

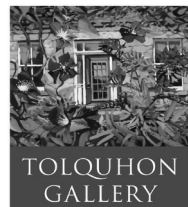
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EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to our newsletter's first edition of 2018. The front cover shows Tarves Brownies' contribution to the Tarves Parish Tapestry, about which you can read more on page 41. Further front covers for 2018 will show various individual or collective pieces from this original heritage project. You'll notice also our new 'mast head', courtesy of Tolquhon Gallery.

Moira first approached me about the editor's role in 2016 and I agreed to begin this year. Unfortunately, the severity of her illness meant that I never did get to ask her all the questions that only she could answer. There is a valuable lesson for us all here: have those important conversations straight away and file away that valuable information for future recall, whether it be sowing ideas or seeds. The remaining team helped me understand Moira's approach and high standards. This newsletter is run by and read by communities in the wider Parish of Tarves and beyond, and we will continue to be a vital source of community information sharing.

We hope to encourage any newcomers to the village to take part in some of the organisations which are run for the benefit of all ages in the Parish. Of course, we rely on the various groups to update us with information on activities and contact details. I encourage any activity group who is not included in this newsletter to please get in touch so we can add you to our list of contributors.

The newsletter has been maintained by a small team for the past two years. Thanks must go to Chris for a decade's worth of typesetting - since the newsletter began, interspersed with help from Doreen. All finished publications look polished and slick, testament to the time and effort spent upon it. He has now handed this role over to the wider team.

Thanks to the advertisers who allow us to publish this newsletter with no charge to the readers. If you would like your business or services shown in these pages, you'll find our advertising rates on page 16. Please get in touch if you have further questions. Thanks also to the distributors who willingly give time to deliver to as many households as possible.

You'll find a round up of dates, times and venues of group meetings in the middle pages of the magazine. Please check them with each edition, as there are different events throughout the year at which you'll experience what has become known as a 'a big Tarves/Barthol Chapel welcome'.

Please give the newsletter a good look – there is something in it for everyone. After reading it through, hopefully you'll want to be part of what goes on in this wonderful Parish of Tarves and Barthol Chapel.

Thank you.

Ruth Nubet

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Dear Friends

I have just returned to work from a period of study leave connected with the Doctorate in Ministry Course which I have been working towards for the last three years of ministry. It was a hard few weeks of intense studying and writing but made much easier by some very thoughtful friends who allowed me to stay in their home for part of that time, while they were away in Australia.

These friends live near Tarland and so the studying was punctuated with walks amidst the wonderful scenery of the Howe of Cromar. The views of Morven and Lochnagar changed every day with the snow and sun (and fortunately very little rain!). The beauty of creation is sometimes quite breath-taking and like the psalmist I was moved to wonder and praise.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God;

And the firmament proclaims his handiwork". (Psalm 19)

However it is also good to be back home amongst the people of Tarves. As we journey through the familiar (or not so familiar) landmarks of Lent, towards Easter, I am reminded that the God who is the Creator of such beauty is also the God who loves each one of us, who in Jesus Christ comes into this world and shares our human life so that we might share his risen life, here and now, and for all eternity. And again I am moved to wonder and praise. It is my hope and prayer that it may be so for you also.

Wishing you every blessing

Alison I Swindells



Spring session 2018

We're back again with new ideas on how to get Messy, be creative and celebrate together on the following dates:

2.30pm on Saturday 24th March In Tarves Church for a very special occasion – celebrate our 5th birthday with a puppet show from Out of the Box (www.outofthebox.me.uk/) followed by birthday cake in the Youth Hall.

More details soon on www.facebook.com/Tarves-Messy-Church

11am on Sunday 20th May in the Youth Hall, Kirk Brae

Messy Church begins with a warm welcome so if you have never been to Messy Church before, come along and join in with babies, toddlers, primary school children and families.

Children are NOT dropped off – come and join the fun with them. Messy Church creatively explores Christian and moral themes through getting messy; with crafts, games, a story, prayer and songs. The session ends with some singing, then sharing the special Messy lunch together without you having to clear up or cook.

Messy Church models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, carers and our own local church congregation – you are all part

of the wider family we welcome at Messy Church.

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TARVES CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



Once again Tarves “sparkled” this Christmas all thanks to Ian Massie and his team of Merry Men.

The village square was truly a “*Winter Wonderland*” when the snow was lying and it would not have been possible without the efforts of you guys. Even the “Tarves Plooman” got a warm scarf & hat to keep out the cold!! So thank you all very much.

TARVES KIRK SESSION NEWS

Sunday Worship

Unless otherwise intimated Tarves Kirk at 11.15am

Refreshments on first Sunday of the month

Informal Communion after worship on the last Sunday of the month.

It was good to share Alison's first Advent and Christmas with us and there were a lot of positive comments. The service of Nine Lessons and Carols on the morning of Christmas Eve was new for Tarves and it was wonderful to have so many people involved. That evening the Kirk was full as all ages joined together to enjoy worship. The procession with glowsticks and the music provided by Katherine and Harry on piano and saxophone all added to the atmosphere of excitement. Many people stayed to enjoy refreshments and fellowship. We also had a very good all-age service on Christmas Day – a busy time for Alison!

Nkhoma Hospital Appeal

Over Christmas we raised funds for our mission partners in Malawi to provide much needed

medication for young children with insulin dependent Type 1 diabetes. £50 provides a year of treatment for one child. Your generous donations raised a magnificent £615, plus a donation from Tarves Messy Church of an additional £50 – changes the lives of 13 children!

Lunchtime Scripture Union Club

JAFFA (Jesus A Friend For All) now runs on Thursday lunchtimes at the school. It is open to P2 upwards with the P6/7's acting as helpers. It has proved to be a great success with a good number of children attending. They enjoy activities, songs and films based on Bible stories.

Lent Discussion Group

This Lent series is based on 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' written by Hilary Brand and centres on the film 'Chocolat'

(not the book which is significantly different). The film was shown in Tarves Youth Hall on Wednesday February 14th and the group will meet in the Manse for the next 5 Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. The discussions will be self-contained so it's OK to come when you can. The relevant clip from the film will be shown each week.

Wednesday 28th February
“Giving Up”

Wednesday 7th March
“Giving Out”

Wednesday 14th March
“Getting Wise”

Wednesday 21st March
“Getting Real”

Wednesday 28th March
“Growing Up”

Thinking Day: 25th February

Alison’s first service after her study leave will mark Thinking Day and has been planned along with the Brownies. We are delighted to be able to share this with them.

