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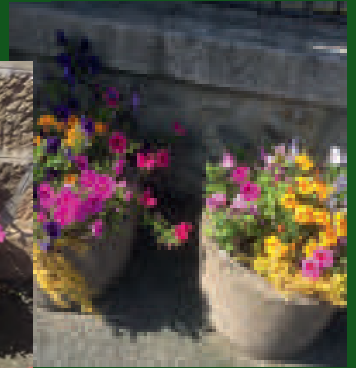
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Welcome to the September edition of our local newsletter

Our Parish is growing and we hope that the new residents around Tarves across to Barthol Chapel read this newsletter, and it will introduce you all to the range of local businesses/local tradesmen and activities available for everyone.

Yes, we can knock on a neighbour's door, text, and meet a friend, walk for a pint of milk – all reachable by foot or car but what would the word 'local' mean if we were living on one of remote islands of the world. I was given a gift of Atlas of Remote Islands with the sub heading of 'Fifty Islands I have not visited and never will'. A straightforward heading, but descriptions of their history and consequences are unsettling. A friend of mine visited St Kilda recently and photographs showing the beauty of Hirta, the main island, were breathtaking but the story of the islands and their subsequent abandonment leave unanswered questions on how islanders could have lived with only the most basic tools/food available and a repetitive diet of gannets (p 34). Life became unsustainable and the remaining residents asked to be relocated to mainland Scotland in 1930.

The author is Judith Schalansky and her 16-page introduction to this unique book is stunning, with a potted history of exploration across the 5 oceans



when ships' crew said goodbye to their families with no further contact with them for

months even years. Often these remote islands were 'claimed' by the visiting nation of the boats and resulting history does not make particularly good reading in terms of exploitation and treatment of those who called the islands 'home'. There is so much history and geography contained in this slim book that I have already planned my winter reading.



There will be various events in the village and surrounding area over the next few months. We would really like to see some new faces and welcome them to what this village and wider Parish has to offer for all ages.

Thank you.

Ruth
TBC Editor



Dear Friends

Over the summer holidays something quite unusual happened in the manse. In other homes it would be something quite normal, but for the manse it was out of the ordinary. And that surprising thing was that we de-cluttered. And specifically, we de-cluttered the kids' 'playroom'. My children are now 10 ½ and 6 yet we were storing games and toys and activities that they'd had, in some cases, since they were born, but we'd been keeping more or less all of their stuff. The reasons for that were two-fold - firstly, the time and motivation for it to happen never seemed to fall on the same day (or week) and secondly, one of my children is a little more sentimental about keeping things than the other, so it just takes him a bit of time to get his head round what's happening.

However, on a warm Tuesday morning a couple of weeks ago, we began the de-cluttering and sorting process. It took a few days to get everything sorted and to decide what was going to be kept, what was going to be donated to other people. This was helped enormously by a wonderful member of Ellon Parish Church with young children, who also have boy cousins who she could disseminate much of our played with stuff to, and what was going to be 'yeeted' (an urban slang term that means 'to throw something with a lot of force and abandon' that my children love to use) at the recycling centre. The permission to 'yeet' broken items really helped my son who finds getting rid of things hard because 'yeeting' is apparently a lot of fun!

Once we had cleared, sorted, donated, recycled and yeeted we were left with a playroom (now renamed the 'gaming room') where things could be put away in labelled boxes or baskets and there is room to play games or with their toys. And the most amazing thing happened - they started to find things that they had not played with for years. It was like Christmas had come halfway through the year as they discovered the joy of Lego, they had forgotten they had, or hot wheels tracks they had not been able to haul out because there was not enough room or they could not find all the bits for. And even more amazingly for Nicola and I, they were able (with a little encouragement) to put the things back again because they knew where they were meant to go, there was space for them and the 'gaming room' was ready for the next day's adventure.

Ambrose of Milan, the ancient thinker and Bishop of Milan from 374 to 397, once wrote 'a possession ought to belong to the possessor, not the possessor to the possession.' In other words, we should not feel owned by our stuff, which is what I think we had

succumbed to with that room in the manse. We'd not been able to clear it out because the stuff had begun to own us - we didn't have the time and we didn't have the emotional capacity and so it began to 'own' us. Yet, now there is a joy and freedom that we can find what we need to find, tidy things away easily and simply be in the calm space.

I think the same thinking can apply to our spiritual lives as well. Those who live a life of faith often need to de-clutter their lives so that their life of faith can be found. When times of joy or pain comes, we need to be able to find our faith quickly and in amongst all the other competing voices. We need to be able to find the voice of God reminds us that '...the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.' (Romans 8:26).

A life of faith in Jesus invites us to 'yeet' the things that weigh us down so we can live in the freedom of being unconditionally loved. In speaking to his friends Jesus once said, 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'" (Matthew 11:28-30)

My prayer for you in this season is that you can 'yeet' those things that weigh you down and you can live into a life of lightness and for you to find those around you who can support you with that.

