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Welcome to the December edition of our local newsletter

Buy 10% less or buy 10% more

As soon as we go into any supermarket, large or small, we are bombarded with 6' high stands of chocolate, miles of wrapping paper and ribbon, cards by the dozen and just how many of them will we send, in the postal sense @ £1.65 for a first class or 85p for second class. Personally handed to the recipient is great, almost a way of saying we value our 'close by' friends and relatives where distance is not an issue.

Then we move on to TV adverts, with banqueting tables, groaning with a huge turkey and all accompaniments associated by a 'modern' Christmas, with the prices beginning with the word 'only.' 40 – 50 years ago, if you had chicken at Christmas that was something very special and you almost forgot the taste of it for the next 11 months until next time around.

We are not celebrating Christmas as we should, the excesses out there are not equal because they just do not apply to everyone. This is where my editor letter heading kicks in.

2 alternatives are presented here – the first one is 'buy 10% less' and make a positive plan to donate these unspent funds to one of the local charities around Aberdeen and the Shire. There are so many children and adults who will never have what we take for granted, and 10% of a spend, multiplied by several people following this suggestion could make such a difference to others whom we will never know in person, but will know that in kind, they can smile and have a day of happiness.

Second alternative is to buy 10% more, many organisations have websites which have 'much needed' items for their service users. Would many of us notice an extra 10% spend, probably not, and if each shopper bought toiletries/basic household food/baby & children's clothing/toys and any other items each charity suggests, then you are contributing towards a smile or a sigh of relief for any parent/family or person who is presented with a selection of shopping/clothes/gifts that can make such a difference at this time of year. Various articles in this TBC can guide you to some Aberdeen/shire agencies who have vast experience in helping others, and their websites give lists of what is currently needed.

Of course, you can just ignore the suggestion of spending 10% less or buying 10% more and turn it into spending 20% less or buying 20% more.

***Thank you for reading this through. Enjoy Christmas with your family and friends
and best wishes from the Tarves and Barthol Chapel Newsletter team.***

We'll be back in March 2025.

Thank you.

Ruth
Editor



Dear Friends

I grew up in a street called Muirpark. My family lived at number 4 and my grandparents lived at number 6 which was handy for my parents when they needed child-minders and useful for my brother and I when we needed some cakes, fizzy juice and a TV to watch cartoons on.

Over time the cakes got more numerous, the fizzy juice turned into beer and the TV got more complicated. So the living-next-door-benefit-dynamic changed. With more TV channels and a video recorder to programme I was often called in to help set the video for 'The Beechgrove Garden' or 'Keeping Up Appearances'.

Then the day came when I decided to explain to my grandparents how to use the video recorder for themselves. After all, my grandparents were intelligent people so I thought they would be able to understand how to work a video recorder. Alas, this was not the case. No matter how many times I explained the controls they never seemed to get it.

But I also realised that my grandparents didn't need more instructions about how to work the video recorder, they needed me to go round in person to help them.

As I prepare for the chaos that the Christmas season often is I'm reminded of God's wisdom. When God wanted to rescue us from all that humans do and have done to mess up our lives and the world he didn't send us a heap of complicated instructions to figure out, he sent his son, Jesus. In his life and death Jesus showed us how to live, and he took the death we deserved on himself so we could be free. This is the good news that people who follow Jesus talk about. This is why we celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas.

So, this Christmas season may you remember the gift of people in your life.

May you remember the gift of the person of Jesus into the world.

And when you open that blue-tooth speaker on Christmas morning may you be blessed with someone who can show you how to work it.

Rev Alastair Bruce

Interim Moderator - Formartine Parish Church

Formartine Parish Church of Scotland

Formartine Parish Church of Scotland

Sunday Worship at 10.00am

All are welcome to our united services which alternate between Pitmedden and Tarves Kirks. For up-to-date details see Formartine Parish Church website and notice boards. Refreshments are served after worship. Zoom links and large print orders of service are available each Sunday. Let me know if you would like to receive these.

Special Services

In September we enjoyed the Guild Thanksgiving service which was put together and conducted by members. This was an excellent service about building on firm foundations.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving was conducted by Rev Alastair Bruce who shared Holy Communion with us. This was uplifting and thought provoking.

On Remembrance Sunday there were two services; one in Pitmedden Kirk conducted by Alan Doak and attended by the Boys' Brigade, followed by an Act of Remembrance at Udney Green war memorial. This was very well attended and there were activities and refreshments in the village hall afterwards.

Susanna Bichard conducted the service in Tarves Kirk which was attended by Brownies and Guides. The girls read out the Roll of Honour and then laid wreaths at the memorial. There was then an Act of Remembrance at the memorial in Barthol Chapel. Both were well attended and we were grateful that the rain stayed off! Thank you to everyone who attended, helped, and laid wreaths on this important day.

Harvest donations

A big thank you to everyone who donated, especially Tarves School. A large number of items were received and many folk in the area have benefited from your generosity.

Worship over Advent and Christmas

1 Dec	United service in Tarves Kirk @ 10am	Advent 1
8 Dec	United service in Pitmedden Kirk @ 10am	Advent 2
15 Dec	United service in Tarves Kirk @ 10am	Advent 3
22 Dec	United service in Pitmedden Kirk @ 10am	Advent 4

Advent services:

22 Dec	United service of lessons & carols in Pitmedden Kirk @ 7pm
24 Dec	Intergenerational Christmas Eve service in Tarves Kirk @ 7pm followed by mulled wine, hot choc and mince pies

Details are available in orders of service, posters and online.

There will be no services on Christmas Day in either Kirk.

Vacancy matters - Good news!