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday: 29th March at 7.00pm in Tarves

Good Friday: 30th March at 7.00pm in Barthol Chapel

Palm Sunday: 25th March

9.00 to 9.30 in Tarves before the walk to Barthol Chapel for those who are able.

11.15 at Barthol Chapel Church with refreshments beforehand

Easter Day: 1st April 11.15am in Tarves

Safeguarding

We have a commitment to ensure that all vulnerable people are kept as safe as possible and to this end, elders have recently completed training. Joan McGill has agreed to be our Safeguarding Co-ordinator and she will be the lead person ensuring that we provide a safe environment at all church events. Her contact details will be displayed in the church and the Youth Hall.

My thanks to everyone who continues to work so hard to keep our Kirk at the centre of village life.

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	22	Jean Reid	Doreen Gray
	29	Helen Howie	Doreen / Edith
May	6	Betty Henderson	Betty Henderson
	13	Elizabeth Mackie	Edith Innes
	20	Kathleen Glen	Joan Massie
	27	Doreen Brown	Doreen Brown
June	3	Rhona Allan	Rhona Allan
	10	Margaret Shearer	Margaret Shearer
	17	Sheila Higgins	Sheila Higgins
	24	Christian Clark	Jenny Beattie

Thank you to everyone who gives flowers and kindly delivers them each week. This is very much appreciated by all who receive them.

TUESDAY CHURCH CAFÉ

Why not come along to Tarves Church on a **Tuesday morning** when tea / coffee and biscuits are served between **10am - 11am**.



It is a great way to meet, chat and enjoy fellowship.
We look forward to seeing you there. All ages welcome.

NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND SUPPORT FOR ROMANIA


Collections resume on 30 March 2018

Remember, if you have any unwanted clothes, bedding, toys, books etc, please take them to the
Carnegie Room at the Melvin Hall on the last Friday of every month between 12noon and 3pm

or if you want anything uplifted, please contact
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Collection dates for the next 3 months are:

30 March 27 April 25 May

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Thanks to your generosity we have already collected 74kg of goods.



*Each trolley equals 25kg.
How many will we fill in 2018?
Watch this space!*

A list of suitable items is available below, also in Duthies Shop and on Tarves Church Facebook page:

Long life milk, long life fruit juice, tea bags, instant coffee

Tinned meat and tinned fish, tinned vegetables, instant mash

Rice, dried pasta and jars of pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes

Tinned rice, tinned sponge puddings, tinned fruit

Personal toiletries – toothpaste, soap, shower/bath wash etc, household cleaning products

Pet food

PLEASE – no tinned soup, no beans and no cereals. The Foodbank is very well stocked with these items at present.

The Kirk Session would like to thank you for your continued support.

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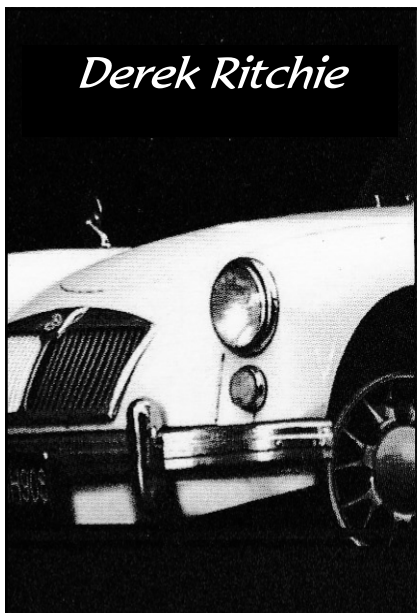
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TARVES CHURCH GUILD



The 100th anniversary of Tarves Guild was celebrated with an afternoon tea on Thursday 30 November 2017 and we were able to welcome some special guests with past connections to Tarves Church; Mrs Meg MacDonnell and Rev Leslie Barrett and his wife Ruth. We were also joined by Barthol Chapel, Pitmedden and Methlick Guild members. The celebration cake was cut by Mrs Isobel Laing followed by long service certificates being presented by Rev Alison Swindells to nine Guild members.

We held our Christmas party on Thursday 7 December and entertainment was provided by committee members, as was the usual very high standard of catering afterwards.

Our February meeting was very well attended, and we learned about the formation and operational duties of the Pitmedden First Responders by Jim Young and colleague, Ray. Jim blended his talk with humour and obvious dedication to this community response group.

The next meeting 1 March at 7.30pm in Church is an iate one, considering our ongoing support of the local Foodbank. We have Aberdeenshire North Foodbank coming along to talk to us about their work in this area.

Our final meeting for this spring session is on Thursday 5 April when we have an update on the Children of Chennai. Time and venue are as above.

The session will finish with a Spring lunch outing in May with date and venue still to be confirmed.

We've had a successful session since our opening meeting last autumn and thank you to everyone who has come along. Remember – we are no longer the 'Women's Guild', we are now known as 'The Guild'. Everyone is welcome so please come along to our meetings and enjoy the company.

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ELLON AND DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

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Men's Sheds are now springing up in many UK communities: Men's Sheds are simply a place where men can socialise with kindred spirits, while having the opportunity to learn new skills and practice old ones. Men's Sheds aim to help mainly retired men by preventing isolation and loneliness, improving social interaction and enabling them to enjoy an active, healthy and meaningful retirement. This has a positive payback to their families and the wider community, who will also benefit from the activities they undertake and the skills they possess.

The Shed is not all workshop activities; just come along for a cuppa, put the world to rights, read the newspapers, play games and meet other men.

As well as retired men, current membership includes offshore shift workers, unemployed men and men who are recovering from illness, bereavement and depression.

Our Shed is funded entirely by charity and managed by 9 volunteer trustee members. Membership is free to all men over 16 and many men have now joined, with some coming regularly and others just occasionally. We have a 15-year lease from the Aberdeenshire Council for the old recycling shed and adjacent land in Hospital Road, Ellon. Through funding of over £60k and help from local builders and suppliers, we converted the old shed into a very suitable workshop with the majority of equipment being donated by local residents and our kitchen and carpeting donated and fitted by local businesses. Shadow tool boards are installed in the workshop so that all tools are easily found for use and can be put back in their right place. In addition, a social area with kitchen, office and toilets has been created, with a model railway also under construction here.