Rev Alastair Bruce

Interim Moderator - Formartine Parish Church

Kirk News Formartine Parish Church of Scotland

Sunday Worship at 10.00am

All are welcome to our united services of worship. These 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: all at 10.00am -

28 September Guild Dedication - Tarves Kirk

13 October Harvest Thanksgiving - Pitmedden Kirk

10 November Remembrance Sunday :-

Pitmedden Kirk followed by an act of remembrance in Pitmedden and Udney Green War Memorials.

Tarves Kirk followed by an act of remembrance at Tarves and Barthol Chapel War Memorials.

We are very grateful to Patricia Findlay and Alan Doak for being so willing to share their gifts with us in conducting worship each month. We have enjoyed a variety of services, learning some new hymns along the way! I am sorry we were not able to maintain worship every week in both Kirks, but we found this too challenging with the IT and human resources available.

Harvest donations

Both Kirks will be accepting donations of food and money in the weeks leading up to the Harvest Thanksgiving service. Please look out for updates.

Vacancy matters

An excellent Parish Profile has been put together and the advert is live on the Church of Scotland website. The profile is also available on our own website. A Nominating Committee has been elected comprising 13 people from around the parish. The team is hard at work ensuring that the best process is put in place to ensure that any applicants are treated fairly. We are well aware that we are charged with finding the best possible fit for our Parish. Rest assured that when appropriate the congregation will be updated. In the meantime, please pray for the process, the committee and the prospective candidates. A major attraction is the highly successful Formartine Youth Project which is reaching so many young people throughout the parish. I recommend Caroline's update – reading it will leave you exhausted!

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

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, meetings and soup and sweet 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 is 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 – Session Clerk:
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Knitting News @ Sept 2024

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 – each has benefitted over the past few months with adult hats & scarves, neck warmers and blankets. The speaker from Street Friends (2nd from right in photo) came to Formartine Guild in June to speak about the work this organisation is involved in, he was



so surprised to see knitting already laid aside, ready to take away and hand out to their contacts. Small blankets, lots of P1 – P4 age hats and scarves have just gone to **AberNecessities** and of course, accompanied by many teddy bears.

This Charity which covers Aberdeen and the Shire, make up packs of age specific clothes and necessities, and for younger children a gift of their own teddy bear to cuddle can make such a difference.

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

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

Ruth

On behalf of Formartine Parish Church - Tarves

Octopus donations to **Woodend Hospital** are shared and welcomed by patients across several wards here.



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We enjoyed a busy and varied summer term including a night of Self Defence with John Farley, a litter pick for World environment day, a Space themed night for world space day, an evening with Tarves Bowling club and a visit to Ellon Fire and Rescue.

Thank-you to the amazing team of volunteers who organised fun and varied 'bowling' related activities for the girls to practice their bowling techniques. Much fun was had by all. A definite highlight of the term.

Special thanks to Chloe, Kirsten and Neil who showed us around Ellon fire station and answered all our questions, the girls had great fun dressing up and practicing with the water hose!



We are very proud of seven of our members who did an incredible job working towards their Speaking out/Charities badge. They chose to find out about the local charity AberNecesstites and created a thoughtful and emotive video speaking out for disadvantaged children living locally.

They took part in the 'Wee Wander' kilt walk from Crathes Castle to Banchory and raised a fantastic £800 which they donated to the charity whilst also collecting donations and visiting HQ where they were given a guided tour. Scan the QR code to check out their video explaining why they chose to support such a worthwhile charity.



They have displayed all that we hope our girls will get out of being a member of Girlguiding:



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developing skills and confidence to take the lead, work as a team and speak out so brilliantly on an issue they care about.

This term we are looking forward to developing our planning and organisational skills to host our annual fundraising coffee evening for Macmillan. Come Halloween we will once again be 'Trick or Treating' with a difference and collecting much needed donations of food for

Aberdeenshire North Foodbank, we hope to improve upon our amazing 180kg collection last year. Please look out for flyers through your door and support us if you can. Every little helps.

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>



Update from Hanover Court

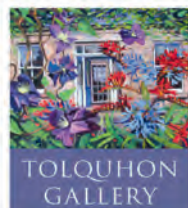
Hanover are still keeping busy with our coffee mornings (Mon, Wed and Frid), knitting group (Tues @ 2pm) and chair exercises on a Monday afternoon.

We are going to have entertainment in October but no date fixed yet; the group are called the Puppet Gang so look out for the posters.

We must also thank to the lady who recently dropped off donations of wool at Hanover Court.