We are delighted to announce that at a meeting held at Ellon Parish Kirk Centre on 27 October 2024, the Nominating Committee chose the person who they wish to propose to the congregation of Formartine to be our new minister. The name of the person proposed is Rev Christine McWhirter.

Rev Christine will conduct worship in Tarves Kirk on Sunday the 1st December at 10:00am.

Immediately after that service, there will be a vote on whether or not she should be appointed as the new minister of this congregation of Formartine. Anyone whose name appears on the Electoral Register shall be entitled to vote. No-one else shall be entitled to vote.

This will have been intimated on Sunday 17 and Sunday 24 November and we hope there will be a good turnout to listen and vote.

We are very fortunate in having Rev Alastair Bruce of Ellon Parish Church as our Interim Moderator. His advice and support have been invaluable.

Tarves Youth Hall

I am delighted that there are more bookings in the hall and it is great to see it used more. The large hall is available to folk in the community to book. It has been used for a variety of things – family parties, small groups, meeting, and soup and sweet lunches etc. It is a very comfortable space with a well-equipped kitchen. Please contact me for more details.

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

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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

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CHRISTMAS
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Our Brownies were delighted to plan and host their fundraising Macmillan coffee evening on Wednesday 25th September. Thanks to the incredible generosity and support of friends and family we smashed previous totals and raised an amazing **£305.20** for a very worthwhile cause. Thank-you so much to residents of Murray, Pringle and Braiklay Av, Stuart Crescent, Presley Gardens, Duthie Rd, Tree Rd, Manse Walk & Bede Way for supporting our



Halloween trick or treat with a twist again this year. Instead of sweets Tarves Brownies and Guides joined together to collect donations for Aberdeenshire north

foodbank. You smashed it... Over **half a tonne of donations** collected ... 513.33kg to be precise!! THANK-YOU

We had an exciting adventure on 9th November with a trip into Aberdeen to Innoflate followed by dinner at Pizza Hut. The girls were very excited to use their new bus passes and thrilled that it was a double decker bus!! It was then back to Tarves Youth Hall for Remembrance Day crafts and sleepover. Much fun (and not much sleep!) had by all. We were proud to attend Tarves Remembrance Day service on Sunday 10th November to show our respect to those who have died in the wars and the Brownies and Guides did a great job reading the Roll of Honour on such an important day.

We are looking forward to finishing the term with Christmas crafts and games, making gingerbread houses for the church display and a much-anticipated trip to Inverurie pantomime with Rainbows, Brownie, Guides, Rangers and leaders from Haddo District to see Robin Hood.



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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Tarves Guides is delighted to have grown in size to 20 girls from the local area. The meetings are fun, noisy and usually involve food of some sort as well as games and activities. We recently had a very sunny camp at Daviot and one weekend we went on the bus to Dundee to go to Wild Water

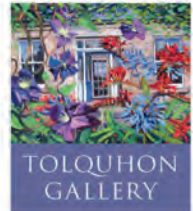
Aqua park and went swimming at Olympia.

The Guides are currently working on their 'Take Action' badge, and we would like to thank anyone who attends our fundraiser on the 24th November. We are looking forward to our sleepover in January, as well as up coming camps later in the year.

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](#)).



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THANK YOU!

Thank-you to the wide spread of knitters in Formartine Parish and further afield and their generous donations of new knitting for the various agencies we have contact with.

Cyrenians and Street Friends – both support service users at all times of the year, but with present and forthcoming poor weather, adult hats/scarves/neck-warmers/blankets are extremely welcome. Within the past two weeks, each of these charities benefitted from the wider Parish knitting. Cyrenians even had a box of wool as a donation back to Hanover which in turn, will go towards the creation of more useful cold weather knitting returning to the Cyrenians warehouse in Torry.



AberNecessities

We are now extremely fortunate to have a contact in Tarves for donations to AberNecessities in Dyce. Several bags of mixed knitting were delivered recently along with cuddly knitted toys which younger children love.

The AberNecessities website will give you a background to this organisation, and what else is needed for the various ages of children they help.

There are also many items on their Christmas wish list that you can donate to via Amazon <https://www.abernecessities.co.uk/>

One very generous person recently handed in a box of assorted knitwear to Hanover but unfortunately didn't leave a contact name. Hanover and I would like to thank you for your kindness, and you'll see Jessie's contact details below if you'd like to get in touch with her. This knitting will go towards the older age groups of children at AberNecessities.

Octopus donations continue to be shared at **Woodend Hospital**. They are very popular with patients on some specialty wards.



94th Birthday of one of our regular Hanover Knitting group – Nellie with her sons from Bulgaria and Jersey.

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 mbn@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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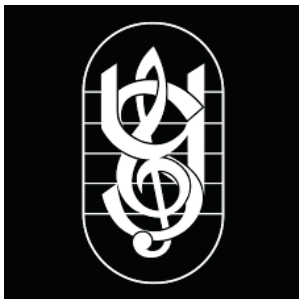
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Ythan Singers



The Ythan Singers returned to rehearsals in August and are preparing for their forthcoming concerts before and after Christmas. What an exciting season we have ahead. We have two Christmas concerts in the calendar. "Joy to the World" on Sunday 8 December 2024, 3pm, in Ellon Parish Church. This concert is packed with familiar Christmas carols such as "Good King Wenceslas" but also features movements from Howard Goodall's "Christmas Cantata" which opens with a very exciting Spanish style movement called "Romance of the Angels". Not heard of Howard Goodall? Yes, you have, as his composition "The Lord is my

Shepherd" is the theme tune to that well-known TV series "The Vicar of Dibley". Our soloist is Freya Corry tutored by Gillian Jack. This concert will put you in the festive mood and there is a chance for audience participation with our Carols for All. At the end there will be mince pies and shortbread from Ellon's very own independent bakery "The Ythan Bakery".

