considered for an award

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Music cafe

On Sunday May 5th we had another very successful music cafe, with 36 people attending and several others who sent apologies. We had poems, songs and tunes aplenty and some good craic too, not forgetting the cakes!



Community Cafe



Saturday May 11th saw another of our regular, well supported community cafes. This month we had a plant stall and book/DVD swap shelf. As usual, it was lovely to see regulars and new faces.



Youth Drop In

We held an initial session of this new event in April. We will be holding two more, in May and June. If these are as successful as the first session we hope to organise more for the autumn term. We are grateful to the Formartine Youth Partnership for all their support.



Future events

Music Cafe - first Sunday of each month at 2pm
Community cafe - Second Saturday of each month at 10.00 am
Youth Drop In Cafe - 12th June 3.30pm then a break for summer
Craft events are being planned, watch this space!
We'd love to see you at one of our events



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TARVES YOUTH PROJECT

25th May was Tarves schools **annual summer fete** and we had a great day hosting the popular bungee run and opening our doors to let people see the space and type of activities that we offer at The Hut. It was great to have so many people through the doors curious to see inside the mysterious portacabin in the playground!

Thank you to **Ellon Rotary** for believing in the work that we do and generously presenting us with a community grant cheque to help us continue to support the young people in our village. One term down and we are delighted with the success of our 'new' Thursday night sessions. After considering many factors we have taken the decision to change the structure slightly of our two sessions.

Going forward from Thursday 20th June (in-line with school transition programs):

Mondays 7-9pm for S2 – S6 and Thursdays 6.30-8.30pm for P7 & S1

We hope these changes will allow us to work with both groups to experience The Hut to it's full potential and also support all our members fully in the upcoming transition period of those heading to the academy.

Our Thursday nights will continue throughout the summer holidays 6.30-8.30pm and will be open to everyone P7-S6

If you would like to get involved or find out more please email thehut youthproject@gmail.com



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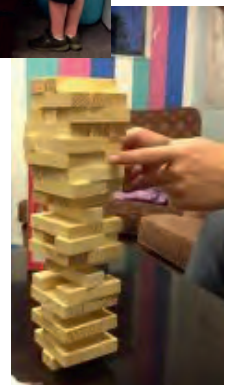
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Hope you all have a great summer whether you are going away or staying at home.



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Our 'Walk through Holy Week' interactive schools event for Easter was incredibly successful; 3 kirks, 70 young people, 500 activity bags and an amazing team of volunteers. The event allowed us to connect with local schools, engage with young people, welcome them into the church buildings and share the Easter story, whilst taking part in fun interactive

activities and learning. We were delighted with the support and positive feedback received.

Thank you to everyone who got creative and contributed to our **Easter Garden displays in Tarves and Barthol Chapel**. We hope that you found time to admire them and reflect on the love and hope in our world. Special mention to Tarves Brownies for their lovely bright flowers and to Barthol Chapel primary school for their contributions.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Sean Swindells who completed the London Marathon and raised a fantastic **£1300** for Formartine Youth Project. All money raised goes directly to supporting FYP activities and we are incredibly grateful to him for choosing us as a beneficiary.

Many of the young people in our communities started study leave and sat exams during May, we are delighted that our '**study support kits**' were so well received. The kits contained sweets, bottles of water, study resources, revision tips and words of encouragement at what can be a very stressful time. Thank you to **Hayley Yule Co-op Member Pioneer** and **Oldmeldrum and District Rotary Club** for their generous donations for this project.

Pitmedden Youth Café (Thursdays 3.15 – 5.15 at Pitmedden church for those in P6 and older) continues to be well attended and we thank **Udny Community Trust** for their generous donation to this project; providing a warm safe, space for young people to hang out with their friends, enjoy snacks and sociable activities such as table tennis, pool, table football and crafts. Did you know bus 49 (Inverurie to Ellon) goes from outside Meldrum academy at 15.44 straight to Pitmedden church? So, you don't need to live in Pitmedden to attend everyone is welcome.

We are delighted to be trialling a monthly **Youth Café in Barthol Chapel** kirk on a Wednesday (3.30-5.30 for P6 and over): next one 12th June. It has been well attended to date and feedback has been very positive. Our **Youth Club** continues to run on the last Friday of the month 7-9pm in Barthol Chapel Primary school with two hours of games and activities for those in P6 and over. For more information contact Carolinefyp@outlook.com Plans are under way for our **Summer Holiday club** and we look forward to welcoming families every **Friday morning 10-11.30** throughout the summer holiday (July 12th – August 16th) in Pitmedden, Tarves, Methlick and Barthol Chapel for a free, fun, sociable session of songs, games, and activities for pre and primary school age. Follow us on social media for more information or email carolinefyp@outlook.com. We are also offering the opportunity for young people of academy age to develop their teamwork and leadership



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Tarves Heritage Project

We have had a very busy start to our 2024 season since we opened in April. Our first visitor was Rob from Attic Antiques who was delighted to receive one of our calendars as a gift. He was amazed to see the variety of our displays from the joiners' tools to Duthies shop items from

mid 1950s and the Victorian schoolroom.