Jessie Simpson (851958)

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Haddo Musical Theatre School celebrates success with Moana Jr and prepares for a spectacular Frozen performance



Haddo Musical Theatre School captivated the hearts of the local community at Haddo Hall, with its debut performance and recent sell-out production of Disney's *Moana Jr.* , performed in June. The young cast, ranging in age from 8 to 13, delivered a vibrant and heartfelt rendition of the beloved story, earning accolades for their talent, energy, and commitment. The success of this production is a testament to the growing reputation of Haddo Musical Theatre School, not just locally, but increasingly beyond our community as well.

infectious enthusiasm that resonated with audiences of all ages. The production was praised for its dynamic staging, colourful costumes, and the powerful performances of the young cast, who embraced their roles and really worked hard to show the true meaning of the story. This accomplishment reflects the nurturing environment fostered by Haddo Musical Theatre School, where every child is encouraged to shine, regardless of their experience or background.

Under the direction of Graham Wilson and his dedicated team, the young performers brought the story of Moana to life with an

As the applause for *Moana Jr.* still echoes, the students and directing team at HMTS are already setting their sights on their next ambitious project: a visually stunning production of Disney's *Frozen*, set to hit the stage at the end of January 2025. This upcoming performance promises to be a dazzling spectacle, with elaborate sets, beautiful costumes, and of course, the unforgettable songs that have made *Frozen* a global phenomenon.

Haddo Musical Theatre School's continued success can be attributed to the warm, safe, and inclusive atmosphere from which it is based upon. The school's philosophy emphasises teamwork, creativity, and the personal growth of each student, ensuring that everyone feels valued and supported. Graham Wilson said "I have always wanted to focus on our students becoming rather than being, with the journey of the young person being nurtured and promoted." This supportive environment not only helps the students develop their theatrical talents but also fosters a sense of community and belonging that extends beyond the stage.

The school's commitment to inclusivity and excellence has not gone unnoticed, with increasing interest from families in the surrounding areas looking to enrol their children in this thriving program. As the school continues to grow, it remains dedicated to its core values, ensuring that every child who walks through its doors can discover their passion for the performing arts in a positive and encouraging setting.



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HMTS runs holiday camps at Melvin Hall, Tarves during Easter, summer, and October holidays. These are great opportunities for children and young people to try out the stage and musical theatre and see if it for them. This October the school is running a Robin Hood based musical called Hoodwinked, bringing it from script to stage in 5 days.

The camp runs from 14th to 18th October 2024 and is £170 for the 5 days, 09.30 to 15.30.

As we look forward to the January 2025 performance of *Frozen*, there is no doubt that HMTS will continue to delight audiences and nurture the talents of its young performers. The local community can expect another magical production, filled with the same heart and dedication that has made *Moana Jr.* such a resounding success. Be sure to mark your calendars, as this is a show you won't want to miss!



Haddo Choral & Operatic Society

Haddo is part of our community, we go there to walk, to run, to ride, to play, to feed the ducks, to watch the wildlife, to catch up with a friend over coffee and a fancy piece, and for so many other reasons. And some of us go there to sing. Haddo Choral & Operatic Society was founded by the late June Gordon, Marchioness of Aberdeen in 1945 at the end of the second World War, to bring high quality music to the local community, not only to watch, but to be part of; bringing professionals to Haddo to sing alongside a choir made up of the local community, who's only qualifications were a love of singing. June Gordon wielded the baton as conductor for 60 years, but although she is gone, HHCOS is still thriving, sticking to our belief that anyone can sing, all you need is the desire to do so. There are no auditions, no requirement to read music, just a commitment to come regularly to rehearsals and maybe do a spot of private practice (cows make a very attentive audience by the way). It can be hard work, but with a little guidance from our Musical Director Dr Paul Tierney, we produce professional concerts 3 times a year. So why not come along to Haddo to hear the fruits of our labour as we sing Carl Orff's Carmina Burana on September 14th (accompanied by 2 pianos and 7 percussionists!) and Thea Musgrave's Black Tambourine (which may well be the first time this has been performed in Scotland), or come to one of our Carol Concerts in the Chapel to kick off your Christmas (book early, we usually sell out). Or maybe you might like to exercise your vocal chords and become part of our singing community - we are a friendly bunch and love to welcome new members. Check out our website hcos.org.uk for further information about who we are and what we do.

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We took up a rather last minute offer of having Steve and Sami Kritzer in concert and running a ukulele workshop. It was a great chance for us to try out these events. Both were well attended and there is now the possibility of a ukulele group meeting regularly at the hub and future concerts being organised. Thank you to all who helped out in any way with this and to those who supported it. Watch this space!



Our music cafés are held on the first Sunday in the month. These have been well supported and great fun. Remember all are welcome, whether or not you wish to perform.

The Community café is on the second Saturday of the month. Please join us for the usual refreshments and a good blether. You never know who you may meet. In August Chloe from Rosebrae is trialling selling her locally grown veggies in the vestibule.