We have a second concert in Hatton Village Hall on Saturday 14 December at 3pm bringing festive joy to the Hatton Community. In the second half of this concert there will be community singing for all – adults and children.

In 2025 we have two concerts planned: Friday 28 March 2025 in Ellon Parish Church, which will feature a variety of songs from musicals, pop, Scots songs. We usually hold this concert in May but we have a very exciting concert "May Music Extravaganza" on May 11 in the Music Hall, Aberdeen at 7.30pm. Our talented Musical Director Morag Simpson tutored Emeli Sandi as a school pupil and they have always kept in touch. We are thrilled that Emeli has agreed to take part in this concert. The concert brings together 8 local choirs including the Ythan Singer and features Emeli Sandi. Tickets are £25 and can be obtained from APA Box Office.

For more information about the Ythan Singers and our concerts, find us on our webpage www.ythansingers.co.uk or Facebook [@ythansingers](https://www.facebook.com/ythansingers) or contact us by email at ythansingers@yahoo.co.uk

Tarves Folk Club

The Club continues to meet on the last Friday of every month in the Aberdeen Arms Hotel, Tarves from 8.30pm. This is a free, informal evening for anyone to play, sing, recite, join in or simply listen. Unfortunately, since the summer, numbers have dwindled quite a bit but will hopefully pick up again soon so come along if you enjoy a night of acoustic music and song. You will be made most welcome

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Tarves Graveyard Group

We have been delighted with the incredible efforts of the volunteers who have helped with the various activities of tidying up the graveyard. The team have been busy weeding, gathering up grass cuttings, maintaining the paths and planting some lovely flowers, and just making sure the graveyard is tidy and looked after.

It is also a nice social gathering for those who participate and a chance to catch up with friends. The group are always happy to welcome new volunteers to join in making our graveyard pleasant for all who visit

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Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy

The Lord-Lieutenant's Update



The Lieutenancy team continue to have the honour and pleasure of participating in a number of memorable events and celebrations across the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy. Over the Summer I have had the privilege of attending many Highland Games and local shows. On my visit to Turriff Show I met with many exhibitors, stalwarts of the show and competitors.

All abilities Boardwalk at Newburgh Beach



Vice Lord-Lieutenant Joanna, Lady Aberdeen was a guest of the Newburgh and Ythan Community Trust for the opening of the new all abilities boardwalk at Newburgh Beach. She joined Isobel Davidson (Chair), Ron Macdonald (Secretary), trustees Glen Douglas and Gail Henderson, as well as a great number of others involved in the Newburgh Seal Viewing Experience Project. Dawn Taylor, a local resident and wheelchair user cut the ribbon and led the way to the low-level viewpoint. For the first time in 19 years, she was able

to look out over the estuary to Forvie's northern shore where the amazing colony of grey seals is located. The boardwalk extends to the newly enlarged high viewing point where, as well as the seal interpretive board, a new board containing a James McBey print of the local landscape is located. This terrific project has been supported by Aberdeenshire Council, Visit Scotland, Visit Aberdeenshire, the UK and Scottish Governments, NatureScot and the Barratt Foundation.



I recently had the great pleasure of presenting The King's Award for Enterprise in International Trade to both Deep Casing Tools of Westhill and Maritime Developments Ltd, now based in Cove. Deep Casing Tools have shown outstanding sales growth in recent years due to their focus on innovation and listening to their customer's needs. Maritime Developments' award reflects the company's "Outstanding Short-Term Growth" in overseas sales over

three years. Many congratulations to both innovative and progressive companies who are showcasing the best of Aberdeenshire enterprise.

Twinning of Cruden Bay with Châtillon-sur-Indre

Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Joanna Marchioness of Aberdeen attended a Civic Reception to Commemorate the official signing of Town Twinning between Cruden Bay and Chatillon-sur-Indre in France. As well as John Ross, Chair of the Town Twinning Committee, and Judy Whyte, Provost of Aberdeenshire, members of Cruden Bay Community Council were there and a strong representation from Chatillon-sur-Indre, including the Mayor, M. Gerard Nicaud.

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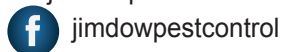
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Honours and Awards

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, in confidence, should you have any suggestions. Also please do look at our web site for further information: www.lord-lieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk or contact us on info@lordlieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk



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Very best wishes to you all

Sandy Manson, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire

Udny Station Indoor Bowling Club

The season started in September with an increase in membership. We meet every Monday and Thursday evening from 7.30 - 9.30pm in the Youth Hall in Tarves and new members are always welcome.

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News from

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Events



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During December we have three special events. On Saturday 7th at 3pm there is Carol Singing. Sing along with members of Aberdeenshire Saxophone Orchestra and Fyvie Community Choir. So dust off your vocal cords and get the Christmas spirit going! Friday 13th evening and Saturday 14th morning there will be a community consultation event at the hub. Please come along to see ideas for the future building and to give your feedback. Refreshments will be available.

On Monday 16th there is a Christmas Table Decoration Workshop. Details of all events are emailed to members and will be on our facebook page. If anybody has ideas for future events please get in touch using the email at the bottom of the page.

Fundraising

We are currently working with a business manager to produce a business plan that can go forward to the Scottish Land Fund, to apply for a grant to purchase the building. This is quite a lengthy process and involves architects producing possible layout plans and drawings for the renovations, which we will take to community consultation in December.

Unfortunately we were not successful in our application to the Architectural Heritage Fund and so are looking into alternative sources of funds. This will enable us to complete the necessary surveys etc needed for the business plan.

We were successful with our application to the lottery Community Fund and this has enabled us to expand the events we are holding at the hub in the cooler months when the heating is costly.