We have 2 outdoor containers for material storage and gardening





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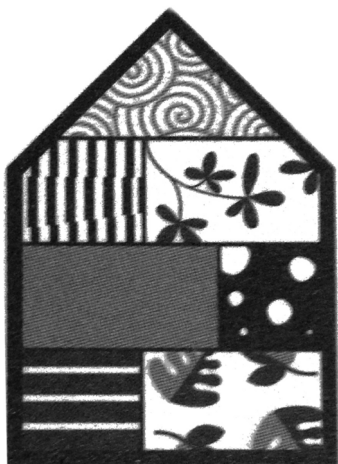
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ELLON AND DISTRICT MEN'S SHED (CONT'D)

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If you want to know more, please come and visit the Shed on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 10am to 4pm. There is plenty of parking at the Shed. Telephone contact on the above days and times – 01358 725849.

Visit

<http://ellonanddistrictmensshed.blogspot.co.uk> or
www.facebook.com/EllonMensShed

HANOVER RESIDENTS SOCIAL CLUB



First of all, we at Hanover would like to welcome Ruth to her new post as Editor of the TBC Newsletter.

Hanover residents and visitors had a very busy run up to Christmas when we were entertained by children from the local Playgroup, the Rainbows, the Brownies and pupils from Tarves School. We thoroughly enjoyed their excellent singing and put us all in the mood for Christmas. We must thank all teachers, Brown Owls and helpers as we're well aware of the amount of work that goes into each organisation.

Our Christmas party welcomed Glynis from the Cat's Pyjamas who performed songs from Peter Pan. The audience joined in the singing and we enjoyed a great evening of entertainment. Thank you to

everyone who came along on the evening.

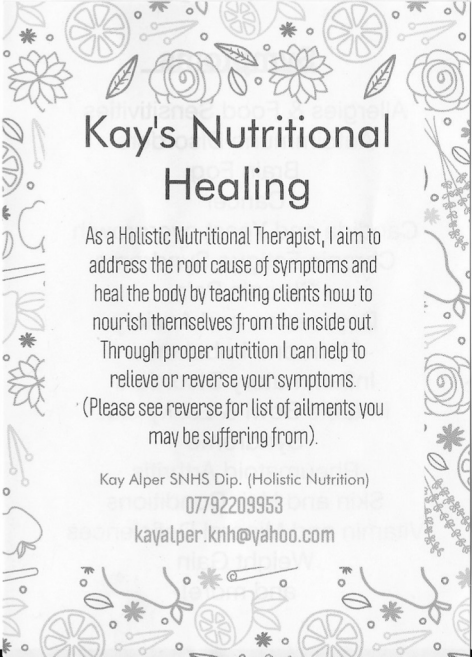
An excellent Christmas lunch was held in Hanover lounge, served by the Fly Cup from Inverurie.

We just can't believe that January is over already, but regular activities in Hanover continue with the Whist Club on Mondays 5th & 19th March at 2.00–4.00pm and the Chatty Knitters every Tuesday at 2.00–4.00pm. These meetings are held in the Hanover lounge.

Thank you for continuing to support Hanover Court activities.

Jessie Simpson (Social secretary)
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On a personal matter. Can George and I (Jessie) thank everyone for their cards and best wishes for our Golden Wedding. It was very kind of you all.



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TARVES BROWNIES



Our much-anticipated trip to Inverurie pantomime to see Cinderella with 1st Tarves Rainbows was a fantastic end to a busy year for the Brownies.

This term we are completing our 'Brownie Skills' and 'Brownie Holiday' badges by learning how to be safe on the internet and whilst out and about in the countryside, when crossing the road, swimming and cycling. We are also very proud to be learning about and acknowledging a centenary of women getting the vote 1918-2018.

Thursday 22nd February was World Thinking Day. This day has been celebrated as a day of international friendship annually since 1926 and is shared by over 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 150 countries. We joined with Alison Swindells Parish Minister and 1st Tarves Rainbows to lead a special service at the Kirk on Sunday February 25th. This year's theme is all about 'Impact': how Girl Guiding has an impact on our members and people around us in our community. We will be looking at how by coming together, working together and being committed to

what we believe in, we can make positive things happen one small action at a time.

1st Tarves Brownies are currently



collecting used stamps **Guide Dogs** to raise funds for the Guide Dog Association. Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far and particularly to the Spar for agreeing to be a collection point for us. We are still collecting, and donations can be left at the Spar, the Kirk or we can arrange collection by emailing us on the email address below. By coming together and working together within our community, we hope to make a difference for the Guide Dog Association one small stamp at a time.....

A big thank you to Tarves Community Club for their recent donation. Your generous donation will go towards much needed resources for our ever-increasing unit.

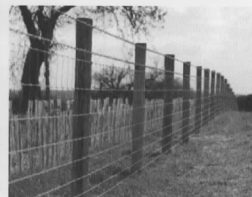
1st Tarves Brownies (for girls aged 7-10) meet on a Wednesday evening 6.15-7.30pm at Tarves Primary School. Please email Tarvesbrownies@gmail.com for further information or check out www.girlguiding.org.uk

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The Heritage Centre is currently closed for the winter although we are hosting school visits and other visitors by appointment. We run a series of talks in the Queens Room of the Melvin Hall over the winter period. Our November speaker took us on a very interesting 'then and now' trip on the Deeside railway line. We enjoyed hearing about his exploits whilst photographing the 'now' element and highlighting buildings which existed then, and now assisting him in locating the sites. In January a large turnout enjoyed the talk and slides on Tamsin and Chris's trip to Bhutan. It was great to hear about a country which most of us are probably unlikely to visit – not least because of Tamsin's story about the airport which had her 'whimpering and with eyes closed' during landing.

By the time this newsletter has been published, we will also have heard an intriguing tale of revolution and triple murder in Tarves by Lindsay Mathewson. Our March talk is by the Macalisters from Ellon on their trip to the Antarctic – please note this date has changed from the schedule and will now take place on Friday 23 March. Our final talk of the season is on Friday 20 April and is Dee to Don – Under the Wire. We look forward to welcoming you for

a 7.30pm start in the Queens Room in the Melvin Hall.

The Heritage Centre will open for the season on Thursday 5 April at 1.00-4.30pm. We will still have some World War 1 exhibits but we will also have a feature on Youth Groups so come along and see how many faces in our photographic collection you can identify.

If anyone is interesting in volunteering during Heritage opening hours of 1.00-4.30pm on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 5 April – end of October 2018, please get in touch via the email address below. Volunteer training days are on Sunday 18 March at 2.00pm and Wednesday 28 March at 7.00pm in the Heritage Centre. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 April at 7.00pm in the Heritage Centre.