We are looking forward to Youth cafés resuming after the summer break on 11th September.

The new crafters group will meet at 7pm on 15th August. Come along with your own project to work on/share or simply to talk about all things crafting.

Fundraising

Our application to the Scottish Land Fund for stage one funding was successful! We can now apply to the next stage of the process (to buy the property) and have been allocated a development grant of £11,000 towards Business Planning and Architects fees. The purpose of this grant is to help us develop the project to meet the requirements for the next stage in the application process. This is a major step forward for the hub. We are now in the process of appointing a business manager to help with driving the project forward.

Our initial enquiry to the Architectural Heritage Fund was accepted and we have a full application in. This is for a Project Viability Grant to cover the costs of a building valuation and a condition survey.

We should hear whether we have been successful in our application to Awards for All some time in August. This will cover the cost of arranging some events from autumn onwards and our agreement with the Church of Scotland to use the building. We really appreciate the church entering into this agreement with us, to give us time to move to a purchasing position. We are very grateful for your donations at hub events. This income allows us to cover our day to day costs even if some grant funding doesn't come through. We will, of course, be looking to apply for other grants.

If you wish to be kept up to date please become a member using the email or QR code at the top of the page.

Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy

One of the Lieutenancy's roles continues to be to ensure that messages of congratulations are delivered from Their Majesties, The King and Queen to those celebrating their 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversaries and 100th and 105th Birthdays. Myself or one of my Deputies are also delighted to visit on the day of such special milestones and present a card and our personal congratulations. Recently I was delighted to visit Mr Peter Black in Fyvie to celebrate his 100th birthday with him.



Professor James N' Dow OBE



Lord-Lieutenant Sandy Manson and all of the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy warmly congratulate Deputy Lieutenant Professor James N'Dow who was honoured to be presented with his OBE, in recognition of his services to Cancer and Urology and to Voluntary Service, by His Majesty the King at the Palace of Holyrood House in July. James is a founder of UCAN, the Aberdeen-based charity which raises awareness of urological cancers, supporting and improving the quality of life of those affected. He also founded and is the driving force behind the Horizons Trust in The Gambia, a medical charity which is dedicated to improving maternity healthcare and reducing maternal mortality.

Honorary Degree

Congratulations to Lord-Lieutenant Sandy Manson who received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Stirling in June. Dr Manson received the honour in recognition of his services to the Scottish business and accountancy sectors and for services to The Crown.



Lord-Lieutenant Cadets

Each year the Lord Lieutenant usually appoints cadets from units in Aberdeenshire to assist him in his duties. This year one of the cadets appointed is PO Cadet Arran Mowatt (pictured left) of Peterhead Sea Cadets (No 269). Arran joined the Sea Cadets at the age of 10 and has a very distinguished career gaining the highest cadet rank in the Sea Cadets. The second cadet appointed is CWO (Cadet Warrant Officer) Reilly Brosnan (pictured right) of the 1990 (Ellon) Squadron Air Cadets. Many congratulations to both Cadets and we hope they enjoy their year as Lord-Lieutenant Cadets. |

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





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Very best wishes to you all –
Sandy Manson,
His Majesty’s Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire



Ythan Singers

The Ythan Singers are an Ellon-based 4-part choir (SATB) with members coming from Ellon and the surrounding districts. We rehearse on Monday nights from 7.30-9.30pm in Ellon Parish Kirk Centre, Station Road, Ellon (next door to Greens). Our Musical Director is Morag Simpson whose star singing pupil was Emeli Sande and our accompanist is Shelagh Noden, who is the Musical Director of St Mary’s Cathedral Aberdeen.

Last year we performed three major concerts; in December 2023 we held our Christmas concert “**Rejoice and be Merry**”, which was packed full of our favourite carols. Our Spring concert in April “**All Things Bright and Beautiful**” featured Faure’s much-loved “*Requiem*” and “*Cantique de Jean Racine*” and our Annual Charity Concert “**Midsummer Music**” which took place in June was a feast of musical delight with a selection of popular and traditional songs. All our concerts took place in Ellon Parish Church. We should like to thank them for their continued help in providing such a wonderful venue. We are delighted to say that the three concerts raised money for local charities: Rainbow Rogues, Auchterellon Under 5s and Charlie House.

We are excited to announce that our Christmas concert this year will feature Howard Goodall’s *Christmas Cantata*. Rehearsals start on Monday September 9th. If you enjoy singing and would like to join us, we are very willing to receive new members at any time. You don’t need to be able to sight sing, (though it is an advantage to be able to follow music). Music is provided. Find us on our webpage www.ythansingers.co.uk or Facebook [@ythansingers](#) or contact us by email at ythansingers@yahoo.co.uk





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We were delighted with the popularity of our summer Thursday sessions and now look forward to returning to our 'normal' session times of **Monday 7-9pm for those in S2 and older and Thursdays 6.30-8.30 for those in P7 & S1**. We provide a safe welcoming space for young people to drop in and enjoy sociable activities such as table football, X-box, games and crafts with their friends for free.