Thank you to the Church of Scotland for allowing us to use the building while we raise funds to purchase. If you want to be sure to know about events please become a member of the hub using the QR code or message us at

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. Another busy few weeks for all sections...

- **Squirrels (age 4 – 6)**

We have had lots of fun in the few weeks since returning from the summer break, including some Exciting Experiments, Using Our Senses (smelling and tasting), nature crafts with Stick Man, working on our Space Explorer badge and having a bonfire night celebration.

- **Beavers (age 6 – 8)**

We held our own mini-Paralympics events, had an evening centred on recycling, an enjoyable walk up to the Prop of Ythsie, playing some outdoor wide games at Haddo, a beach cleaning night at Newburgh, we worked on our First Aid badges and had a space themed evening. We dressed up for our Halloween party and had a bonfire night with hot dogs and s'mores!

- **Cubs (age 8 – 10.5)**

We started the term with a movie night (including popcorn!) followed by a night of indoor games and a pack forum where the Cubs give ideas on what activities they want to do. We did a litter pick in Methlick around the football pitches. We have worked on our International and Road Safety badges. Also, we celebrated the Paralympics and had a Halloween party, as well as a night learning some basic Cub skills (particularly helpful for the new Cubs).

- **Scouts (age 10.5 – 14)**

We held a fun games night, followed by an evening of photography, then a night on recycling and charity work. We tracked our "food footprint" and agreed how we would behave each night! We had a couple of evenings working on our Space badges and had night making and racing our own chariots!

- **Explorers (ages 14 – 18)**

We have been busy! We've had a night of outdoor pioneering, foosball and geocaching at Haddo. We learned about bike maintenance, we have been rifle shooting at Daviot, we helped with the car parking activities at the recent Aden music festival. Also, we had an excellent visit to the Air Ambulance centre in Dyce and we've been doing some backwoods cooking. We also have had a trip to Aviemore to do some night-time zip-lining!

- **Sad News**

It is with great sadness that we bid a final farewell to one of our Leaders just a few weeks ago.

Jurgen Wahle was a well-known and respected serving Police Officer, RNLI volunteer and one of our volunteer Explorer leaders.

It's a testament to his character that the funeral service in Peterhead was standing room only, with a large number of uniformed Police, RNLI and Scout members present.

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- **Remembrance**

All sections were well represented at the recent Remembrance Service at Methlick Church - the highest turnout of members for a few years. All represented the group admirably, including our flag bearers. As has now become our custom in recent years, a few of us Tarves residents returned to the Tarves memorial to lay an additional wreath there, on behalf of the group.

Lest we forget



- **Scout Group Fun Day**

After a lengthy postponement due to Covid, we finally managed to hold our Centenary (plus four!) group family fun day at Haddo. All current members and their families were invited for a great day of BBQ, scouting and other fun activities, (belated birthday cake) and a campfire sing-song.



If you are interested in volunteering as a leader or in any other capacity, 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



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News from the Square



All summer bedding plants have been lifted and daffodil and tulip bulbs have been planted in the tubs and pansies & violas in the window boxes. Hopefully they will survive the winter and we will have nice blooms in the Spring.

Still looking for someone to take over so if you are interested & want to know more about what is involved, please get in touch on 851040



"The Tarves Plooman"

Tarves Tennis Club

The Tarves Tennis Club served up a busy summer on the court by the school. With open sessions during sunny afternoons, youngsters had a chance to try their hand at the racket sport. Who knows, the next Andy Murray or Steffi Graf could be warming up right here in the village—if they ace the opportunity, that is!

The high point of the season? A smashing taster tennis session at The Hut (aka Zone 98 for those of a certain vintage). The kids were polite, keen, and as eager to learn as they were to rally, doing the area proud! Even when the heavens opened mid-session, a few die-hard enthusiasts stayed on court, rain or shine. Sadly, no Cliff showed up to croon them off court for some strawberries and cream!

Now, with winter upon us, it's time to restring those rackets, stock up on balls, and get set for a 2025 season that's bound to be a smash hit. The next Tarves Tennis Club meeting will be held at the Aberdeen Arms on Thursday, March 6th at 7.30pm. All tennis fans and aspiring committee members are welcome—plenty of spots are up for grabs!

And for anyone who'd like to borrow the net, just give me a call on 07921 863 682 or swing by and chap the door at No. 2 Pringle Avenue. While we're only lending out the net at present, the club is hoping to invest in rackets and balls soon, so even more budding players can get a taste of the action.

Let's make 2025 a year of deuce, love, and no double faults.

See you on the court—or at the Aberdeen Arms, where we promise the only racket you'll need is a libation from the bar in hand.

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MENU

STARTER

Smokie Chowder <i>smoked haddock & potato soup, baker's roll</i>	£8
Ladle on the Lentil <i>soup, sour cream, croutons & bacon</i>	£8
Katsu Bao Bun <i>chicken tenders, sesame slaw</i>	£8
Posh Spice <i>duo of prawns, boozy rose, gem & tomato</i>	£9
Baked Bomber & Cider Fondue <i>home-made loaf, red onion marmalade</i>	£10
Duck It <i>smoked duck, pomegranate, orange & chicory</i>	£8

MAIN

Christmas on a Plate <i>roast turkey & all the trimmings</i>	£23
Firecracker Chicken <i>hot sauce, sticky rice & sesame slaw</i>	£18
French Onion Burger <i>steakette, caramelised onions, gruyere cheese, side of gravy or plain Jane - cheese & bacon</i>	£18
Jingle Buns <i>turkey burger, cranberry mayo, pig in blanket, coleslaw & fries</i>	£18
Royal Ragù <i>beef steeped in mulled wine, tagliatelle, parmesan garlic ciabatta</i>	£16
Mighty Mussels <i>spicy chilli & chorizo, toasted loaf, wine broth</i>	£16

DESSERT

Triple Choccie Treat <i>white, milk & dark mousse, honeycomb & caramel</i>	£8
Full of Passion <i>passionfruit tart, Italian meringue</i>	£7
Biscoff STP <i>sticky toffee pudding, rum toffee sauce & vanilla ice cream</i>	£8
Creamy Rice Spice <i>rice pudding, spiced apples & cinnamon</i>	£8
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Thank you to the Tarves Peoples Party and Fireworx Scotland for the brilliant bonfire and display on Sunday 10 November. It was fantastic – one of the best!



