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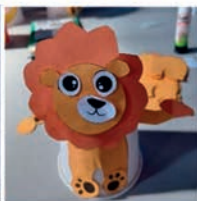
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Editor's letter - Life on Earth - June 2026

It's great to see folk outside gardening, walking and sitting outside our cafés catching up in the bright sunshine. Well - some days there's sunshine.

I haven't been in the garden much, nor done that much walking, but cafés are definitely a yes. I'm not really a daytime TV person either, but what has taken up a lot of attention recently is David Attenborough at 100. Absolutely fascinating - on daytime TV and evening TV alike.

I remember Life on Earth when it first began in the 80s. Watching black-and-white TV was fine for some programmes, but the visual joy of nature really needs colour. Now that TV is repeating almost all of his programmes, iPlayer will be quite an attraction for recalling what I may have missed.

David A did spend some time in the Antarctic and, although nature and geographical recordings provide a lasting reminder, it takes a brave person to actually live beneath the globe and face all the hazards that go with it. I also remember watching programmes about Shackleton's journey to save his men after his ship was crushed by frozen seas — such history and hardship, followed by the eventual rescue. I'm not sure we'll hear stories quite like that again.

Back to David A - we have had two series of Blue Planet devoted to the seas, and “seas” seems such a small word when compared to describing the vastness of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. He brought both geography and nature into our homes, and it was through him that our attention was drawn to the damage caused by discarded plastics and their lengthy lifespan.

It's wonderful that children can now see animals and nature at their best on much larger colour TV screens than we ever had at a young age. I don't remember ever watching animal programmes in the 60s on our small black-and-white television. A trip to Edinburgh Zoo in the 60s was considered a big adventure, but was mainly based on the well-known beasts of the animal world at that time.

David A has shown us such an extraordinary range - from tiny insects right across the spectrum to the largest creatures we already knew of. It is the animals in between that we are now becoming far more aware of, along with their precarious survival as seas and land continue to be misused.

There are, however, newer presenters on TV now whom we can follow and learn from, exploring everyday life on Earth in some of the lesser-known countries around the globe. Simon Reeve is one of them. Steve Backshall is another, and he obviously enjoys the more dangerous aspects of his recordings and presenting.

I do hope there are children whose interests are stimulated by what they see and hear, so that a new generation begins with an emphasis on what they can do to ensure that, in future, the world does its best for everyone on Planet Earth.

Ruth
TBC Editor



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Greetings everyone from the manse! I hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed some time with family and friends. I really had a good time this Easter. I got to celebrate it with family and friends as well as the people of Formartine Parish.

I arrived in Aberdeenshire in winter and I am now getting to see the season change. The farmers are preparing their fields and are letting their animals out to pasture.

This is a beautiful part of the country to live in and as I drive about, I love seeing the changes in nature. I was brought up in the city and have always thought of myself as a Townie. Although Glasgow has a lot of parks and trees, being out here in the country is on another level!

One of the names I used for God in prayers was Creator God. However, I don't think I truly appreciated that name until I came up to Formartine Parish. From my window I can see the Prop of Ythsie up on the hill. I have a tree on my front lawn which is home to many birds. As I drive round the Parish and further afield and can't help but thank God for His creation.

I feel very fortunate that God led me to this part of the world and I have enjoyed getting to know people in the Parish.

God sometimes takes us right out of our comfort zone and places us in unfamiliar territory. There are many characters in the bible that this happens to. However, God gives you the tools to help you and you also have Jesus and the Holy Spirit who walk beside you.

Whatever situation you are in, always remember you are never alone. Your biggest cheerleaders are God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

God bless, Aquila

Danny Ross

As many of you are aware, Danny Ross passed away on the 12th of February. Danny was the first person I met when I came for my interview at Formartine Church. He was part of the Nominating Committee and we clicked right away. Danny had a great sense of humour and his family and friends told me how much fun he was. I was lucky enough to view his art work and was impressed by the quality of his work - Danny was such a talented man. He loved the natural world and his paintings reflected this.

Danny's faith was important to him and until he became unwell would play an active part in church life. Danny was an Elder and he created the logo for the newly formed Formartine Church (which you can see at the top of the page).

Danny lived life to the full and I feel it's fair to say that he made the most of every moment. I feel blessed that I got to know Danny - even if it was only for a short while.

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Barthol Chapel Climate Group – Summer 2026 update

The past few months have been a busy and positive time for the Barthol Chapel Climate Group, with a number of events organised at the Hub that were open to everyone in the community.

In April, thanks to the efforts of members of the Climate Group, the Hub welcomed Cally from **North East Scotland Swifts** for a fascinating talk about swifts. These incredible birds have sadly suffered a 63% decline in the UK over the last 25 years. Cally shared insights into how swifts live, why their numbers have fallen, and how we can help by providing suitable nesting spaces locally. The talk was very well attended, with people coming from Barthol Chapel and the surrounding areas, showing strong local interest in supporting wildlife.



In early May, the Climate Group also organised a **BioBlitz** of the outside area of the Hub. A BioBlitz is an event that is a snapshot in time where volunteer scientists and community members work together to identify as many species of plants, animals, fungi and other organisms as possible within a defined area. The BioBlitz was highly enjoyable and a great success, supported by enthusiastic and knowledgeable experts. Huge thanks go to John and Kate Malster (plants), Helen Taylor (moths) and Joe Malster (mammals) for sharing their expertise. A wide variety of birds, plants, flowers, trees and invertebrates were identified. The records will be submitted to **NESBReC**, which collates biological data for the North East of Scotland, and will also be kept at the Hub to support future development. Once available, the records will include a section where people can add further observations over time.

Another initiative currently being developed is the creation of a **Repair Café** at the Hub. Members of the Climate Group attended a workshop run by Jamie from **NESCAN** about forming a local Repair Café network.