Just before the summer holidays we were delighted to welcome Graham from **Pitmedden First Responders** to run a Defibrillator training session for some of our young people. Well done to



those who attended and took time to learn such a vital life saving skill. Thankyou to Graham for giving up his evening.

Congratulations to our young people who took part in the Youth Scotland [#YSMembersChallenge](#) and got an 'Honourable mention' for their impressive 2m72cm tower made out of just paper and sellotape!! Well done.

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated items over the summer, in particular to **Susan Orr and family** for the very popular nerf guns and to **Tarves Football Club** for the footballs. They have been very well used.

Our 'new' Thursday night continue to be popular with our younger age group and it has been great to welcome so many new faces to The Hut.

Can you help keep this vital

community facility open for our young people? With so many new members we are looking for some new people to join our committee (approximately one meeting a term) or maybe you would like to join our fantastic volunteer team (ad-hoc or regular).

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All sections have been enjoying a well-earned Summer break, coinciding with the school holidays. However, prior to this, more fun and exciting sessions were held.

- **Squirrels (age 4 – 6)**

We returned to our planted seeds to review their progress.

We celebrated World Bee Day by learning about colour hexagons, seed bombs and honey.

We celebrated the Euros by colouring in football pictures and learning some football training skills from ex-Explorer Andrew.

We ended off the term by having a picnic, making some fruit kebabs!

- **Beavers (age 6 – 8)**

Beavers held a “Scavenger Walk”, finding things along the way.

We practiced some knots and tent erection, followed by an evening around Father’s Day.

We also had an evening of “Methlick Map Challenge” followed by a Sports Night.

We rounded off the term with a campfire and ‘smores!

- **Cubs (age 8 – 10.5)**

Cubs held our annual weekend camp at Haddo, with lots of Cubs camping for the first time. Due to the rain when we departed, we also had to have a night drying and putting the tents away!

We had a sports session at the MUGA in Methlick , with some ball skills and a game of netball.

We had an emergency aid evening – learning some basic first aid and also what to do in an emergency.

Backwoods cooking is always popular and we made bread twists, hotdogs and bananas with melted chocolate.

Our last night was the same night as the general election so we couldn’t use the hut (polling station), so we went on a hike to Gight Castle.

- **Scouts (age 10.5 – 14)**

Scouts have been building bivvies (bivouacs) as well as practicing using maps and compass bearings effectively and correctly.

We had a fun evening making mini wooden crossbows and catapults – also building small model castles and flags for a “battle!”

We had an evening at Newburgh Beach where we did some cleaning and litter picking in the area, followed by a wide game to burn off some energy!

Ahead of our Summer camp, we had a couple of evenings practicing and preparing for it – Tent practice, first-aid, safe use of axes and saws, and practice making dressers or kitchen units from pioneering poles.

Summer camp was a week-long camp and all Scouts (and leaders!) emerged unscathed!

- **Explorers (ages 14 – 18)**

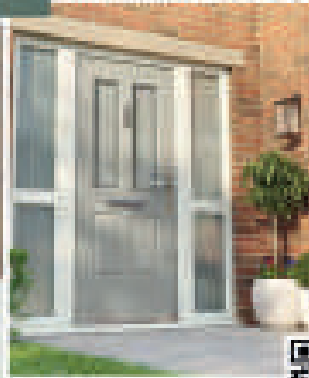
Explorers have been busy doing lots of outdoor activities.

We had a cycle night at Haddo, followed by a fundraiser for the Kilt Walk.



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We visited a golf driving range to find our inner Tiger Woods!

We did training for an upcoming Explorer Belt expedition and an evening at Methlick MUGA.

We built our own escape rooms at the Scout Hut and even cooked some sausages on open flame in the middle of the Ythan river!!

We helped to marshal the Ellon 10k race and finally had some of our Explorers attend an intense training weekend at Lochgoilhead to get them through almost all of their Young Leader training.

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

News from the Square



Well folks, we have finally had some nice sunny days and hopefully more to come although the nights are drawing in and it will soon be Autumn. Especially now that the harvest is in progress. Where has this year gone!!

The tubs and baskets have been as good as they can be after all the wind and rain battering everything but they will probably be at their best when it's time to lift them.

I hope all the teenagers who sat exams are happy with their results and are able to move on to whatever the future holds for them. I also wish all the new P1's happy times as they begin school.

Still looking for someone to take over at the end of the season so if you are interested and want to know more about what is involved, please get in touch on 851040.