Over the summer our amazing team of young helpers: **Charlie, Zoe, Skye, Grace, Brodie, Marcus, Libby, Emilia, Fraser & Maya** volunteered nearly 100 hours between them to help run our holiday club sessions, whilst developing personal skills and working towards an accredited Dynamic Youth Award. As a thankyou we recently enjoyed an afternoon at The Breakout games in Aberdeen. Sadly, we didn't escape but it was lots of fun and great team work by all.

At the end of September, we had the pleasure to take some of our young people from Barthol Chapel Youth Club to the **Over2Youth** event in Inverurie: A great youth voice event and opportunity for young people to come together and highlight and share some of the challenges/issues they face today. Living in a rural community can be challenging and the opportunity for a dedicated youth space is high priority amongst our young people. We are proud to support them to have a voice and work with the committed individuals in Barthol Chapel who are hoping to buy the church building and create a Community Hub.

FYP recently joined with youth workers from Dyce and Ellon to host a youth fellowship event to bring young people of academy age together locally for some chat, games, activities, food, and worship. We got off to a very positive start and plan to make these a regular event. If you would like to know more about **That Sunday Thing**, please contact carolinefyp@outlook.com or follow us on social media.

Thank-you to everyone who supported our fundraising night of live music with a fun bingo twist at The Aberdeen Arms on 28th September – we raised an amazing £1,130 for the project. Special mention to the band **The Late Breakers** for a brilliant set list and providing their services for free. Thank-you to Paul and Roseann at **Pitmedden Craft Bar** for generously donating £200 from their Halloween quiz night to Formartine Youth Project. It was a great evening and who knew Caroline's specialist subject was Mr Men and Little Miss 😊 .

It was lovely to be invited to lead Remembrance themed Assemblies in Tarves and Barthol Chapel primary schools and spend a time of reflection at the respective war memorials as they laid wreaths.



Fun at the Breakout Games in Aberdeen



Young People from Barthol Chapel Youth Club at the Over2Youth Event in Inverurie

We were delighted to welcome representatives from 1st Tarves Brownies and Guides to the Remembrance Day service at Tarves kirk on Sunday 10th. They did a great job reading the Roll of Honour. We are looking forward to supporting the local schools with a Walk-Through Nativity experience and assemblies on the run up to Christmas.

Following on from last year's success we will once again be hosting a **Gingerbread village display** in Tarves Kirk. We invite everyone to get creative and get involved. Houses to measure a maximum of 12" in any direction. To reduce unnecessary food waste, we ask you to recreate traditional gingerbread style houses in brown cardboard, decorated as you please (templates available on request if required). Come and join us in Tarves kirk for our '**Gingerbread Village light switch**' on with carols and refreshments on **Sunday 15th at 4pm**. Houses can be dropped off at Tarves kirk on Tuesday mornings 10-11, Sunday mornings 9.30 -11.30am throughout December or by arrangement – please contact carolinefyp@outlook.com.



Follow us on Facebook: **Formartine Youth Project**, Instagram: **formartineyouthproject** and twitter **@FormartineYP** for regular updates.

Barthol Chapel SWI



Barthol Chapel SWI was established in 1931 giving local women an opportunity to come together to share ideas, learn new skills, find friendship and provide support where needed in the community. The core principles have remained true to the cause but over the years the SWI has evolved to fit with women of today, founder members would not recognise this new way of supporting women.

The Scottish Women's Institute is a national organisation and creates a networking platform for women, unlike any other in Scotland. Affiliated links allows women all over the world to be connected and assist with opportunities to help improve lives.

Sadly, despite our best efforts, there is a lack of support in our area and the current level of membership means that our local group is no longer viable. As a result, we have taken the tough decision to close.

It is very hard to see part of our established local heritage disappear after almost 100 years. It is heartbreaking for all the folk that have tried so hard to keep this wee group vibrant for so many years and sad for those who benefit in any way from the group.

However, all things move on and what is, will be.

[Good wishes to all who have been part of Barthol Chapel SWI](#)



You are invited to get creative & help us build a **Gingerbread* village** in Tarves kirk this Christmas.



*To reduce unnecessary food waste and promote recycling we request that you recreate traditional gingerbread style houses in brown cardboard. Decorate as you please.

Houses to measure a maximum 12" in any direction and to be dropped off by Thursday 12th December. Please make sure your name and contact number/email are on the house. **Prizes to be won** 😊

Join us Sunday 15th December 4pm for the big light switch on, carols and refreshments.

For more information, to arrange drop off or if you would like a template to work with please contact Carolinefyp@outlook.com



Houses can be dropped off Tuesday mornings 10-11am, and Sunday mornings 10-12 throughout December. Or by arrangement Tel 07506 846 644.

Udny Community Trust Update: Autumn/Winter 2024

As the year draws to a close, we reflect on a busy and rewarding six months for Udny Community Trust. There is a new staff team at the Trust, but our core mission of 'Helping the Community of Udny to Develop' remains the same. Here's an update on changes, new faces, recent activities and exciting opportunities for 2025.