Fees for the 100 Club are now due and should be handed in to Nicki Walton at 9 Manse Walk, Tarves. If you interested in supporting the Heritage Centre in this way, fees cost just £12 a year and your name will be entered into 3 draws per year.

Moirra Minty

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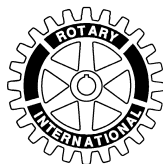
The Club continues to meet on the third Sunday of every month in the Aberdeen Arms Hotel Bistro from 8.30 – 11.00pm. All welcome to come along and sing, play an instrument or just listen.

The 6th Tarves Rant will take place on Saturday 14th April 2018 and will follow the previous format. It is proposed to have music workshops in the morning and bothy and traditional singing in the Heritage Centre in the afternoon. There will be the usual music session in the Aberdeen Arms in the afternoon, followed by an evening concert in the Melvin Hall with Tarves Folk Club and friends, including the band Chaotica, and finishing with a short ceilidh dance. Posters with more information will be displayed in the village nearer the time. Hope to see you there.



Contact for further information – John Dickson on 01651 851317

ELLON ROTARY



Applications are welcome for Ellon Community Group Awards 2018. Ellon Rotary makes annual awards to local groups to help promote their activities within Ellon and district. Our Community Grant Programme is pleased to specifically allocate grants to Groups or organisations that are:

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The closing date is **30th March 2018**.

More details and an applicant form is available on the website:



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1st Tarves Rainbows would like to thank the Tarves Community Club for their generous donation. We are very grateful and are busy deciding what to buy with it!

We have had a busy autumn and winter. We had a surprisingly sunny beach party at Collieston in September, where we played on the beach, searched for interesting creatures, played games and ate enormous ice-creams. We visited Ellon Fire Station where we learnt all about fire safety. Together we earned our 'Roundabout Season Badge' with a number of crafts, scavenger hunts and a night walk looking for creatures which come out in the dark.



This term we are working towards our 'Roundabout Get Healthy' badge, which involves finding out about and eating healthy food, trying out some different fitness activities and thinking about having a healthy attitude to life. We have also planned a variety of craft activities for Mother's Day (but ssssh it's a secret) and we will be playing lots of games and having lots of fun!

Thinking Day was celebrated this term both in our meeting place and at a Church service. This special Thinking Day Church service was held on Sunday 25th February and we hope some of you joined us there. Thinking Day is the day when all the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Scouts around the world think about all the other Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Scouts around the world! The Rainbows were asked to perform a couple of songs at the Church service so we have been busy practicing!

What we are really excited about this term though, is our sleepover event in March. We are going to the Sir Arthur Grant Centre in Monymusk for this adventure!

Rainbows are for girls aged between 5 and 7. The girls learn about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having great fun. 1st Tarves Rainbows meet on Wednesdays between 5pm and 6pm in Tarves School hall. If your daughter would like to join the adventure please contact us through the Girl Guiding website (www.girlguiding.org.uk) or email us: tarvesrainbows@yahoo.com

All the leaders are volunteers and enjoy the fun of Guiding and their continued support is essential to run Rainbows. We would like to thank all those who have helped us have so much fun in our meetings and activities. If you would like to join our team or could give time to help us, please do get in touch!

Best wishes from
1st Rainbow Leaders

TARVES FLOWER SHOW

The **70th** Flower Show is being held this year on the 4th August in the Melvin Hall. A copy of the schedule is included in this magazine and for those outwith the village, a copy can be downloaded from the tarves.org.uk website. You will find many different categories and I am sure there will be one or even more items that you may think, yes, I could give that a try. As it is our 70th Show we really would like to see the hall brimming with all your entries whether it be floral, fruit, vegetables, baking, sewing, knitting, jam making, the list just goes on and on.

“In today’s busy world, it can be difficult to find committee members and that, without them, local flower shows will struggle to survive. It would be a great shame if that were to happen, especially now when the health and social benefits of gardening are being increasingly recognised. Flower shows bring people of all kinds and all ages together and they have inspired many to give gardening a go. If you are fortunate enough to have a local flower show then you can do your bit by going along on the day, buying a few raffle tickets and sampling the excellent home baking.

After having a look at the flowers and vegetables you might decide to have a go at entering next year. Or you might find you have enough time on your hands to volunteer for the committee. You’ll certainly be welcomed with open arms. The annual flower show is a great chance to get together with fellow gardeners, to appreciate the care and attention that has gone into nurturing beautiful plants and exceptional vegetables, and to swap advice with enthusiasts who share your passion for talking about foliar feeds and disbudding tomatoes. And, in a few years, you could be the one going home with your arms full of trophies.”

These words were written by a gardening expert who had been invited up to the north east to open a Horticultural Society’s annual show last year. So please if you could, make this year the one where you enter a few items into the Tarves Flower Show. It will be greatly appreciated by the Show Committee and you never know, you may find out that it is quite an enjoyable experience!

Sheila Ewen

T B C DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE / TIME
1st March	Tarves Guild meeting "Foodbanks"	Tarves Church 7.30pm
2nd March	Guild World Day of Prayer	Methlick Church 7.00pm
1-16 March	Fairtrade Café Crawl	See article for participating Venues
20th March	Tarves Community Council meeting	Tarves School 7.00pm
23rd March	Tarves Heritage talk - Trip to the Antarctic	Queen's Room, Melvin Hall, Tarves 7.30pm
25th March	Palm Sunday	Tarves Church 9.00-9.30am followed by walk to Barthol Chapel Church for 11.15am service
29th March	Tarves School - Easter Assembly	Tarves Church 9.30am
30th March	North East Support for Romania Collection	Carnegie Room, Melvin Hall, Tarves 12.00 - 3.00pm
30th March	Good Friday	Barthol Chapel Church 7.00pm
1st April	Easter Day	Tarves Church 11.15am
5th April	Tarves Heritage Centre opens for the season	Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1.00 - 4.30pm
5th April	Tarves Guild meeting "Update on the children of Chennai"	Tarves Church 7.30pm
14th April	Tarves Folk Club - The 6th Tarves Rant - all events held in Tarves	Singers in both Heritage Centre and Aberdeen Arms at 2.00pm Melvin Hall Evening Concert 7.30pm
20th April	Tarves Heritage Talk "Dee to Don under the wire"	Queen's Room, Melvin Hall, Tarves 7.30pm
27th April	North East Support for Romania collection	Carnegie Room, Melvin Hall, Tarves 12.00 - 3.00pm
28th April	Tarves Playgroup fundraiser: Bubbles and Bling	Aberdeen Arms Hotel, Tarves 2.00pm
15th May	Tarves Community Council meeting	Barthol Chapel School 7.30pm
20th May	Tarves Parish Messy Church	Youth Hall, Tarves 11.00am - 1.00pm
25th May	North East Support for Romania collection	Carnegie Room, Melvin Hall, Tarves 12.00 - 3.00pm
25th May	Tarves School Sports Day	
26th May	Tarves School Fete	10.00am Start