Enjoy the rest of summer and see you all soon.

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Tarves Flower Show – August 2024



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Challenge Cup for highest aggregate points – confined section	George Simpson
Challenge Cup for best exhibit Overall in Pot Plants	Lucy Lee
Trophy for best exhibit in Pot Plants – confined section	Lucy Lee
Trophy for best Dahlias – confined section	Murray Jamieson
Trophy for best exhibit in Fruit – confined section	Sandy Grant
Trophy for best exhibit cut flowers – open section	Tommy Waddell
Diploma - Best entry in pot plants	Tommy Waddell
Diploma - Best entry in cut flowers	Fiona Smith
Diploma - Best entry in Vegetables	Mark Broadwith
Diploma - Best entry in Fruit	Steven Shaw
Challenge Trophy best exhibit of Roses	Jane Cattanach
Silver Tray highest aggregate of points in the Baking section	Lesley Young
Challenge Cup for highest aggregate points in Under 18 Baking	Isla Mitchell
Challenge Cup for highest aggregate points Industrial section	Gillian Broadwith
Challenge Cup best exhibit in the Industrial section	Gill Gray
Challenge Cup for highest aggregate points in Home Produce	Lesley Young
Novice Trophy in Floral Art Section	Frances Robson
Challenge Cup most points in Floral Art	Lucy Lee
Perpetual trophy best exhibit in Floral Art	Lucy Lee
Junior Floral Art Trophy	Rosie Rothnie
Challenge Trophy best exhibit Children's section	Keira Ross
Perpetual Garden Scheme Cup Best Kept Allotment	George Simpson
Perpetual Challenge cup for most attractive small front garden	Mary Center / Derek Robson
Perpetual Shield most attractive private house garden	Sheena Hird / Trudy Grant
Challenge Shield most points vegetable& Fruit - open section	Sandy Grant
Trophy for most points Children's section	Keira Ross
Best Hanging Basket Trophy – Gardens	Morag Watson
Best Tub Trophy – Gardens	Alice Low
Best Exhibit Pot Plants – open section	Tommy Waddell
Best Exhibit in Vegetables – open section	George Jamieson
Best Begonia flower -Memory of Eddie Hay	George Simpson

Another well attended show, weather was definitely a contributing factor this year as far as the entries were concerned, saying that the number of different varieties of potatoes entered, weather was obviously to their liking!

Congratulations to all the winners and to each and every competitor because without you, we would not have a Flower Show, you really all put in an enormous amount of hard work.

Thank you to all who came and supported us in the afternoon, the setting up and dismantling staging crew, all the Judges on Saturday morning along with the scribes, to all who helped with admission tickets, raffles and the teas, your help in making the Show a success was invaluable.

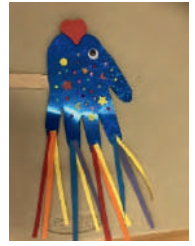
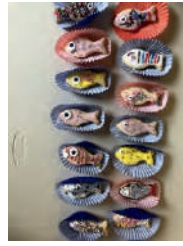
Sheila M Ewen,
Chairperson



Please remember to put your litter and your rubbish in the nearest bin provided to keep our village tidy.



Our **Summer holiday club** was well attended and it was lovely to welcome so many families through the door each week for a fun free session of stories, songs, games, snacks and crafts as we rotated between Pitmedden, Methlick and Tarves. A big thankyou to the fantastic team of volunteers for all their ideas, planning, time and energy to make this possible. A special mention to our 10 young leaders who volunteered nearly 100 hours between them to help run the sessions, whilst developing personal skills and working towards an accredited Dynamic Youth Award – they were a huge asset to the team.



A special mention and Thankyou to **Udny Community Trust** for believing in the work that we do to support the young people in our community and considering us worthy beneficiaries for a community grant as we plan ahead for 2025, we are very grateful.

In July I had the pleasure of taking two young people to **Magnitude**: an annual Christian festival at Lendrick Muir near Kinross. Attended by over 1,400 young people and youth workers from across Scotland we joined a subcamp of 75 Church of Scotland members. It was an amazing week filled with activities, challenges, laughter, friendship, worship and memories. An incredible opportunity to network, engage, share ideas and support young people in their faith journeys.



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Barthol Chapel Youth Club (for those in P6 and above) meet on the last




Friday of the month at Barthol Chapel primary school 7-9pm for an evening of games and fun challenges. We were delighted to welcome our new P6s at the end of June and enjoyed getting to know each other with a competitive game of rounders and some silly challenges! We have so much fun we didn't want to break for the summer and enjoyed a trip to Inverurie Ten Pin Bowling in July!

Following on from a very successful trial **Barthol Chapel Youth Café** will continue to run on **Wednesday 11th Sept, 9th Oct and 13th November 3.30-5.30** at Barthol Chapel Kirk. Providing a welcoming, space to hang out with friends and enjoy sociable activities such as table tennis, Wii, board games and crafts.