This would allow groups to run their own repair cafés while sharing resources and equipment. There is already interest from people willing to act as repairers, but anyone with practical skills who would like to help is very welcome to get in touch. The aim is for the repair cafés to take place alongside the community café sessions, so look out for the first one soon.





Looking ahead, the Climate Group will be taking part in the Hub plant sale in May, with a stall for swapping seeds, gardening tools and gardening books. During the summer, a sharing table will also be set up in the Hub porch, where people can bring and take surplus produce, plants and small household items in good condition.

As always, everyone is welcome to get involved – the more voices and ideas, the better. The Climate Group meets on the **second Thursday of every month at 7:30pm** at Barthol Chapel Community Hub.

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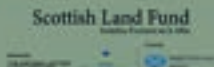
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Barthol Chapel Gardening Group

The mission of the Barthol Chapel Community Hub charitable organisation is to support the local community by offering a versatile hub that caters to the diverse needs and interests of local residents. Gardening was quickly identified as a common area of community interest, after all, most homes in our rural setting benefit from having an outside space for cultivation and relaxation.

Consequently, the inaugural Barthol Chapel Gardening Group meeting was held in September 2025. The group's aim is to try and provide something of interest and help for everyone from beginners to experienced gardeners. The well attended first meeting focussed on gauging the level of interest in having a gardening group at the hub, identifying the areas of common interest and the ways in which we would want to share information.

Since then, the group has met monthly. Typically the first agenda item is a talk, demonstration or presentation on a topic nominated by the group followed a general discussion and ensuring awareness of upcoming local gardening events.

To date the discussion topics have included:

- **A no-dig gardening presentation, given by Francesca Clair from NESCAN (North East Scotland Climate Action Network).**
- **Companion planting**
- **Heritage vegetable seed collection**
- **Weeds**
- **Care of grass areas**
- **Composting - a practical demonstration in a member's garden**

We would love to hear from anyone willing to provide the group with a talk or demonstration on any aspect of gardening,

The group is free to attend although a small contribution to the hub would be very much appreciated. So come and join us on the first Wednesday of every month at the Barthol Chapel Community Hub from 19:30 until 21:00. Please note that during the summer months, the group may meet in one of the members gardens, so please check the hub website <https://www.bartholchapelhub.org> before travelling.

Please email info@bartholchapelhub.org for more information.

Udny Station Bowling Club - June update

The season ended in April with our annual presentation dinner. It was a very enjoyable evening and the Aberdeen Arms provided an excellent meal as usual.

The 2026/27 season starts in late September on a Monday and Thursday night in the Youth Hall, Tarves from 7.30 - 9.30pm and all current and new members will be made very welcome.

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Ellon Rotary Community Grants - June 2026



At an event held on Saturday 9th May Ellon Rotary issued grants totalling £9,980 to 19 Community & Charitable Organisations.

Two Tarves Organisations “**Reel Time Tarves**” and “**Tarves Girl Guides**” each received grants of £500.

A special awarded was made to Ythan Cycle Club to cover the cost of providing a Seat within the Gordon Park Cycle Track as a permanent Memorial to our own Carol Middleton, Carol was a stalwart of Ythan Cycle Club and a great help to Ellon Rotary at our annual Pedal Car Race.

If you are interested in learning more about how Ellon Rotary supports communities with a view of possibly joining our enthusiastic team, please contact **David Hekelaar** on **07717 564 607**.

Hanover Court update - June 2026

We at Hanover are all doing OK with a few still in hospital.

We would like to thank all the knitting ladies for coming along each week; our numbers are down slightly due to the bowling started but we will pick up again soon.

We have some entertainment on Saturday 20th June at 2pm in the lounge at Hanover Court! A Spanish guitarist and singer. So, if not able to go to Haddo at night come to Hanover in the afternoon.

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This has been an incredibly quick term and yet we still have so much to fit in before the end of term. Our pupils have been working hard in lots of different areas of the curriculum. They have again been using their skills for Learning, Life and Work in organising World Book Day, Red Nose Day events and their Sports Day.

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



World Book Day



We had a fantastic time at our Open Afternoon showing our visitors all the different activities that had been set up by the pupils.

Our Global goal was Sustainable cities and communities linked to our Context for Learning 'Far I Bide' and some of this learning went along with the World Book Day Activities.



Our learners again developed their leadership and creativity skills by organising and leading the Open Afternoon.

Haddo Egg Hunt

We were absolutely delighted to be asked by Haddo Estate to decorate the Eggs for their Easter hunt this year. The pupils put so much effort into this and enjoyed every minute of it.



At Barthol Chapel we are always keen to be involved with our wider community and it was lovely for P7 to travel to Haddo and hand over the pupils work. This links with our UNCRC Article 31 (Leisure, Play, and Culture): Children have the right to rest, play, and participate in cultural and artistic activities within their community.



Rotary Quiz



Congratulations to both our Teams who took part in the Rotary Quiz at Meldrum Academy. Our pupils did a fantastic job representing Barthol Chapel and we are all so very proud of them!



'It's blawin' a Hooley!'



Our Pupils views (UNCRC Article 12 & 29) have again been taken for their latest Context for Learning when studying 'It's blawin' a Hooley!'



There will also be time for pupils to reflect on how Wind is linked to the Global Goal as we have aligned our learning to numbers 7 & 13 - Affordable and Clean Energy and Climate Action.



Red Nose Day



Our Rights Respecting Group organised and led the fundraising event in school for Red Nose Day where they raised £65.00. This is an amazing amount of money for our small school. The theme was 'create your own' so pupils had the opportunity to create their own t-shirts, red noses, colouring and assault courses.



We could have linked this fundraising to so many UNCRC Articles but chose Articles 27 & 28.

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. Due to the cost per kg decreasing, we now on average are receiving approximately £35 every three months!



Tarves Graveyard Volunteer Group - June update 2026

We have been experiencing days of sunshine as well as rain making perfect weed growing weather! The volunteers are back at work tackling them - it is a never-ending project! It is also grass cutting season and volunteers will be back raking up the cuttings.