DATE	EVENT	VENUE / TIME
Every Sunday	Church Services	Barthol Chapel Church 9:45am Tarves Church 11:15am
<i>Third Sunday of every month</i>	<i>Tarves Folk Club</i>	<i>The Bistro, Aberdeen Arms Hotel, Tarves - 8.30 - 11.00pm</i>
<i>Monday evening (during term time)</i>	<i>Tarves Youth Group - The Hut - Ages 12 to 21</i>	<i>The Hut 7.00 - 9.00pm</i>
<i>Every 2nd Monday</i>	<i>Hanover Court Whist afternoons</i>	<i>Hanover Court, Tarves - 2.00 - 4.00pm</i>
<i>Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday</i>	<i>Ellon and District Men's Shed</i>	<i>Hospital Road, Ellon 10am - 4.00pm</i>
<i>Every Monday and Wednesday evening</i>	<i>Udny Station Indoor Bowling Club</i>	<i>Youth Hall, Tarves - 7.30 - 9.30pm</i>
<i>Every Tuesday morning</i>	<i>Tarves Church – Tuesday Coffee Morning</i>	<i>Tarves Church 10.00 – 11.00am</i>
<i>Every Tuesday afternoon</i>	<i>"The Chatty Knitters" Knitting Session</i>	<i>Hanover Court, Tarves 2.00 - 4.00pm</i>
<i>Every Tuesday afternoon</i>	<i>Bowling "Golden Oldies" (summer only)</i>	<i>Tarves Bowling Green 2.00 - 4.00pm</i>
<i>Every Wednesday during term time</i>	<i>Meldrum Academy Christian Union</i>	<i>Room 111, Meldrum Academy 12.50 - 1.40pm</i>
<i>Every Wednesday evening (term time)</i>	<i>1st Tarves Rainbows</i>	<i>Tarves School 5.00 - 6.00pm</i>
<i>Every Wednesday evening (term time)</i>	<i>1st Tarves Brownies</i>	<i>Tarves School 6.15 - 7.30pm</i>
<i>Third Wednesday of every month</i>	<i>Barthol Chapel S.W.I.</i>	<i>Barthol Chapel School 7.15pm</i>
<i>Every Thursday during term time</i>	<i>JAFFA - Tarves Primary Scripture Union</i>	<i>Tarves School 12.20 - 1.20pm</i>
<i>Last Friday of every month</i>	<i>Barthol Chapel School Coffee afternoon</i>	<i>Barthol Chapel School - 2.30pm</i>
<i>Second Saturday of every month</i>	<i>Community Café</i>	<i>Barthol Chapel Church 10.00 - 11.30am</i>



Fairtrade café crawl

16 Feb - 10 Mar



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Alford Bistro ; The Cheery Cup, Alford; Ethical Gift Shop, Huntly; The Buchan Braes, Boddam; The Mustard Seed Café, New Deer; Café 1909, Strichen; The Cafe at Aden, Mintlaw

KNITTING FOR NKHOMA

Knitting for Nkhoma is now on the move after 9 months of trying to identify a delivery carrier to transport the knitting out to Malawi. I had built up a 'wall' of knitting in my spare room and after counting 68 blankets, 90 baby bonnets, 42 jumpers and matching hats, 48 teddies, 25 scarf and hat sets for older children and various other knitwear, I took them across for the first leg of the journey –to Alford. The carriers have the appealing name of The Bananabox Trust, and as the name suggests, all clothes are packed in banana boxes as it makes

transportation easier in uniform sized boxes.

Gordon Presbytery thank both individuals and knitting groups from the Tarves and Barthol Chapel area, all who have donated their time and such care in creating colourful, warm and welcome knitwear for vulnerable babies and little children.

Keep knitting – thank you all so much.

Ruth Nisbet

On behalf of Gordon Presbytery

FORMARTINE FAIRTRADE NEWS

The Mid-Formartine Fairtrade group would like to give warm thanks to our community for the great support they have given to Fairtrade over the years ,and especially for voting for us to be last year's beneficiary of the local Co-op Community Fund. This has given a real boost to our campaigning work, helping us promote Fairtrade goods from footballs to fusilli and coffee to crafts. By buying Fairtrade goods we can all do a little bit to redress the inequalities in the trading world and help tackle poverty in some of the poorest countries.

This Spring we have lots more activities to tell you about as Fairtrade Fortnight comes round again. Thanks to our Co-op Community fund bonus we are able to offer special deals to local schools and other groups on the purchase of Fairtrade footballs. 3 primary schools in the area have already taken up this offer and another 2 schools are hosting a visit from Just Trading Scotland who are urging us to take on the Fairtrade rice challenge. The profits made by Fairtrade producers in Malawi from selling 90 kgs. of their rice can fund the cost of sending a Malawian child to school for a year. Hopefully our community can meet the challenge of selling the 90kgs., via the schools and other groups.

And by special request we are re-running the Fairtrade Cafe Crawl this year from 16th February - 10th March. It was so successful last year that it is being extended across Aberdeenshire this year with cafes in the Peterhead, Alford and Huntly areas taking part as well. Just go to any of the cafes in the poster featured here , order a Fairtrade drink and pick up a Fairtrade Cafe Crawl card. Each coffee or tea purchased between 16th February and 10th March earns you a stamp on your card and 10 stamps wins you a large free bar of Fairtrade chocolate. So you can help other people ,enjoy a coffee with friends and win a bar of chocolate all at the same time

And finally on Sunday,4th March, make a point of going to the community film evening at the Victoria hall in Ellon. There will be a Fairtrade awareness theme to the evening, with a short film on Fairtrade before the main screening of "The"Post" ,starring Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep - worth a viewing! And the refreshments will of course be Fairtrade!