Farewell to Vikki, Tracy, and Jill

Everyone at the Trust expresses their heartfelt gratitude to Vikki Jannetta, Tracy Grant, and Jill Watt, who have moved on after making significant contributions. Their tireless efforts strengthened the foundation on which the Trust and The Medan Centre stand and their impact will not be forgotten. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

Welcome to our new team

Over the past few months, some of you will have met Ruth Cluness, Udny Community Trust Manager; Teresa Constanza, Trust Administrator and Fraser Ferguson, Cafe48 Manager. While the team is new, we are united in our commitment to working with the Trust's Board of Directors to deliver impact for the community of Udny through the events and activities on offer at The Medan Centre and Cafe48, and our grant-making programme, The Udny Community Fund.

Recent activities

A highlight of the last few months was our review of the Imagine Udny project and 2019 Community Action Plan. We are grateful to Aberdeen University student, Kailani Dutton, for her work on this project. *Imagine Udny: Past, Present, Future* took place over the summer of 2024 and the results are available on our website. Thank you to everyone who took part in the survey for providing useful insights into residents' current wishes and priorities.

The Trust team has been out and about, raising awareness and building connections. In September, we visited Maud Resource Centre's 'Get Ready for Winter' event—a fantastic opportunity to connect with and learn from another community organisation. In October, we attended Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership's events in Ellon and Oldmeldrum, connecting with our neighbouring communities and raising awareness of how community participation can support mental and physical wellbeing.

Our programme of events at The Medan Centre is designed to foster these important social connections and we are delighted that you all continue to engage with and support the activities we deliver with our community partners and volunteers. We could not host events—like the October Swap Shop, which saw over 300 people through The Medan Centre's doors—without the collaboration of community groups and the support of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you all for your enthusiasm, energy, dedication and community spirit!



WHAT'S ON at the Medan Centre

~ DAY-TO-DAY ~

- UDNY COMMUNITY SHELF -
DAILY, 9.15am-1.30pm
Open every day subject to donations.

- CAFE 48 -
TUESDAY-SATURDAY, 9.00am-3.00pm
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~ MONTHLY ~

- CONVERSATION CAFE -
SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 3.00-4.30pm
Conversations on various topics with a cuppa and a chat too!

- GUIDED LONG WALK -
LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10.30am-12.30pm
A walk of 3-5 miles in the Udny area, often visiting a place of local interest.



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*Some of our activities take a break during the school holidays.
Keep an eye on our social media for up to date information.



- BABY & TODDLER STAY & PLAY -
MONDAY*, 10am-12noon
Pop in for a cuppa while the kids play.



- HEALTH WALK -
TUESDAY, 10.00am
Meet at the front of Cafe48, everyone welcome. All welcome for a cuppa and a chat in the Quarry Room at 11am.



- QUIET GAMES AFTERNOON -
TUESDAY, 1.30-3.00pm
Join us for a game of Rummikub or perhaps dominos or cards!



- OPEN DOORS -
TUESDAY*, 2.30-4.30pm
Pop in, games out, kettle on. Everyone welcome.



- WAIST WATCHERS -
THURSDAY, 9.15-9.45am
Run by local mums, a support group for those looking to lose weight or simply improve their health.



- FISH VAN -
FRIDAY, 2.30-2.45pm
Stephen from Peterhead Fish Company is here every Friday selling local fish.

WEEKLY

Large grant funding opportunity

We recently opened an additional round of large grant funding for 2024, to support community groups with the launch or expansion of projects that benefit the parish and residents of Udny. We encourage groups to contact us to discuss project ideas and applications. Our community has a wealth of creativity and energy, and we look forward to seeing some innovative projects come forward. The deadline for applications is 8th January 2025. Don't miss out!

Grant FAQs, application forms and terms can be found on our website:

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Reducing Waste, Building Resilience

At its heart, Udny Community Shelf is about transforming surplus into sustenance. The vision is simple: to redistribute food that might otherwise go to waste, helping everyone to make the most of what is available locally. Everything on the shelves is available free of charge, allowing anyone in the community to take items without cost or obligation. There's no sign-in, no list of names—just a quiet invitation to take or give as one is able.



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The Shelf isn't just about food, it welcomes donations of other items such as toys, books, games, a few clothes and non-electrical household items.

In line with its mission, the Udney Community Shelf operates in a straightforward and transparent way. Volunteers are essential to this model, as they take on tasks like checking dates, rotating stock, and managing the space. We are looking to expand our volunteer team further. We are needing extra help in closing the Shelf at 1.30pm each day, or collecting from Pitmedden and Newmachar at 8.45 pm, and Oldmeldrum on a Saturday evening. Collecting the food and taking it to the Shelf and unpacking into the trailer. We currently have 4 volunteers collecting 7 days a week, and need a couple of people to help out on just one evening a week. By keeping the operation minimal and volunteer-driven, the Shelf can run sustainably, we rely on the dedication of local people who are invested in their community's well-being.

To spread the word and keep the community informed, the Udney Community Shelf team uses social media to promote new donations and upcoming needs. This way, everyone can stay up to date on what's available or what might be needed, creating a real-time community resource that's both practical and connected.

A Community Effort with Long-Lasting Impact

With each donation and each visit, Udney Community Shelf proves that small actions, when combined, can have a significant impact. By reducing food waste, offering a zero-cost way to share essentials, and fostering a culture of mutual support, the Udney Community Shelf is far more than a place to give or receive goods—it's a space where community values are lived out daily.

As the Udney Community Shelf grows, so too does the opportunity for residents to come together, support each other, and create a model of sustainability that benefits everyone. With its daily operation and community-centred ethos, Udney Community Shelf is a wonderful example of how local resources and local care can make a world of difference right at home.