Catherine has had many school visits this term from as far afield as Dunnottar and Monquhitter. Delighted to see that many of the children are arriving in their Victorian outfits and keen to learn about the "olden days."

We have also had group visits from Ellon Inner Wheel, Barthol Chapel WI and Tarves Brownies who took on the challenge of our Walkabout Quiz.

We also like to support local events, Tarves Rant and have a stand at Tarves primary school fete where we engage with young and old with games and information on the local area.

Our 100+ Club will be conducting the first draw of the

year and results will be on Facebook and TBC. Thank you to all who have supported this fundraiser.



As always, we are on the lookout for new volunteers to assist in the many different talents required to keep Tarves Heritage Project going, from assisting with school/group visits to maintenance of the building. Please feel free to pop into the Centre when we are open on a Thursday, Friday or Sunday 1pm to 4pm and chat to the volunteers on duty.

As our new sign says "Come awa' in" you'll be made most welcome.

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Since our last article, we held our pre-Christmas open day, most of us ate and drank too much over Christmas, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Shed getting charitable status, we opened as a Winter Café, in collaboration with the Council, we held a family activity morning for children, we had a visit from the Brownies, we held weekly IT drop in sessions, we held our Spring open day, we acquired a 3D printer and are now developing plans for the future.

Optimum use of our internal workspace is a big issue for us. We have embarked on a re-jig of our main workshop. The first step was to replace the air extraction system to ensure we have as much of a dust free atmosphere as possible. We decided that other changes would give more space, better storage, and give more room between equipment (making it safer). So, we are re-organising the benches, cupboards, and some of the machinery. This work is well underway and should be complete in the next month.

To increase the total amount of indoor space of we have just applied for planning permission for a new portacabin. Hopefully we will hear the result of the application in the next few weeks. We are now looking for a suitable portacabin! If any knows of one looking for a home – please let us know.

In tandem with the planning process, we are looking at our overall use of the indoor work space – looking at all aspects of what and where we do things. This will ensure that we will make the best use of the portacabin when it arrives. One high priority objective is to create an indoor mechanical work area for refurbishing bikes, motorbikes etc. Currently this work is largely done outside.

We continue to refurbish garden benches, tables and chairs. The restoration of the 1960's pedal car is complete and it looks terrific (photo).

The training programme for CNC router is progressing and the range of items produced is slowly increasing. Attached is a photo of a lovely small table made on the CNC by one of our men for displaying one of his beautiful bonsai trees. We are taking orders for signs, commemorative plaques etc.

The IT training initiative with Aberdeenshire, Community Learning and Development (CLD) is continuing and proving to be very popular. The drop-in sessions are on Thursdays at 1-2.30pm. Two of the Shed members are now embarking on SQA qualifications to further support this activity and to help Shed members increase their computing skills.

We are open for new members to join the Shed (membership is free). Many are of the opinion that men need to be 'good at DIY', using machines etc. to enjoy the Shed – this isn't true. We welcome those who want to socialise, have a chat, play cards, browse the internet, read a

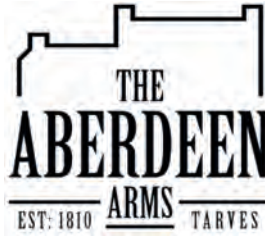
book, as much as we welcome those who want to get stuck into the workshop or garden. We have plenty of projects for men to get involved in, plus the new hobby spaces, new jigsaws, computers and plenty of board games and tea/coffee and biscuits. We'd also welcome those who would like to be involved in the administrative side of the shed (IT, secretarial, financial etc.).

The Shed is there for men who may be feeling low, lonely and/or isolated. This can particularly be the case after bereavement, redundancy, retirement, or family breakups. We offer a safe, friendly environment for men to get back on their feet again.

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We are well into our summer session having already enjoyed a lunch outing to the Station Hotel, Ellon. For our first meeting in Church, Christine Wilkie gave a most interesting and informative talk, with slides and photos, relating to her family’s historical journey from Barbados to Banffshire via Guyana.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 6 June** when we will have a speaker from the Aberdeen based charity, Street Friends. Street Friends operate between 10am to 2pm 6 days per week, distributing food and hot drinks to anyone in need in the centre of Aberdeen.

Then on **Thursday 4 July** we will hear from Rev Sarah Brown about her visit to Brazil to see the results of a project that the Guild is supporting called “Unida – Hear our Voice” which gives women educational opportunities at affordable prices.