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FORMARTINE YOUTH PROJECT

The Formartine Youth Project is now well into its fourth year and we are really enjoying working together in your communities. I just wanted to give you an update on what's been going on and some dates for future events. Our group of 4 churches continue to work with the children, youth and families in the villages of Barthol Chapel, Methlick, Pitmedden and Tarves. Our week is so full of fun, quality time together and looking at who God is in our lives. We're very excited about the growth of FYP and that leads us into looking at hopefully, expanding our staff team. We are here to support children and young people experiencing some difficult situations and we can also direct you to the correct agencies who can give you more specific advice and information.

Our Pitmedden Mainly Music (Tuesday) group has been running for almost 10 years and has grown to 2 sessions due to its popularity with pre-school families. Our 10am class is full, but we have plenty of space in the 12.45 class. Please get in touch if you want to know more.

JAFFA runs in Tarves Primary School on a Thursday lunchtime with a team from Tarves Church, including myself. The pupils come along for songs, stories, activities

and Bible teachings. This is a very relaxed and informal group associated with Scripture Union, a well established Christian Charity. We have enjoyed getting to know the pupils better over this past year.

Barthol Chapel Youth Group continues to run monthly at the primary school for P7-S6 pupils. At present, we see at least 15 attending for a night of games, food and activities. We've had bonfire theme nights and hope to attend the trampoline park again in April. Our next date is 23rd March 7.30-9.30pm £2 entry.

There is so much going on, so please get in touch if you want to know more.

Claire Bell

Children & Youth Worker
Formartine Youth Project

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FORMARTINE YOUTH PROJECT (CONT'D)

Here are the upcoming dates for all of our groups:

Mondays 10am, Methlick Church – Mainly Music (group full, but there is a waiting list)

Tuesdays 10am & 12.45pm, Pitmedden Church – Mainly Music

Wednesdays 9-12.30pm, Pitmedden Primary – School visit and support

Wednesdays 12.50-1.40pm, Meldrum Academy R111 – Meldrum Academy Christian Union

Wednesdays 5.30-7pm, Methlick – Wee Gems (Seniors, S3-S6) (please contact me for venue arrangements)

Thursdays 10.30-11.30am, Methlick Primary – School visit and support

Thursdays 12.20-1.20pm, Tarves Primary School – JAFFA (P2-P7)

Thursdays 3.30-5pm, Tarves – Wee Gems (Juniors, S1-S2) (please contact me for venue arrangements)

Fridays 23rd March, 7.30-9.30pm, Barthol Chapel Primary School – Barthol Chapel Youth Club P7 – S6, £2.00 entry

Saturdays 3rd & 17th March, Pitmedden Church – Pitmedden Youth Cafe (P6-S6)

Sunday 11th March, 6.30 – 8pm, Pitmedden Church – BE:LONG: our joint church youth event for young people across the area. Guest speaker is Gordon Cruden from Teen Challenge

UDNY STATION INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

The Club continues to meet in the Youth Hall on a Monday and Wednesday evening from 7.30 – 9.30pm. We play a combination of Hat Nights and Club competitions culminating with a presentation evening at the end of the season in April. Even if you have never bowled indoors before, come along some night. You will be made very welcome.

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The Parent Teacher Association hosted a family Beetle Drive in the Aberdeen Arms on Friday 2nd of February 2018 and we hope this was as

enjoyable for families as last year's event. In addition, we are planning for our annual Spring Fling on the Friday 16th of March. This will be held in the Melvin Hall with music provided by Fusion and all proceeds will go to the school. This has been a very successful event in the past and we hope that everyone will do their best to support this fun evening. Tickets will be available through the school office or via PTA members. Over 18's only - £15 per ticket.

Scottish Poetry

The pupils again learned Scottish poems in the last few weeks to commemorate Rabbin Burns. All pupils did very well and the winners from each year were as follows:

P1 Isla McLaughlin,
P2 Libby Calderwood,
P3 Rowan Moir,
P4 Katie Newlands,
P5 Lena Fraser,
P6 Joel Mustard, P7 Iona McAulay.

Easter Assembly

An Easter Assembly in church is proposed for Thursday 29th March

and the school would welcome anyone who would like to join them – time still to be confirmed.

Bags to School

Bags to School will be available soon after the Easter holidays allowing you all time to have a clear out over the holiday period. This is a great way to fundraise for the school and recycle anything you no longer need. Look out for flyers coming through your door.

Projects this session

Nursery Winter

P1 Granny's Attic

P2/3 Mini-beasts

P3/4 My Village

P4/5/6 Winter Olympics

P5/6 The Victorians

P7 Problem Solving (Kidnapped)

As always, if you are able to assist with any of these projects through personal experience, or by lending artefacts, or even coming to speak to the classes – this would be appreciated as this always makes the learning more enjoyable for the pupils.

Scottish Country Dancing

Mr Stott is again working with pupils from P4 upwards. The school will be entering 2 country dancing teams in the Aberdeen Music Festival. Thanks to Mr Stott for his hard work with the dancers.



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TARVES PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA (CONT'D)

Summer Fete

We are now beginning to think about our major annual fundraising event – the school Summer Fete which will be held in the school playground on Saturday 26th May 2018. We are delighted to have a climbing wall this year.

If you have an idea for a stall or a different type of event which can be part of the fete, please contact a member of the PTA. Or better yet, come along to our next meeting to suggest it!

Easy Fundraising

The school PTA are registered with the Easy Fundraising website (www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tarvespta) which is a great way to

raise funds simply by shopping online. I urge everyone to register for this site to do your online shopping at no extra cost to you.

PTA Facebook group

If you have Facebook access and a child in the school, please join the group. Information about PTA events and notices are posted there, and with more than 100 members, is a good way to get word out quickly.

The group can be found here:
www.facebook.com/groups/553444338142769/

Jill Taylor

Parent Council and PTA
Chairperson

School dates for your diary

Friday 2nd March - 9.30-11.30am - coffee morning (School Hall)

Friday 16th March – pupil reports to be issued

Tuesday 27th March – parents' afternoon/evening

Thursday 29th March – proposed date of Easter Assembly

Friday 30th March – start of Easter holidays

Monday 16th April - school resumes after holidays

Tuesday 24th April – class photos and staff photos

Monday 30th April until Friday 4th May- P7 trip to Dalguise

Monday 7th May – Mayday holiday

Friday 18th May am – P1 Induction pm – nursery induction

Thursday 24th May – parents' open evening 6.00-7.30pm

Friday 25th May – Sports Day

Saturday 26th May – School Fete

TARVES COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)

Members of our community have been busy over the past few months:

Tarves School pupils hoped to plant 25 new fruit trees, partly funded by the Tree Council, at our 'Dick's Way' orchard. Unfortunately, this activity had to be cancelled due to the poor weather in the weeks before Christmas. Members of the Amenities group planted 24 of the trees over the festive season with one held back to be planted by the children in the next few weeks.