For more information, please contact carolinefyp@outlook.com

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



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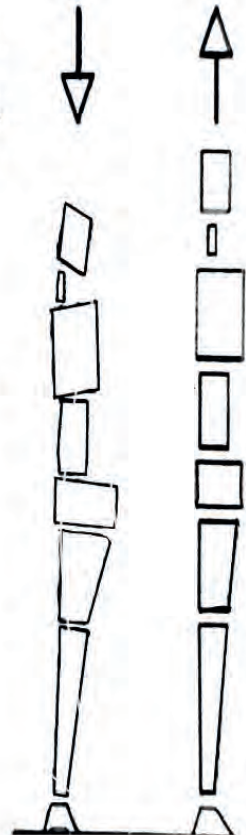
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We have had a very busy season so far and it looks like more to come with visitors from around the world and some from nearer home. This has included group visits from Banff and Buchan Trefoil Guild, Ellon Ladies Circle, and from St Stephen's Church Guild

in Aberdeen. If you are part of a group who would like a visit, then please email us at tarvesheritage@outlook.com and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Our schools' visits programme continues to flourish. Last session we had well over 100 children, and their teachers and helpers come to take part in being a Victorian child in our lovely classroom. They came from as far afield as Dunnottar in the south and Dales Park (Peterhead in the north). Any teachers wishing to book a visit should go to our website and visit the 'What's on offer for school visits tab for more details.

On Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd of September we will be taking part in the Doors Open Days. We will be having lots of fun activities for young and old. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details.

We hope that you have had a walk down our wildflower walk across from the cemetery. It is really a lovely, welcoming and colourful entrance to the village. Thanks go to the P6 pupils and Ian Massie for all their hard work. See front cover for Glebe photos.

And finally, back by popular demand will be our Scarecrow Competition. This year's theme will be 'Fairy Tales', and will be held during the October school holidays (14th to 25th October). Entry forms and competition details will be on our website and Facebook page. Good luck to all who enter.

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Since our last article we have completed the re-jig of our workshop which has allowed us to create more working space and to be able to move benches and machinery around as jobs demand.

To allow men in full time work to attend the Shed, we are extending our opening hours on alternate Thursdays to 9pm. These extended hours will apply on alternate

Thursdays from 5th September (ie 19th Sept, 3rd Oct etc.).

We have received planning permission for a new portacabin. This will allow us to reorganise some of our work areas to create an indoor mechanical workshop (for repairing bikes, motor bikes etc.) and to expand our computer area. We are looking for a suitable portacabin and will be seeking funding to pay for it! If you have any suggestions about sourcing a portacabin (or a suitable container) please get in touch.

Cycling UK (via the Aberdeenshire Bothy) have supported one of our members to attend a bike maintenance course, so we now have accreditation for repairing bikes.

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

To accommodate the increased use of computers, especially associated with 3D printing, the CNC machine and laser engraving we are increasing our computing area in the main shed. To do this, the model railway has been dismantled (currently we have no members interested in the model railway).

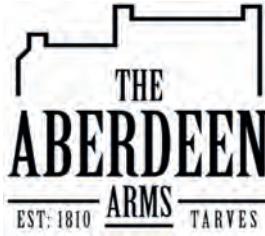
In the workshop we are making mink trackers. At the request of the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative, we are making 20 floating platforms that record the presence of mink. Mink are an invasive species, they are carnivores with a voracious appetite for birds and their eggs, small mammals, fish, amphibians, shellfish and crustaceans. You should report a mink sighting in this area to by emailing sisi@nature.scot.

In the garden, our pétanque piste is now complete. We have had good interest in starting a pétanque club (for men and women) at the Shed with our first meeting held on the 8th August. We have experienced players and a coach to help get us going. Until we lose the evening daylight we will meet on a Thursday evening. Please see our website and Facebook pages for announcements about future meeting times. If you are interested, please get in touch.

On the 10th April, in collaboration with Aberdeenshire Council's Community & Learning team, we held a Family Learning Workshop at the Shed. Several families with young children came

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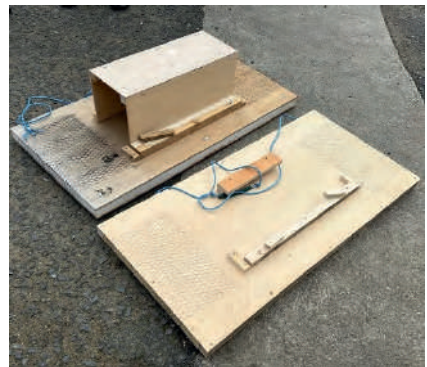
along and had a good time undertaking some craft and model building activities and watched a demonstration of the Shed's 3D printer.