We are delighted to note that the handles on the two small gates are now in working order again. Many thanks to Colin Massie for his work on them. Thanks also to the volunteers of the Tarves Trowel Team for painting the wooden flower container on the roadside.

We had a meeting with a representative of Aberdeenshire Council where we requested something be done about the tall yew trees at the main entrance to the cemetery and pleased to see that they have been cut well back preventing further damage to the metal railings which we hope to have repaired and painted this summer.

We are grateful for all donations received, both individual and through our box in the village pharmacy. This money will be used to fund ongoing projects to tidy up and brighten the cemetery in respect to all those loved ones remembered there.

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The Hut Youth Project, Tarves - Spring & Summer 2026 Update

The Hut Youth Project has been buzzing with activity over the past few months as we make the most of the lighter evenings and welcome new faces into our groups. Outdoor sessions are now in full swing, with young people enjoying s'more making around the fire pit, team games, and plenty of fresh air fun.

Indoors, our members have been taking part in a range of group challenges and creative activities designed to build friendships, boost confidence, and strengthen teamwork among both new and long term members.

Alongside the fun, we've also been focusing on behaviour, expectations, health, and hygiene, ensuring that every young person feels supported, respected, and ready to take part in all aspects of club life.



Looking Ahead: Skills, Storage & Summer Sessions

As we move into the coming months, we're excited to be preparing for our annual first aid and defibrillator training evening with the Primary 7 group. This session is always a highlight of the year — a valuable opportunity for young people to learn essential lifesaving skills that stay with them long after they leave the club.

We are also planning to install new outdoor storage beside the Hut during the summer break. This will allow us to expand our range of outdoor sports and activity equipment, while freeing up indoor space to develop even more artistic and creative resources for our members.

This summer, we will be running four joint evening sessions bringing both groups together for shared activities. Planning is underway, and we look forward to announcing the full programme soon.

Supporting the Project

We hope to re-advertise our fundraiser in the near future and would love to see the community get behind us once again. Every contribution helps us continue offering the wide range of activities, support, and opportunities that make The Hut such a special part of village life.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated volunteers. Your time, energy, and commitment make everything we do possible. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a strong and caring team supporting the young people of our village.

Regards

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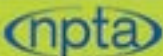
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Tarves Brownies have been enjoying a busy term full of fun activities.

We had a fun-filled day in Inverurie with girls from all sections across the county, taking part in lots of exciting activities and challenges. We have recently been working on our "Get Onboard" badge, learning all about public transport and the Inverurie day gave us the perfect opportunity to put our learning into practice. We travelled from Tarves to Aberdeen by bus and then jumped on the train to Inverurie; a great adventure for everyone!



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We recognised International Space Day with a fantastic space-themed evening, learning about the challenges of everyday simple skills as an astronaut and making constellations out of marshmallows and toothpicks.



Recently, we have been completing our 'Reflect badge'; reflecting on ourselves and our friends, learning how to ask 'open' questions to find out more, discovering which traits and characteristics we share — or don't — and celebrating our individuality. In particular, we had great fun making edible DNA helices.


We are very grateful to Meldrum District Rotary for their community grant, which enabled us to purchase high-vis vests for our unit to help keep us safe when out and about. They were perfect for our litter pick around Tarves for World Environment Day.

We are now looking forward to finishing the term with a trip to Collieston beach for sandcastle-building competitions and cooking sausages and more.

For the first time in many years, we have spaces available, so why not come along and see what we are all about?

1st Tarves Brownies (for girls aged 7-10) meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.15-7.30pm at Tarves Primary School. Please email,

Tarvesbrownies@gmail.com for further information or visit [Girlguiding UK](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk).



Tarves Guides - update for June 2026

Tarves Guides have recently helped to tidy the Youth Hall garden, and we are now doing our Biodiversity badge. During our weekly meetings, we also play games, do crafts and complete also sorts of fun challenges. We recently went ice skating and are having a day at Lochter this term. We are looking forward to our usual camp at Daviot in August.

Tarves Guides is a busy and active unit. We 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**).

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News and events from the Ythan Singers - June 2026

With the brighter days of spring now upon us, it's been a joyful time for music-making. As birdsong fills the air, so too have voices been raised in song across our community. The Ythan Singers recently enjoyed two wonderful events: our "Sing into Spring" concert at Ellon Parish Church and the ever-popular May Music Extravaganza at Aberdeen Music Hall.

The Music Extravaganza once again showcased an impressive range of talent from across north-east Scotland. In addition to the Ythan Singers, we were joined by Fyvie, Westhill, Bridge of Don, Ugie Voices, Vox Amabile and Thorngrove Silver Belles community choirs. Alongside this wonderful collection of community voices, audiences were treated to performances from the lively Brass Monkeys Quintet and percussionists from Cults Academy. We were also delighted to feature Joseph Long, one of Scotland's finest solo pianists.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket—not only for supporting us, but also for helping us raise money for local charities.

If you missed either of our concerts, you can still catch highlights, photos and short videos on our [Facebook](#) page (search: [@YthanSingers](#) and [@MayMusicExtravaganza](#)).





With the brighter days of spring now upon us, it's been a joyful time for music-making. As birdsong fills the air, so too have voices been raised in song across our community. The Ythan Singers recently enjoyed two wonderful events: our "Sing into Spring" concert at Ellon Parish Church and the ever-popular May Music Extravaganza at Aberdeen Music Hall.

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After such a busy and rewarding season, the choir is now taking a well-earned break and will return to rehearsals in late August when we will be preparing for our Christmas concerts. In the meantime, do keep up to date with our activities via [Facebook](#).

If you're interested in joining a friendly and welcoming choir, we'd be delighted to hear from you. We rehearse every Monday at 7.30pm in the Ellon Parish Kirk Centre. There's no audition required—just come along with enthusiasm and a smile.