Our Christmas lights display was magnificent as ever. Thanks to Haddo Estate for providing the tree and our eager band of volunteers for their dedication to the village. A response has been submitted to Aberdeenshire Council objecting to the proposal to charge communities for electricity and pole inspections in future.

The Formartine Partnership continue to prepare the first draft of our Community Action Plan.

The surfacing work at the MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) has been completed; the repairs to the lighting system remains outstanding.

Repairs to the roof of the school and walls have been completed.

Community Council members received many comments regarding the conditions of the pavements during the cold spell in December. A big 'thank you' to one of our members, Ian Massie, who took it upon himself to clear the snow from pavements. Unfortunately, the continual thaw and freeze did not help and created unsafe walking conditions. Following a request by the Community Council, additional grit bins have since been provided within the village and we have also secured a suitable trailer to enable the pavements around the village to be gritted. A grant application has been submitted by our Development Trust to the council requesting they contribute towards the cost of pavement clearing equipment.

We continue to press Scotland Superfast for updates on Openreach's plan for the provision of fibre broadband to rural Tarves.

Scotia Homes anticipate holding a public consultation meeting at the end of April regarding the site next to the Bancon development.

The agendas and minutes of Community Council meetings are available at www.tarves.org

David Hekelaar

Tarves Community Council

TARVES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The club has still been meeting regularly while we continue to look for a new leader. We enjoyed our Christmas lunch together in December and Tarves School pupils came along and treated us to a seasonal musical programme. February saw us celebrating Burns with a haggis lunch while being entertained by Norman English on his accordion. We hope to have a musical afternoon tea in April and time, date and venue will be shared when available.

We have up to 30 regular attenders who have supported our programme over the years so if you are interested in taking over as leader, please get in touch. It's a worthwhile group and members appreciate the valued friendships which have grown over the years.

I can be contacted on 891081 and am happy to explain the background to the club and what is involved in being leader. It can even be a 'shared role'.

Jean Jowett

TARVES PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS NEWS

The Tarves Playgroup and Toddlers enjoyed a busy festive period with crafts, parties, and carols at Hanover Court. The playgroup's Soup and Sweet festive fundraiser was a roaring success, thanks in no small part to the ongoing support of the local community. As spring approaches, the Playgroup is organizing another perennial favourite: afternoon tea with bubbles at the Aberdeen Arms. Tickets will be available in mid-March from Loretta Ross or Joanne Harrison. Please note for your diary:

Bubbles and Bling - 28th April, 2:00pm, Aberdeen Arms Hotel, The Square, Tarves

The Playgroup caters for children aged 2-5, and is currently operating a waiting list, so if you are interested in

securing a place for your child, please contact our secretary, Joanne Gourlay, at JGourlay79@yahoo.co.uk.

If you have young children and wish to meet other parents in a space where kids can play and socialize, the Toddler Group is a welcoming space on Thursday afternoons (term time), 1:15-3:00pm in Tarves Youth Hall.

Lastly, I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our incoming chairperson, Kayleigh Paterson. The playgroup is fortunate to be run by a committed group of volunteer parents, without whom we would not be able to offer such a valuable service to the youngest children in the village.

Rowan Hull-Bailey
Chairperson



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TARVES PARISH TAPESTRY

A number of talented individuals and groups from Tarves, Barthol Chapel and further afield have been very busy during the past year creating pieces of textile art and craft work. Each piece depicts an image of the parish and its people with a wide variety of techniques being used in the formation of the tapestry. Very many thanks to everyone who has participated in sharing their skills and materials.

Thanks must go to the designers who helped with the frames without which we cannot support or display the panels, also to the researchers for the accompanying narratives. We are now in the final stages of assembling all the pieces into three separate panels for display.

The three panels will be displayed in the Heritage Centre from April and throughout the summer months. There will also be an opportunity to view the panels in Barthol Chapel School during their 50 year celebrations in May.

This has been a great community project which has proved to be both educational and entertaining. It will be worthy of several visits to absorb its full impact.

We are grateful to Rev Alison Swindells and the Kirk Session who kindly allowed us to assemble the panels in the church over the winter months.

Fran Crichton

BARTHOL CHAPEL CHURCH COMMUNITY CAFÉ



2nd Saturday of every month, 10 – 11.30am in Barthol Chapel Church.

Tea, coffee, fine pieces and always a cheery welcome.

Come to meet old friends and make new ones.

See you there!

If you would like to be part of the volunteer team one weekend, please contact Beth Bruce Gardner [872351] or Jennie Chalmers [873963]

BARTHOL CHAPEL SCHOOL



At the start of term 3, we reflect back in amazement at the events, learning and opportunities enjoyed by all at Barthol Chapel School. We are proud of the work here and thank everyone from the boys and girls, parents, teachers and wider community for the support and dedication we are fortunate to have.

The school continues to have a healthy roll of 34 pupils spilt across two classes. The entrance area to the school had a revamp during the summer holidays and we've also had a new carpet installed in the hall; both have made a massive difference to the building.

Barthol Chapel School receives prestigious award

In September, Barthol Chapel School was recognised with a prestigious national award. We achieved the sportscotland Silver School Sport Award for our commitment to inspiring all pupils in sporting activity. The sportscotland School Sport Award is a national initiative designed to encourage schools to continuously improve physical education and sport.

Stewart Harris, Chief Executive of sportscotland, said: *"Congratulations to all the staff and pupils at*

Barthol Chapel School - they should be extremely proud of this fantastic achievement. Not only have they put physical education and sport at the heart of their school and local community, but they have managed to do so in a way that encourages all pupils to take part in physical activity whilst having fun at the same time."

The award was only possible due to the commitment of parents and members of the community in offering after-school activities such as football, bikeability, triathlon training and netball. We are also proud of the pupils who enthusiastically participate in activities such as cricket and judo during school time. We take part in the 'Daily Mile' each morning to promote fitness, health and wellbeing. Our Physical Education lessons are progressive and give our children the opportunity to develop a range of skills and experience a number of different sports. Thank you to all who work so tirelessly for our pupils.