For our **Thursday 1 August meeting**, we will have Gordon Hay giving us a talk on his translation of the Bible into Doric.

All the above meetings are held in **Tarves Church at 7pm.**

The September meeting will be something different when we go down memory lane with an illustration of Aberdeen and surrounding areas from 40 years ago.

This meeting will be on **Thursday 5 September at 7pm in Pitmedden Church.**

As part of our fundraising to support the various Guild Projects, which over the last 3 years has already raised over £394,000, we are having an Afternoon Tea **on Saturday 29 June in Tarves Church from 2 – 4pm.** Do come along and join us for Strawberry & Cream scones and other home bakes at the very reasonable price of £4.

Also, we intend to have a Soup and Sweet Lunch on **Saturday 21 September in the Tarves Youth Hall from 12noon – 1:30pm.** The cost for this will be £6 for adults and £4 for children.

We look forward to seeing you at any of the events and also at any of our meetings that might interest you. You will be made most welcome.

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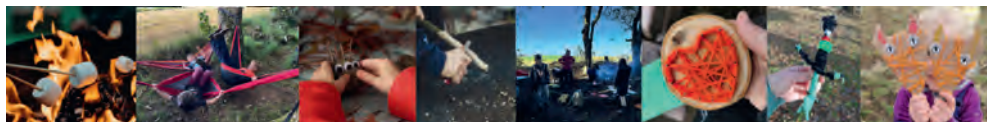
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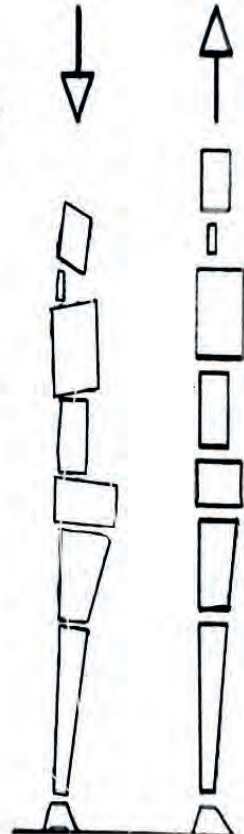
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This year we are planning to hold open games on weekends and one evening a week. We are also happy to host groups if you would like to come and give it a go.

Look out for the posters with the dates and times of sessions which will be circulated in the next couple of weeks so we can start games in June.

If you would like any more information or would like to arrange a time for your group to come and play, please contact Sarah, sarah@delfinity.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Quarterly Newsletter

Final articles and advertising dates for 2024 newsletters

September 2024 edition final copy date - Monday 12 August 2024
December 2024 edition final copy date - Monday 11 November 2024

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- **Friday night** – setting up the tea tables.
- **Saturday morning** – admin work, lunch provided.
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Every Monday, Term Time, Mums to be, parents, grannies and grandads, carers, childminders, babies and toddlers all welcome. Not on 3/06 as schools are on holiday.



Monday 3 June - Small Grants (up to £1,000) Deadline
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Tuesday 11 June , 9.30am - Visit our Turbine
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Every Tuesday, 10am - Weekly Health Walk
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Every Tuesday (term time), 1.30pm - Quiet Games Afternoon
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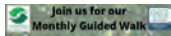
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Wednesday 19 June, 7.30-9.30pm - Udny Community Council Meeting,
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Every Thursday, 9.15-9.45am - Waist Watchers
Set up by local mums a support group for those looking to lose weight or simply improve their health. Find us on Facebook.



Thursday 27 June, 10.30am - Long Guided Walk
Join us for our guided walk. We will leave Cafe 48 at 10.30am and walk round the local woodland and pathways.



Every Friday, 2.30-2.45pm - Peterhead Fish Company Van
Stephen will be here with the Fish Van in our carpark weekly on a Friday.



Saturday 29 June, 11am-3pm - Community Summer Fayre
Pop along and join local community groups and local crafters for some family-friendly fun. The Ponies will be back as will the Summer Swap shop and the Teddy Bear lucky dip.

Conversation Cafe - Imagine Udny
Details to be confirmed, see our website, facebook page or get in touch. We are delighted to be taking forward a review of Imagine Udny, would you like to come and join us for a cuppa and find out more. We'd like your input and feedback.

How to Contact Us

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Any questions or queries regarding any of the projects or activities taking place within The Medan Centre please contact:

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Spring Clean / Easter



Saturday 29th June

Summer / Back to Work / Back to School

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Halloween & Winter



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Cafe 48 will be open, 9:15am - 3pm



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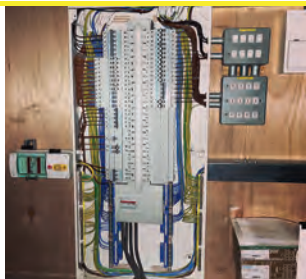
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