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ABERDEENSHIRE LIEUTENANCY

The Lord-Lieutenant's Update



Queen Elizabeth Trust

I would like to encourage communities to look further into this new UK-wide independent charity, the Queen Elizabeth Trust, which will ensure Her late Majesty is remembered for her unique ability to communicate with all age groups. It has been established on the centenary of Queen Elizabeth II's birth to honour her lifelong commitment to public service. His Majesty the King has accepted the Royal Patronage of the Trust, maintaining his late mother's values to life for present and future generations and a belief that "everyone is our neighbour".



Anniversaries, Birthdays

Myself, or one of my Deputies are always delighted to visit on the day of special milestones, 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversaries and 100th and 105th birthdays and present a card and personal congratulations. Please do look at our web site for further information.

<https://www.lord-lieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk>

Sarah Bell, DL was delighted to visit Mr and Mrs Duncan from Oldmeldrum recently to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Honours

I had the great pleasure of presenting Squadron Leader Stewart Norris of the 875 (Westhill) Sqn ATC with the British Empire Medal which he received for services to young people. He has been involved with the Royal Air Force Air Cadets for over 40 years, over 30 of them as a volunteer. I was accompanied at the ceremony in Westhill, by Lord-Lieutenant Cadet Ainslie Norris, Stewart's daughter.



The Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy would like to know of any individual or voluntary organisation who has made an exceptional contribution for the wider benefit of others in their community and will assist in giving full consideration for appropriate recognition. Information can be found on the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy website.



Would you like to learn more about the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy?

Myself, or one of my Deputies would be pleased to visit local groups and schools to share information about the Lieutenancy and the work we do. Please use the email contact below to get in touch.

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Thank-you to Udny Boys Brigade for helping create our **Easter Garden** display in Tarves and to everyone who contributed and added to the displays both outside and in Formartine Parish Church (Pitmedden Kirk). Special mention to the local Brownies & Guides and pupils from Tarves Primary School. We hope that you found time to admire the displays and reflect on the love and hope in our world.

Our **'Interactive Walk-Through Holy Week Experience'** for schools was a tremendous success. Across three kirks, we welcomed over 160 young people, supported by an incredible team of volunteers.



This event provided a meaningful opportunity to connect with local schools, engage young people, welcome them into our church buildings and share the Easter story through fun, interactive activities. We were delighted by the positive feedback and encouragement received.

This term can be both busy and challenging for many young people. Some have recently completed exams, while P7 pupils prepare for the transition to academy. We were pleased that our **'study support kits'** were so well received, and we are continuing to support P7 pupils through transition sessions in Tarves and Barthol Chapel Primary. These sessions provide a fun and supportive environment to explore feelings, answer questions, share practical coping strategies and encourage young people to see change as an opportunity. We are grateful to **Granite Heart** for funding these valuable programmes.

Barthol Chapel Youth Café, held in Barthol Chapel Community Hub the second Wednesday of the month 3.30–5.30pm for young people in P6 and above, continues to be well attended. It offers a warm, safe space for young people to spend time with friends and enjoy activities such as table tennis, pool, table football and crafts. We warmly welcome volunteers of all ages and are happy to support Duke of Edinburgh and Saltire Awards for our young volunteers. Many thanks to **Gannochy Trust** for their continued support of this important community project.

Tarves lunch time Cool Club is a popular drop in and well attended by our P7s. Thank you to everyone who donated wool to help with our popular craze of pom-pom making.

We are incredibly proud of our **Youth in Action** group (P7+ meeting one Saturday a month 4.30-6.30), who continue to grow in confidence, develop their skills and express their ideas with clarity and purpose. Their recent involvement in discussions about the local park in Pitmedden has been particularly inspiring, with several of their suggestions reflected in the final proposal— an excellent example of the power of youth voice.



We remain committed to supporting young people in engaging with their communities, ensuring they feel heard, valued and empowered—because their voices truly matter. We are looking for one or two new members from Tarves to keep the local communities well represented. Interested to find out more? Contact: Carolinefyp@outlook.com

Thanks to funding from **Meldrum & District Rotary**, plans are underway for our **Summer Holiday Club**. We look forward to welcoming families every Wednesday morning from 10.00–11.30am throughout the summer holidays (8th July – 12th August) at Pitmedden Kirk, Tarves Youth Hall, and Methlick Kirk. These free sessions will include songs, games and activities for pre-school and primary-aged children.

We are also offering academy-aged young people the opportunity to develop teamwork and leadership skills, and to gain an accredited Dynamic Youth Award by assisting with these sessions (minimum of three sessions over the summer). To register interest, please contact Caroline at carolinefyp@outlook.com by **Sunday 14th June**. For updates, follow us on social media.

At a time when finances for the project are particularly challenging, we are incredibly grateful to have been selected by the **Co-op as a Community Cause** (registered under Formartine Parish Church) for their October 2025–26 funding round. Please choose us as your cause the next time you swipe your Co-op card: <https://coopapp.onelink.me/ftOk/g7n2shjd>

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Tarves Trowel Team (TTT)

Possibly the newest group in the village, the TTT was conceived around January when Gordon Brown (aka "The Tarves Plooman") hung up his spade and trowel after many years of keeping our community looking so bright and beautiful. Only now are we beginning to see how much time and effort you put in, Gordon. Once again "thank you" from all of us- you will be a hard act to follow!

Our story so far

After a post on the Community Facebook page and a couple of meetings to get like-minded volunteers enthused, about 50 residents came together under the guiding hand of Hilda Bruce, (who started a WhatsApp group early Feb) and was ably assisted by Morag Davidson and Moira Minty. But first, we needed new barrels and so "**The Barrel Team**" emerged when Mike Ogg found a source of new barrels, arranged to get them here, and then, assisted by Steve Reid and Mike Carle cut them in two, drilled drainage holes and secured the metal bands with extra screws.