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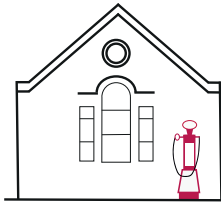


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Tarves Heritage Project

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Hi everyone

Tarves Heritage Project would like to say a big thank you for all the support over the whole year to our wee Centre. Since opening in April until closing end of October we have had so many people through our doors, it's been amazing.

We were delighted to host Doors Open weekend in September and everyone had so much fun with dressing up in various costumes and our visitors engaging with all the crafts, challenges and special events for the weekend.

We had 2 large school classes from Meldrum Primary and a small group of children from Tipperty Primary in September.

October saw the 3rd annual Scarecrow Trail and Tarves did not disappoint, with 17 scarecrows throughout the community. Many thanks to all who went to so much effort and put on a great show. The winner was No 3 Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf.



Although the Centre is now closed, we carry on with our Winter Talks. Our first talk will be held on Wednesday 20th November at 7pm in the Heritage Centre. Ann Taylor from Ellon Historical Society will give the talk on Ellon Castle and gardens. The next talk will be in February 2025 so please look out for posters and Facebook posts for updates.

A display of WW1 and WW2 artefacts was set up in Tarves church for Remembrance Sunday service

Here are the visitor statistics for 2024 season:

- 219 children from schools near and far
- 70 adults from group bookings
- 679 adults
- 125 children

That is a massive total of 1093 people visiting Tarves Heritage Centre.



Many thanks to all who came and of course a huge Thank You to all our volunteers who make the visitor experience special. Perhaps your New Year resolution will be to volunteer! We are always on the lookout for new helpers.

Tarves Heritage 100 Club Draw

Summer Draw							Autumn Draw						
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Now in its 26th year The Hut provides a safe welcoming space for young people (P7 plus) to drop in and enjoy sociable activities such as table football, X-box, games and crafts with their friends for free.

Sadly due to a change in circumstances and lack of volunteer support we had to make the difficult decision to shut a Monday night, move both age groups to a Thursday and alternate weeks with a plan to review at the end of the year.

Thanks to an amazing community response and several new potential volunteers stepping forward to offer their help, we are delighted that we should be able to re-open our Monday and Thursday sessions in full after the Christmas holidays and keep this much needed facility open for our young people locally.

We anticipate that in the New Year sessions will resume as:

Monday 7-9pm for those in S1 and over

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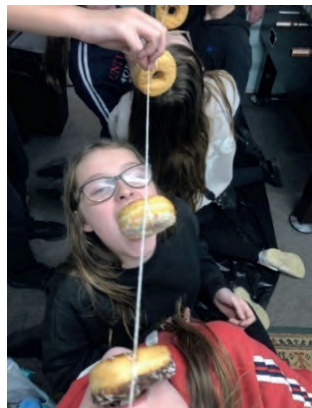
Our young people are delighted to be given the opportunity to run the snack stand at the Melvin Hall Movie night; raising essential funds for The Hut. We look forward to welcoming you to the next screening: 'The Greatest Show' on Sunday 1st December.

With support from Youth Scotland we recently ran a very positive session on hate behaviours and increase understanding for our young people. We discussed the different kinds of bullying, how it feels to be on the receiving end or see friends being bullied and what we can do about it. Our young people produced a very informative anti-bullying wall collage that is on display and created a 'Code of Conduct' for The Hut.

We finished the term with a Halloween party night for each group with lots of silly games!

Follow us on facebook: **The Hut Youth Project Tarves** and Instagram: **the hut tarves** for regular updates. If you would like to get involved or find out more please email

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HANOVER SCOTLAND

Update from Hanover Court

We are all kept busy here in Hanover with birthdays, knitting and coffee mornings. We are getting a good turnout of about 12 a week to our knitting group in Hanover lounge from 2 to 4pm on a Tuesday. Coffee mornings are well supported and they are from 10.30 to 11.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All are welcome.

We were given a box of lovely knitted hats, jumpers and cardigans but no name on the box. So, photos are in the knitting article if anyone knows who donated them, can you please let us know so we can say 'thank you'. We also celebrated Nellie's 94th birthday on Wednesday 13/11/24 and her two sons John & David one from Bulgaria and one from Jersey joined her for cake and coffee.

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Bonnyton Fairtrade Open House 5th-10th November

Wow! Wow! Wow! What a week!

Thank-you to everyone who came and made this week such an incredible, amazing and



overwhelming success.

We have sold over £12,000 of fairtrade goods to about 500 people.

We are bowled over by the support and care of our community. This level of support makes such a difference to producers all over the world.

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But mainly thanks to those who came. I hope you enjoy your Fairly traded products

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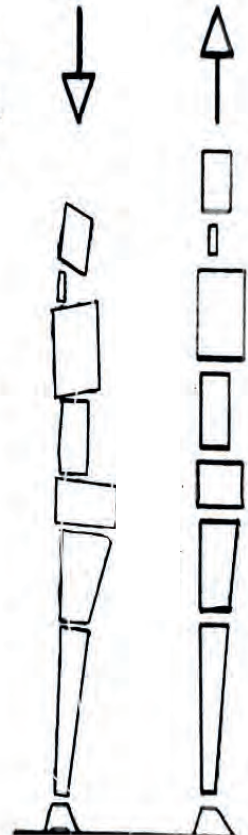
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While other organisations are starting their winter programmes, we at the Guild have come to the end of our summer session. Our final meeting was held in Pitmedden Kirk at the beginning of September when we looked at Aberdeen and surrounding areas over 40 years ago. It was quite amazing to see some of the changes that have occurred in such a relatively short space of time.