Jammin' Fitness

Barthol Chapel was fortunate to welcome Andy McKechnie into school. Andy is an international motivational speaker and a former Junior Chamber International

world public speaking champion. He hosted an amazing 'Jammin Fitness' workshop for the pupils – his unique blend of storytelling and multicultural dance provided an inspirational morning. Andy also talked about the importance of physical exercise and maintaining a positive self-image. It was an important message presented in a winning way.

Terrific Scientific

Barthol Chapel School will again be taking part in real life scientific studies. The children have investigated whether a child's geographical location and the type of surface they walk on (manmade vs. natural) affects their feet flexibility. It's thought that in the last 200 years our feet have started to adapt to changes in lifestyle and small studies suggest that foot flexibility varies significantly between rural and urban areas. We are working with the University of Kent on this investigation.

We have also completed a two-week challenge, in conjunction with the University of Edinburgh, to investigate the power used by our school. We then looked for ways to improve our efficiency,

find ways to change our behaviours and reduce our use of electricity.

Barthol Chapel School 50th Anniversary

Barthol Chapel School turns 50 on Wednesday 23rd May when we will to hold an open afternoon. The children are beginning to plan this celebration including the grand unveiling of the new garden for this special 50th anniversary. We are delighted to have received £420.50 from the Formartine Partnership which will go towards the development of the community garden.

We are working with the local community to knit our own bunting to decorate the school. A family/community 1960s themed BBQ and disco is being organised for the school, local community and past pupils to enjoy. Details will be advertised as soon as possible.

If you are interested in supporting or have any information you would like to share (photographs/stories) please email or call the school.

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BARTHOL CHAPEL CHURCH

Things seem bright and breezy here at Barthol Chapel Church.

During the minister's study leave, we have welcomed back some of the preachers who looked after us during the vacancy (which thankfully seems a long time ago), namely Graham Ritchie, Ian Groves and Alan Doak; it is a pleasure to renew our ties with these willing volunteers.

Christmas seems a long time ago as well; we had a lovely Carol Service with the ever-expanding choir under the leadership of Katherine Williams, leading the singing with great gusto. Needless to say, the refreshments

afterwards were of the usual delicious standard.

Not long till Easter so we look forward to the usual services, particularly the Good Friday evening service and the Easter Day service. Both these are preceded of course, by the walk on Palm Sunday (25 March) from Tarves to Barthol Chapel with a 9.30am start in The Square, Tarves in time for the joint 11.15am service at Barthol Chapel. Remember the clocks spring forward on that day too!

Hope to see you in church; if you have never been, do come along and see what it's like; 9.45am every Sunday, you'll be made most welcome.

BARTHOL CHAPEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

We held another very successful bingo night on 1st December 2017 with monies raised going to Barthol Chapel Youth Group and Aberdeen Cyrenians. A huge thanks to the organising committee and all the volunteers on the night who helped to make it a success.

The next Barthol Chapel Community Association meeting will be on 7th March at 7.00pm in the school.

Hopefully 2018 will see an improvement in broadband services in the area, especially

those in the village on the Methlick exchange and will benefit from the fibre cabinet which should be installed. No sign of improvement for those on the Meldrum, Fyvie or Tarves exchanges but we will keep checking for updates.

Please check out the Barthol Chapel website (www.bartholchapel.com) or Facebook page for the latest news, updates and details of forthcoming events.

Thank you.

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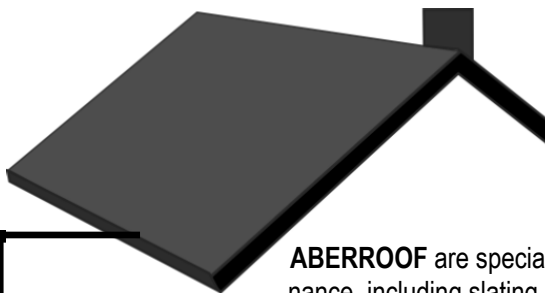
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Last year the Scottish Women's Institute celebrated 100 years of the Institute in Scotland. This year we are celebrating 100 years of women winning the right to vote in Britain. Many women involved in the suffragette movement helped form the National Federation of Women's Institutes. It was a significant beginning to the freedom of women at a time when our role in society was changing.

Today we are active in many charitable events but equally spend our time having fun. This can take the form of culture, craftwork and a little bit of Doric play-acting.

We have enjoyed many outings – to Castle Fraser, a pantomime in Inverurie and a visit to a micro-brewery – not to mention horse and carriage rides and having a shot on segways.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm in Barthol Chapel Primary School. Most evenings we have guest speakers and a range of (voluntary) activities.

All women over 13yrs of age are invited to come and enjoy an evening with our happy and outgoing group.

For more details of Barthol Chapel SWI please contact Hazel Skinner on 01651 806888.

INDOOR BOWLING AT BARTHOL CHAPEL

Barthol Chapel Bowling Club is looking for new members to come and join us in Barthol Chapel School every Tuesday between 7.30-9.30pm for a very friendly game of short mat bowls. Our meetings are during school term times only.

The club has several sets of bowls for use by new members wishing to have a try, so please come along or contact the Secretary: Bill Kelly on 01651 806804. You'll be made very welcome. Thank you.

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A BARTHOL CHAPEL FAMILY 'REUNION'

My mother Helen Wood Rennie, born 1910 in Flobbets, and father Archibald William Mutch, born 1913 in Old Rayne, were married in Barthol Chapel Church in 1936. They moved around Aberdeenshire, then to Northern Ireland, then to the north of England and finally settled in Desborough, Northamptonshire to be closer to my mother's sisters.

Both of my parents have now passed away and were cremated in Kettering but unfortunately their plaques were due to be moved from the Crematorium. Thankfully for our family, we found the perfect answer and they are now proudly displayed on our family headstone in Barthol Chapel graveyard after the most

kind and excellent help, advice and agreement with all concerned.

So indeed, I feel they have come home! The inscription at the bottom of the headstone below my grandfather Wiliam Rennie, my grandmother Hellen Durward Wood Rennie and my Aunt Ella who died in infancy reads " Until We Meet Again".

In the same grave though without any inscription, lies my great grandfather Charles Rennie also born at Flobbets and his second wife Margaret Donald.

We are delighted to have a true family 'reunion'.

Derek Mutch

Old Sawley, East Midlands

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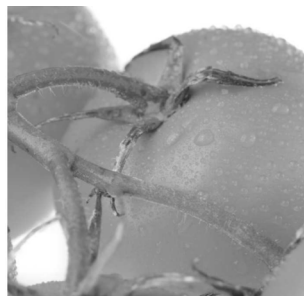
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