Together with many other happy volunteers, the barrels were painted, despite the weather, moved to the Square and other spots around the village (mid March) and filled with topsoil. The call went out for members of the community to "adopt a barrel", plant it and look after it- an absolute steal at £20 per ½ barrel. Many folks jumped at this opportunity and the results can be seen all around the village. There are barrels or boxes in The Square, Bains Crossroads, Drumfinnie Rise, bottom of the park at Braiklay Avenue, Mackie Crescent, the railings around the square, the top of Manse Walk and flower/shrub beds in the Square, at the War Memorial/ "Tarves Plooman", Manse Brae and the Crossroads.

But it's not just about "adopting a barrel or flower box" and planting and tending them, as in any garden, there are many other chores around the village and we have been very fortunate that so many volunteers have stepped forward to offer help with clearing over-grown vegetation, pruning bushes, weeding, painting benches and so forth. There is also the important need for watering the plants in the barrels and flower boxes. A rota for a "**Watering Team**" is being prepared - all that is required is that you have a vehicle with a towbar and can offer a little of your time to assist with this. It takes about an hour to get round all the plants that need a drink, the frequency of course is weather-dependant, but as always, the more volunteers we have on the rota, the less the frequently you'd have to help. Hilda will be preparing this rota for us shortly.



We still need more volunteers to sustain the fantastic momentum that this wonderful project has achieved so far, so if you'd like to take a wee turn in helping, **please message or call Hilda Bruce on 07711 358201** to join the TTT WhatsApp group.

And a request to a small minority of dog owners/dog-walkers:-

Whilst we have so many community-minded folk giving their time, efforts and money to improve our village, unfortunately there is a persistent minority of dog owners/dog walkers who are not cleaning up after their dogs. This is disrespectful to the rest of the community and of course illegal. We have requested the intervention of Aberdeenshire Dog Warden.

Our request is simple- please be responsible and clean up after your dog; thank you.

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A few pics are shown with this article, but we recommend you walk around the village and enjoy the view yourselves.

Thanks once again to those who have so kindly adopted a barrel(s), volunteered their time to get them spruced-up and into position and joined the weekly tidy-up efforts and of course to those many kind folks who have generously donated to this project direct to Hilda and through the Donation Box in the Hairdressers (Hair By Claire). There is also a Donations Box in the Pharmacy for the Graveyard Clean-Up Group, who have their own WhatsApp group. (Hilda manages this as well).



Have a Happy Summer- The "Tarves Trowel Team"

Tarves Folk Club - June update

The club continues to meet on the last Friday of every month in the Aberdeen Arms Hotel, Tarves from 8.30 - 11.00pm. The music is a variety of songs and tunes from different styles and new musicians and audience are very welcome.

The 11th Tarves Rant was on Saturday 16th May 2026 and, although there were different organisers this year, the format remained the same. There was an afternoon session of traditional type songs in the Heritage Centre and an informal music session in the Aberdeen Arms. The evening concert featured local musicians and all these events were free.

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1st Methlick Scout Group update - June 2026



Here's a flavour of activities we have been up to recently, and more in the planning ...

Squirrels (age 4 - 6)

- We had a session around "Let it Grow" with stories and activities on plants and flowers.
- We celebrated Burns Night by dancing, haggis eating and making and tasting traditional Scottish Cranachan
- We learned about different animals in our surroundings – pets and farm animals near us.
- You may have seen us along with all other Scouting sections in the group when we attended the annual Founder's Day service in Methlick Church
- In late February/Early March we celebrated both Pancake Day and Holi – the festival of colour
- We have also marked Mother's Day with an afternoon tea – inviting the Mums (and others) in for tea and biscuits.
- We had a hike and an egg hunt in the village for Easter
- We recently attended the District-wide Squirrel and Beaver fun day at Daviot Campsite. A great day was had doing lots of fun activities and making some cool crafts (slime!)
- We're planning more craft activities in the coming weeks, including Mud Painting, Clay Modelling and Painting.
- We're going to finish the term with activities for Father's Day and a nature walk around Haddo

Beavers (age 6 - 8)

- We started last term with a "welcome back", followed by a Nerf Night!
- For Burns Night, we had a Scotland themed quiz and tasted some haggis
- We had a session around basic know tying and learning how to solve some logic problems by training our brains to think logically.
- We attended the Founder's Day service at Methlick Church with the other sections.
- We also made some pancakes and popcorn and had an evening session outdoors with torches.
- We had a visit to Aberdeen in the minibus to play some crazy golf and had a night of Easter activities.
- We had an evening of air activities, using balloons and paper aeroplanes
- We had an enjoyable hike up to the Prop of Ythsie – counting the steps as went up!
- We have planned some future sessions on: Planting and Growing, Bonfire and Outdoor Challenge, Cycling at Haddo and a zorbing night before Summer.

Cubs (age 8 - 10.5)

- We had an evening based on the Great British Birdwatch – identifying different birds and recording which ones we saw in our gardens.
- We also celebrated Burns Night by reciting some Scottish poetry and eating haggis.
- We celebrated the start of the Winter Olympics with a night themed on winter sports, including indoor biathlon, speed skating and ice hockey.

- We learned about some of the perils of the internet and what (not) to do with unsolicited emails and messages. Also, we learned about the importance of secure passwords.
- We celebrated Lunar New Year with a night of activities including the use of chopsticks - very tricky!
- Along with the other sections, we took part in the Founder's Day service at Methlick Church
- For St. David's day, we celebrated all things Welsh - even making and tasting some lovely Welsh Rarebit (cheese on toast!)
- We were invited to the library at Meldrum Academy to learn about how the library works and the different kind of books which are there - all on World Book Day itself.
- We made some lovely cards for Mother's Day and celebrated St. Patrick's day by learning about the Giant's Causeway and Finn McCool...
- We ended last term by once again inviting members of Methlick's Friendship Club for tea, biscuits and some fun activities. All the Cubs had a great time and it was lovely to see the different age generations mixing together.
- We recently celebrated St. George's day by designing our own heraldic-type shield and making paper lances before have a jousting session
- Some of us attended the District Cubs fun day at Daviot where we had lots of fun climbing, making, running, jumping etc all day
- Most recently was the election, so we were unable to use the Hut in Methlick. We were extremely grateful to Sandra and Andrew at Haddo House for a private tour round the house - including seeing the secret train set in the loft!
- We have future sessions planned around National Doughnut Day, International Tea Day, a visit to the MUGA, some backwoods cooking and a 110th birthday party for Cubs (nationally).
- All this, and we have our annual weekend camp booked as well!