But we have not been idle since then, as we had a very successful Soup & Sweet lunch which raised £730. With the amount raised at our Strawberry Afternoon Tea and other income we have over £2000, a good sum which we will use to support Guild Projects at home and abroad plus our own Kirks. We also conducted a Thanksgiving Service on 29th September which Guild members organised and took part in.

We had an outing to St Machar Cathedral at the beginning of November when we were given a comprehensive and interesting history of the Cathedral before we were able to meander around at our leisure. We had the accompaniment of a piano recital by our pianist Wilf who had been given permission to play the cathedral’s excellent concert size Bluthner grand piano, an experience both he and we enjoyed. We then adjourned the new Kings Church café at Bridge of Don for a light lunch. We were able to look at some of their facilities there including the massive auditorium seating over 1000 people where they hold their services and other events and they do get congregations of that size. Some place! So, our outing gave us an opportunity to see both old and new places of worship.

We were invited to Methlick Guild in November when the speakers were from one of the new projects we are supporting, “Build my Church.” This was inspired by a Scottish Charity “Bear Necessities” which started its work providing items for Bulgarian children and has grown into an organisation providing medical care, a soup kitchen, women’s support as well as spiritual care. “Build my Church” is an initiative to establish a Christian Church in a residential area of Orizari in Bulgaria providing spiritual, emotional, physical and intellectual needs for the community. Hopefully they will be able to achieve their goal with support & funds from the Guild.

So, we have been quite busy since the end of our official session and we still have a Christmas lunch to look forward to at the beginning of December.

We are in the process of preparing the agenda for the 2025 session when you would be most welcome to join our regular members at any meeting that might interest you. Look out for more details in the forthcoming TBCs or contact Jean on 891081 or Doreen on 851040.



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It has been such a busy time at Barthol Chapel School and I cannot believe we are approaching the time of year when we are looking at 'Showtime'. I have had commitments of dualling both Barthol Chapel School and Cultercullen School and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in both schools communities for their support while this has been happening. I will be back in my usual role of Head Teacher at Barthol Chapel as of January 2025.

It's Electrifying!

Last term our whole school Context for Learning was It's Electrifying! Our learners explored electricity in numerous ways such as building a variety of electrical circuits for different purposes, describing how components in a circuit transfer energy into different forms and explaining the process of energy transformation from battery to electrical components.

As we had learnt so much we wanted to share this and held an Open Evening where pupils took ownership of their learning and created different experimental Electricity Stations. This used lots of skills for Learning, Life and work such as Teamwork, Critical Thinking and Creativity so parents and carers could enjoy our favourite experiments that we had learned about.



As always, we have linked 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 last term was Global Goal 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production.



Meet our Therapist

As part of our on-going Health and Wellbeing in school we are so excited to introduce our new Thera pet Poppy. We love seeing Poppy in school and spend time reading with her. Thera pets can enhance the health and wellbeing of people in communities

Sustrans



Sustrans works with schools and partners to encourage participation in active travel among all young people, especially those who face barriers. We had a visit from the fantastic Mary Taylor who taught us more about 'I Bike' which is a project that promotes cycling, walking and scooting. We heard all about this from Mary and then had some brilliant fun trying out Scooters and learning about how to Scooter safely.

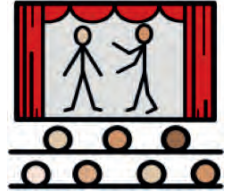


School Show – Lights, Camera, Action!

The excitement is building and the countdown is on as it is that time of year again where Barthol Chapel School is gearing up to our school show. This year our senior pupils chose 'Hoodwinked' for our whole school learning context "Lights, Camera, Action!"



Robin Hood is back in town, along with Maid Marian, the Sheriff of Nottingham, Friar Tuck and Richard the Lionheart. Will he succeed in his plight to free the nation from the tyranny of the wicked Sheriff? Will King Richard return from the Crusades in time? And, will Maid Marian get her man?



Our whole school production will be linked to Global Goal 3 – Good Health & Wellbeing. The pupils have again been developing the skill of Leadership and Enterprise from our Barthol Chapel Skills Framework by



managing the entire production. Pupils have been involved in publicising the event, selling and costing tickets and written letters to Mike Rodgers to kindly ask him to provide lighting, sound effects and a sound system to enhance the performance. Also, through the Drama and Music Curriculum, pupils have been showcasing their Creativity skills through acting, singing, playing musical instruments, planning costumes, scenery and props.



This is a real highlight in the Barthol Chapel Community and it is amazing to be able to have the whole community come together to enjoy this event.

We would also like to thank the local businesses who responded to the pupils letters and donated gifts and prizes for our Christmas Raffle.

Performances dates are Wednesday 11th December at 2pm and Thursday 12th December at 6:30pm. Tickets cost £4 for Adults and £3 Concessions

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Fundraising

As part of our Journey to being a Rights Respecting School we have chosen several charities to fundraise for.



Poppy Scotland

We discussed the importance of Remembrance Day and how it is important to honour those involved and to remember the past so that hopefully we can learn from it. We also made two wreathes to lay at Barthol Chapel Church as part of our Remembrance Service led by Caroline Brown.



At Barthol Chapel School we recognised that the poppy is a sign of hope, inspired by the poppy fields where the flowers grew on the land that had been the battlegrounds during the First World War.

From the sale of poppies, we raised £34.25 for the Poppy Appeal.

Children In Need & Aberdeenshire North Foodbank

The Rights Respecting Leadership Group also lead the way in organising Children in Need Day where pupils could dress down, wear something Pudsey related or something spotty for a small donation. We raised £30 in total for the charity.

As part of this day we not only fundraised for Children in Need but also asked for food bank donations for Aberdeenshire North Foodbank. As you can see from the picture, we donated a huge amount of food and toiletries for being a smaller community. Huge well done Barthol Chapel Community!



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.*

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