In May we had a visit from the 2nd Ellon Brownies to learn some basic 'workshop' skills and learn a bit about how to use tools safely.

We are open for new members to join the Shed (membership is free). Many are of the opinion that men need to be 'good at DIY', using machines etc. to enjoy the Shed – this isn't true. We welcome those who want to socialise, have a chat, play cards, browse the internet, read a book, as much as we welcome those who want to get stuck into the workshop or garden. We have plenty of projects for men to get involved in, plus the new hobby spaces, new jigsaws, computers and plenty of board games and tea/coffee and biscuits. We'd also welcome those who would like to be involved in the administrative side of the shed (IT, secretarial, financial etc.).

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

If you are interested in visiting the Shed, becoming a member we would love to see you – we are open 10am-4pm on Monday and Tuesday and 10am – 9pm on Thursday. Please check our website (www.ellonmensshed.org) and Facebook ([Facebook.com/EllonMensShed](https://www.facebook.com/EllonMensShed)) for updates on opening times etc.





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Congratulations to George Simpson for winning the Flow Show's prize for the neatest allotment.

At the moment all the plots are taken, but if you would like to join the (*relatively short*) waiting list, or just know more about them, please message tamsin_morris@yahoo.co.uk



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Mid – Formartine Guild

“Whose we are and Whom we serve”

Here we are coming to the end of our current summer session – it seems to have passed so quickly. Our final meeting will be in Pitmedden Kirk on Thursday 5 September when we shall look at the Aberdeen area 40 years ago.

Our meetings over the summer included a speaker from Street Friends, detailing their worthwhile work among Aberdeen’s homeless and vulnerable. We also had a very comprehensive talk on one of the Guild Projects, ‘Unida – Hear our Voice,’ giving us an update on progress of the work supporting educational opportunities for women in Brazil.

At our last meeting, Gordon Hay gave us a most interesting and informative insight into the history of the translations of the Bible over the centuries, as well as his own 17-year project translating the Bible into the Doric – some undertaking. He has also published a Doric version of some of the more popular nursery rhymes. His next project is to write a series of short stories in Doric. He obviously has a great enthusiasm for keeping our dialect alive.

Our fundraising Strawberry Afternoon Tea in June raised £350 – many thanks to all who came along and supported us, and to those who provided the baking and helped on the day. Our next fundraiser is a Soup and Sweet Lunch from 12noon – 1.30pm on Saturday 21 September in Tarves Youth Hall. Entry is £6.00 per adult and £4.00 for children. Most of the money we raise from these events goes to support Guild Projects throughout the world and here at home in Scotland.

A Thanksgiving Service for the work of the Guild will be held in Tarves Kirk on Sunday 29 September.

Though our regular meetings finish in September, we hope to have an outing to St Machar Cathedral, and a Christmas lunch get together at the beginning of December.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us at any of our meetings.

Further information from Jean 891081 and Doreen 851040.

Mid-Formartine Guild

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Pitmedden Kirk 7pm September 13th

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This should be the best of evenings. There will be folk modelling the innovative clothing from the upcycle workshop in July. The Threads and Yarns group will show us some of their amazing creations, and there will be a Catwalk of some fabulous Fairtrade clothing.

Throughout the evening there will be a **“transformation challenge”**.

Each team of 2 or 3 will be given a sewing machine and some accessories. A mystery item will then be revealed and the transformation to a garment commenced. At the end of the evening the new garments will be modelled and prizes awarded!!!

Please contact us to gain your free entry to this exciting competition.

We are also looking for models of all shapes and ages, for the Fairtrade Catwalk. They will receive a voucher for money off the clothes on show!

After an initial complimentary drink, please feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks to make it a party! (glasses will be provided!)

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Tarves Pétanque –update

PETANQUE



We have been delighted to host introductory sessions to pétanque for Tarves Guides and Barthol Chapel SWI. The sessions were enjoyed by all and we hope will get more people interested in playing.

The piste (located behind the bowling club) is open to anyone who would like to play. Many villagers have been making the most of the good weather and playing and we have also held games on every other Saturday. Due to holidays, the next Saturday game will be the 7th September and we will continue playing every other Saturday to the end of October provided the weather holds. If you have your own boules, you are welcome to play at any time. Boules are available in the storage bench and all we ask is they are returned to the plastic box when you are finished playing. We would like to thank the Tarves Development Trust for buying us new boules and Wood Recyclability for making us new scoreboards.

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Tarves and Barthol Chapel
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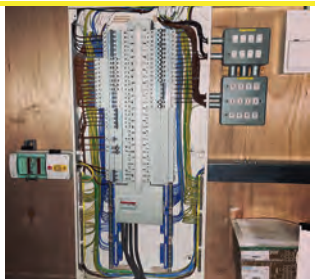
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