Scouts (age 10.5 - 14)

- We celebrated Burns night with some poetry, haggis tasting and haggis games before creating and presenting a skit about out patrols.
- Our Navigate and Investigate session centred on map and compass skills and a fun quiz night
- We had a fitness night where we did circuits of different exercise activities and we also record our progress at these activities going forward - hopefully to improve!
- We have worked towards our Expedition badge by doing lots of route planning and navigation practice.
- We also attended the founder's Day service at the church
- We had a creative night - making some cool and useful items from paracord and imagination
- For British Science week, we planned and complete our own experiments and other related activities around Scouting activities.
- We had a backwoods cooking night when we also finished off the requirements for our fitness badges.
- We started this term with a mini highland games, followed by an evening cycle to Gight Castle.
- We have learned some Scouting fundamentals and had a "Ready Steady, Cook!" night.



- For future sessions, we have nights planned on Pioneering, Hiking, Grass Bowls, a wide game, hopefully a visit to a Police Station and an outing – TBC

Explorers (age 14 – 18)

- We attended the Founder's Day service at Methlick Church – to celebrate the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell
- We have been doing a lot of work in preparation for some upcoming Silver level DofE Expeditions. This includes planning the entire route in our respective teams, making sure that we stay safe and within the limits of our abilities. This is just as important (if not more so) than walking the actual expedition, as only with good planning will the expedition be successful for everyone.
- Similarly, some of our number will be taking part in an international Explorer Belt expedition. This will take place in October, and within our small groups of 3-4 people, we will be hiking parts of the Santiago de Compostela trail in Northern Spain – very exciting!
- We had a night out at Cosmo in Aberdeen, which was very filling!
- We still need to plan some future meetings, but they will be fun-packed and enjoyable as usual!

With more of our sections requiring to introduce a "parent helper rota", we are always looking for volunteers to join our fabulous team of leaders!

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Join us for our **Family Ceilidh** on the afternoon of **Sunday 23 August**, hosted by caller **Gary Coull**. We follow that with an evening of Scottish Country Dancing. Also hosted by **Gary Coull**, with music from **Liam Stewart, Scottish Dance Band**, this **Rally** is a must for all experienced dancers



Saturday 19 September brings a chamber performance of the ever-popular **Grieg's Piano Concerto**, given by pianist **Nikita Lukinov** and the **RCS Ensemble**.

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Making it Fair

(some thoughts from a member of Formartine Fairtrade group)

How unfair and complicated does the world seem at the moment? This was aptly shown in a film I recently watched, called **Anuja**. It was nominated for an Academy Award for the short film category and is well worth a watch.

It follows the story of 2 orphaned sisters in India and the impossible world of work they try to navigate.

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Nearer home, Formartine Fairtrade group are planning a series of tastings of Fairtrade teas, coffees and jams in various community venues across our region. This will show just how easy it is to buy a range of Fairtrade products locally (e.g. North Mains Farm shop, the Co op, Bonnyton Farm). When you see the Fairtrade logo, you can be sure those who produce these goods are getting a fair deal.

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Mid-Formartine Guild

"Whose I am and Whom we serve"



As I am writing this, we are looking forward to our May meeting when our new Minister, Rev Aquila Singh, is coming along to speak to us about her journey through life and her decision to enter the ministry. Those of you who have met or listened to Aquila will know we are in for an interesting evening.

I am sure some of you think of the Guild as a cosy little affair of mostly a few elderly grey-haired ladies of a certain age enjoying tea and cakes and having a good blether, but we are much bigger than that. Through our speakers we are able to get an insight into many different topics which widens our knowledge and horizons. We may not be able to go out there and change the world but put us together with the many other guilds throughout Scotland, we are able to support other organisations through the Guild Projects. These projects are aimed at improving the lives of many people throughout the world. In relation to this, one of the projects is "Operation Hope." We all know of the persecution and marginalisation of people in the world because of their religion or ethnicity. This project is supporting a persecuted Christian minority in Egypt. We are fortunate to have a speaker from that organisation later in our session when we hope to learn much more about the plight of this Christian community. This brings me to our two upcoming fundraising events so please make a note of these dates in your diary.

Thursday 18 June @ 7:30pm in Tarves Kirk - £10

A musical evening with wine and nibbles.

We will have entertainment from some of our very talented local musicians and a bit of fun as well.

Saturday 18 July 2pm - 4pm in Tarves Kirk - suggested donation of £8 - £10

Strawberry Afternoon Tea with lots of homemade goodies.

We do appreciate your support to our fundraisers which helps us to help others.

Syllabus for forthcoming meetings are:


Thursday 14 May @ 7pm	"My life's journey "with Rev Aquila Singh	Pitmedden Kirk
Thursday 11 June @ 7pm	"Operation Hope - Egypt" with Project speaker	Tarves Kirk
Thursday 9 July @ 7pm	Sandy Manson, Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, will give a talk	Tarves Kirk
Thursday 6 Aug @ 7pm	Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance with Lorna Thomson	Tarves Kirk
Thursday 3 Sept @ 7pm	Famine Relief for Orphans in Malawi with Dave Thomson	Pitmedden Kirk
Sunday 27 Sept @ 10am	Guild Thanksgiving Service led by members of the Guild	Tarves Kirk

Our meetings start with a short period of praise and prayer before we hear from our speaker for the evening and we end with refreshments and a chance for a "blether."

Please join us at any of the meetings that might interest you. You will be made most welcome.

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Ellon and District Men's Shed: May 2026

The new Polycrub is coming on well. Raised beds have been installed and initial planting is underway.



The latest refurbished motorbike (nearly complete) is a Norton Commando. A Vespa scooter has just begun. For someone wanting to learn about refurbishing motorbikes, this is a great chance to come and learn.

Push-bike refurbishing continues to do well – but we could do with more help. We refurbish bikes for people, sell them (cheaply) or donate them to schools. If you are interested in bike or motorbike maintenance, please contact us.



The laser engraver and 3D printers are heavily used – making bespoke items to order or for general sale. The engraver making place mats, wooden ornaments, key rings etc.



The wood workshop has been busy making planters, mink trackers, nest boxes, notice boards etc.



The Shed's Pétanque Club meets on Thursday afternoons @2pm (weather permitting). If you are interested, please get in touch or come along.

'Digital Skills' drop-in sessions are on Mondays from 1.30pm. If you need help with your phone, laptop etc. just come along.

If you are interested in visiting the Shed, or becoming a member, we would love to see you - the Men's Shed is open 10am-4pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The Women's Shed on alternate Wednesdays (2-4pm & 6-8pm). Please check our website (www.ellonmensshed.org) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/EllonMensShed) ([facebook.com/EllonMensShed](https://www.facebook.com/EllonMensShed)) for updates on opening times etc.

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Tarves Heritage Project - Chairman's Report 2025-26

We have had another year of members quietly dealing with bread-and-butter issues: checking fuel; making sure we are insured; keeping the lights on, paying the bills and maintaining the fabric of the centre. Mostly thankless work but let me express our appreciation for it.

There is another layer of invisible work: in preserving and cataloguing; in updating social media, of expertise in research; in creating displays and in sourcing speakers - and, thanks to the people maintaining this foundation, Tarves Heritage Project can then interact with the public.

Without running through a list of every public facing activity undertaken in the last year, I would like to pick out some examples to show how good we can be at our stated aim of promoting the community heritage of the Tarves area.

Victorian School Room: If you have never seen the excitement of the children on a school group visit, I would heartily recommend it. Any kids coming back later with their parents remember the experience.

Summer Opening: Rotating displays provide for some novelty in the story of Tarves's heritage, which is anchored in an agricultural theme, with records of influence by several prominent families like the Haddo Gordons or the Duthie family in the village - and lesser influence by many less-prominent families like my own.

Winter Talks: There is an appetite for a good speaker. The experience of men going off to war, and often not coming back, or coming back changed, was well done. Informative, serious without being too heavy, and leavened with stories like soldiers returning to honour war graves, and being reunited with members of families with whom they had been billeted.

One off days: The Doors Open weekend showcasing the Tarves Literary Society illustrated THP strengths: good subject material; good research; good displays incorporating items from the public and a fantastic response from visitors.

The subject, Tarves Literary Society, showed the aspirations of parish residents in the past, and that is lesson we might carry forward for the Tarves Heritage Project.

Once again, thanks to everyone who has contributed to our success, and feel free to explore your own interests within THP.

Lindsay J Mathewson
May 2026

Stepping Back in Time at Tarves Heritage Centre

by Lennox, Carson & Blair Lobban

We live in Tarves and attend 1st Daviot & Oldmeldrum Scouts and 1st Tarves Guides. As part of our badgework, we spent an afternoon with some of the volunteers who run Tarves Heritage Centre to learn about local history and find out about a service in our area.

What's new this year

Before Tarves Heritage Centre re-opened for the 2026 season on the 9th of April all the cabinets were emptied, items cleaned and new displays created. New displays include a collection of lamps, a farming display and several musical displays.

One is about bothy ballads (songs sung by farm labourers in the north-east of Scotland) and another has instruments used by 1st Tarves Boys' Brigade, including a snare drum from 1962.



There is also a display about the Haddo House Choral Operatic Society to mark its 80th anniversary.

The new displays are already proving popular with visitors. In 2025, Tarves Heritage Centre attracted around 500 visitors including 200 school children. Schools often arrange to visit the centre and learn about education in the Victorian era. Teachers can give a lesson in the Victorian classroom. Hopefully no one gets the belt!

What we found out about the centre

Tarves Heritage Centre opened in 2004. It is run by Tarves Heritage Project, which is a registered Scottish charity. The chairman is a farmer called Lindsay Mathewson and there is a committee of 8 or 9 people. They are all volunteers.

During our visit, we met volunteers Raymond and Margaret. They are on duty every 5 weeks. They open the centre, show visitors around and answer any questions.

Another job that the volunteers do is to catalogue items with THP (Tarves Heritage Project) and a number. The information is added to a spreadsheet, which helps them keep track of everything they have.

Margaret says it can be difficult to remember everything – and we can see why because the centre has more than 4,500 items from Tarves and surrounding areas, dating back many years ago.



There are artefacts (objects), pictures (photographs), documents (letters and books) and fabrics (clothing). The oldest items are flint arrow heads used for hunting. These date back to 4,000 to 2,500 BC – during the Stone Age.

How the centre preserves local history

Lots of the items have been donated. Items that are local to the area and reflect local history, such as farming and shoe making, are prioritised. FUN FACT: The building was once a shoe shop and at another time it was an electrician!

The centre sources items in other ways too. Catherine, who organised our visit, said: "Sometimes we lend to other museums and sometimes we borrow from other museums."

These include: Garioch Heritage Centre in Inverurie and Aberdeenshire Museums Service in Mintlaw, which has a huge warehouse of items including a bison's head, a polar bear and a huge rocking horse.

Items that are not on display are stored in two lofts. There is a loft above the centre and another loft above that, going up even further than the clock outside the building!

The committee accepts lots of things, but not everything because there is not a third loft! Catherine said: "We have been very lucky with donations, but we've got more butter pats than we know what to do with!" (Butter pats are carved wooden paddles used to shape and mould butter.)

Why the centre is important

Tarves Heritage Centre is for people of Tarves and other communities to find out about what life was like before.

One thing we learned is that Tarves was a planned agricultural village. The Gordons of Haddo and the Forbes of Tolquhon got together and planned the layout of the village with a square and straight streets. The flagpole that was once in The Square was believed to be the tallest flagpole in Great Britain.

The centre has helped people from Kentucky, Australia and Patagonia to trace their family history. It also has information about the people named on the Tarves War Memorial – residents of Tarves who were killed or went missing in World War I and World War II.

One of the challenges the centre faces is maintaining the building and keeping it wind and water tight. Another big challenge is applying for fundraising and grants.

Tarves Heritage Centre is free to visit (donations are welcome). So why not visit to learn about history or maybe even volunteer to help keep the centre going for everyone to enjoy?



Tarves Heritage Centre is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays from 1-4pm.



Knitting within Formartine Parish and surrounding areas - June 2026



We have had a consistently full knitting table at the back of the Tarves Kirk and first week in May saw a completely full car boot en route to AberNecessities. I did phone ahead of time and a very kind volunteer emptied/carried until there was zero left. Over 90 hats, a dozen hat/scarf sets, little cardigans and jumpers and many blankets, from cot size to single bed size. A big thank you from the AberNecessities volunteers. I did make it clear to them that I can't knit a stitch, I am merely the delivery 'van'. <https://www.abernecessities.co.uk>

Aberdeen Maternity Hospital – a bag of lovely knitting is on its way to Maty now; pale hats, pale coloured blankets and very small cardigans. They ask for light colours in all donations of baby knitting, please.

Cyrenians and **Street Friends** both need much the same form of help and we have a Saturday volunteer with Street Friends who can take the donations straight to their Castlegate office, and we have someone who is in touch with the Cyrenians warehouse in Torry. Both charities say adult hats are always needed, plus gloves and of course, blankets,

Friends of Anchor - ARI's Anchor Unit give new patients heart shaped cushions and post-surgery drainage bags. If you would like to sew a heart pattern or a drainage bag, please contact me and I can forward the patterns/sewing guides. tbc.editor@btinternet.com. F of A also appreciate octopus knitting, have a look at them at the back of Tarves Kirk; nervous patients enjoy the texture of the 'legs' and provide a distraction through treatment.

Local families – if we hear of a new baby in the area, some parish knitting will also find its way to a new home.

Hanover Court Knitters meet in Hanover lounge at 2pm each Tuesday and new knitters are always welcome. If you have wool you no longer need, then the group would appreciate adding to their stock. Your contact for Hanover knitting is **Jessie Simpson 851958**.

Thank you everyone for being such generous donors to all these organisations. You can hand in knitting to the Tuesday coffee morning in Tarves Kirk at 10am, plus Formartine Parish Church at Tarves on a Sunday morning at 11am but please check service venues on Formartine Parish website first.

Ruth – on behalf of the Parish



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Udny Community Trust Update: Summer 2026

As we move into the brighter, warmer and longer days, we have a few important updates to share with you.

Save the Date: Community Summer Fayre

The Udny Community Summer Fayre will take place on **Saturday 27th June**, 11am – 3pm. This year's event is a true collaborative effort, organised by Udny Community Trust and hosted across the grounds of The Medan Centre and in Pitmedden Park, courtesy of Pitmedden Amenities Trust (PAT). PAT have kindly agreed we can use this space to accommodate the usual fun activities and entertainment, despite the space limitations we will have at The Medan Centre, due to essential maintenance works on our flat roof that are due to take place around the same time.

The Fayre, as ever, promises to be a fantastic day out for all ages. We have a wonderful line-up planned, including family-friendly activities and entertainments, a range of craft and artisan sellers, pony rides, a bouncy castle, and garden games. Cafe48 will be on hand providing delicious food and refreshments throughout the day.

Cafe48 Summer Plans

To ensure Cafe48 remains open for our customers during the summer roofing works, we are planning an outdoor seating area on the front lawn. This will allow us to main good availability for our customers and allow everyone to enjoy their coffee and cake alfresco (but with shelter from any summer showers!), while the improvements are underway.

Get Involved: Hobby Club

Every fortnight on a Friday afternoon, we host a Hobby Club where enthusiasts and beginners alike can meet to work on hobby projects and have a natter. You can either bring something you're already working on or come for some inspiration or to get some help with trying something new. We've had sketching, painting, model-building, crochet, knitting, Lego, paper crafts, and much more. Hobby Club is free of charge. It takes place from 3.30-5pm in the Quarry Room at The Medan Centre. Upcoming dates are: 5th, 19th June, 3rd, 17th, 31st July, 14th, 28th August.

Long Guided Walks

Our Long Guided Walks take place on the last Thursday of each month. These walks are more challenging than our Health Walks, averaging around 3.5-5 miles; while still enjoying the support of trained guides and providing the opportunity to enjoy the local scenery and nature in the company of others. The walks take place in and around Udny and neighbouring areas, e.g. Haddo House and Newburgh Beach. Keep an eye on social media for details of upcoming walks or contact **Teresa Costanza** for more details admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk

If you want to stay up to date with monthly news and what's going on, don't forget to pick up our Bletcher newsletter. Hard copies are available at the Medan Centre, Pitmedden Co-op, and Haddo Medical Practice reception. You can read it digitally on our website homepage, [www.udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](https://udnycommunitytrust.org.uk), also accessible by scanning the QR code.



We always love to hear from you, whether it's about anything we've shared here or anything else Trust-related, please do get in touch! We hope to see you at the Udney Community Summer Fayre - keep an eye on our **Facebook** page for event information and updates!

With warm wishes,

The Udney Community Trust Team

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