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Just when we thought spring had well and truly arrived, we had six inches - or whatever that is in centimetres - of snow. That is the joy of living up here; you really cannot predict our weather.

We learned recently that there is confusion regarding the relationship of MBC News to the local Community Council. There appears to be an erroneous belief that we are financed by that august body and are somehow inextricably linked to them. That is not the case as many of you will know. In response to this, we decided to run some articles explaining how the 'News' is produced and financed. As you may be aware, there is a dedicated team who spend a lot of their spare time putting each edition together before it goes to the printers. In this edition, I begin by explaining my role in this process and what is involved in getting the local articles we need to survive. Next month, we will have an item on that most important of topics, 'Advertising and Finance'. We will explain exactly how MBC News operates as a free publication and how we intend to keep it that way.

If you have any item you want to have included in MBC News, please email it to me for consideration. We try to accept items which are current and have relevance to our area.

This month we have a number of interesting items and, perhaps surprisingly, we have an article from 'A Dear Green Place' located in the heart of Aberdeen. It is rather unusual to have one of our lovely local parks writing to us, but in the present circumstances quite understandable!

I hope you all enjoy this edition of your other local 'free' paper.

Maureen McLennan

## Please don't grumble at us!

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## Apology to Mr Stewart Milne

In MBC News 154 it was suggested that the 'big house at the top of Baillieswells Road' was to become an hotel. We have now had it confirmed by Mr Milne's solicitors that this suggestion was untrue and without foundation or merit and MBC News apologises unreservedly for having printed and perpetuated this groundless rumour. We warmly welcome the fact that this house will remain a home for Mr Milne and his family.

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# Letters

Dear Sir,

Having just gone through a failed challenge to a late licence extension I thought I would share some thoughts that may help others in the future. I and a number of other nearby residents raised objections to an application from a nearby pub for a late licence extension, from 12 midnight to 1 a.m. Our principle objection was that such a late licence, which would lead to noise and disturbance into the early hours of the morning, was not appropriate for premises in the heart of a residential area. There were other concerns raised around the impact of parking, with pub customers parking illegally, and persistent cooking smells. The residents nearby found that only a select few had been notified of the application, namely those within 4m of the building (the rules apparently!). You are given a limited time to submit any concerns and objections, around 3 weeks, after which they need not be considered by the council licensing board.

As one of the objectors, I attended the licensing board meeting that reviewed the application on 7 February. What those who had written letters didn't appreciate was that to make sure your voice is heard you really have to attend the meeting to explain your concerns and make sure the board members understand the strength of feeling around those concerns. I feel that my explanation of the concerns encouraged the board to pause and reflect (I think they were ready to go ahead and approve even though letters of objection had been submitted) and they carried out a site visit to the pub to see for themselves how a late night function might lead to residents being disturbed.

The licensing board reviewed the application following the site visit at the next scheduled meeting on 3 April. Some objectors attended that meeting hoping to speak to their concerns, having missed the meeting on 7 February. Unfortunately the majority of board councillors moved to refuse any further submissions or discussion of objections, so it was not possible to voice them. It appears that the majority of councillors had come to the conclusion that the residents in the leafy suburb would not be disturbed by a later licence and had already made their minds up ahead of the meeting, with the result that the application was approved.

The local residents fully understand that when you live near a pub you can expect some disturbance and I think we would say that we are happy with the overall way it is run (some of us use it regularly). What we object to is the appropriateness of a late licence for premises which sit in the middle of a residential area. We'll see how life goes on and how well the owners of the pub manage future events but note the lesson - if you have concerns about licence or planning applications, you need to be present at the initial hearing to make sure your voice is heard; writing a letter is not enough. We have also learnt that it is important to formally raise any complaints about disturbances and law breaking to the police so that they are acted upon and noted in their files. Lastly, make sure the local Community Council and your local City Councillors are aware so they can provide advice and also submit an opinion. They did their best to help us but the licensing board have their own biases.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Roberts

# Gems Among the Traffic

I blame Helen who owns Just Gems next to the PO for starting it. It used to be the chipper, and while the view inside her shop was lovely, the view outside was looking a little tired and neglected. She was talking about it sometime last year, saying that she would love to see more colour and fewer conifers. The next day, the thought struck me that, as a garden designer, I might just be able to help her out (I'm a bit slow on the uptake sometimes!). After some discussion we agreed that I would design the new planting and organise the plants if she would rustle up some helpers and the funds for the plants.

It was like shouting "Mush" at huskies (except they don't actually say that, do they?). Within a week she had started her assault on the worst of the dreariness with support from a gardener and some of the local businesses. Light started to make its way through to the businesses behind the island, as well as to some of the litter on it. Meanwhile I inspected, photographed and surveyed the sorry looking patch (tricky measuring a banana shape) to the bemusement of the people at the bus stop; then went home to the drawing board. I chose the toughest, most colourful plants I could find in colour schemes to match the road signs at each end - pink and blue for the One Way and red and yellow for the No Entry - my Designer moment.



Helen also contacted the council for support and found an ally in Marie Boulton. She wasn't able to magic funds out of thin air but she volunteered men, machines and mulch. We're using compost made from our brown bin collection which I've not tried before although the council has. Along with a few other volunteers including a lady with a mattock (not your everyday tool but very useful), we spent a weekend chopping and clearing branches for the council guys to take away. Marie sure knows the meaning of "hands on". I shall think twice about planting Berberis from now on - I knew the thorns were evil but the roots go straight down. When we realised how hard they were to dig out, Marie whistled up a man with a digger. We gave in to public pressure and installed a cheap gravel path from the hotel to the bus stop - if that's where people want to walk, there's no point trying to hold back the tide.



The next week the plants arrived (thanks to Alastair at the Cults Hotel) and the team was back to plant out - except for the blue grasses which had gone walkies. Helen and Vilma deserve a medal for the number of bulbs they planted. There will be a few tweaks required (two more flat-top shrubs to go, perhaps another conifer, maybe some more ground cover) and some TLC - weeds will be an issue for a year or so - but we lost count of the people telling us what an improvement it was. I think we can all look forward to something pretty to look at - and sniff - for just about every month of the year. Pop into the Cults Hotel to see the plans and watch that space.

Alison Shearer

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# News from the Cults Bieldside and Milltimber Community Council



The police give a report at each of our monthly community council meetings. Last month the officers highlighted that there had been a number of thefts from cars left unlocked in their driveways. We are fortunate that we have a relatively low level of crime in our area but it is a reminder that we should be careful about the protection of our property.

## Housing Developments

Friarsfield: Aberdeen City Council's approval of the masterplan for Friarsfield paved the way for the submission of the detailed planning application for the 1st phase of the development. It involves 81 houses being built, of which eight will be affordable homes. The focus of the development is on 4/5 bedroom properties.

Representatives of the community council met with CALA to discuss the application which included the traffic assessment. It is acknowledged that there will be 'pinch points' on the road network at the junctions of Abbotsford Road, Westerton Road and the North Deeside Road and Kirkbrae and the North Deeside Road. However, the overall traffic survey shows that traffic volumes are lower than the forecast levels.

The road through the site will only be constructed once the 2nd phase of housing is complete which involves a total of 160 homes being built. The community council remains concerned about the increase in traffic and would like to see an earlier completion of the new road. As mentioned in previous articles we remain deeply sceptical about the traffic forecasts.

There is no further information on schools, particularly the capacity of Cults Academy to absorb the children from all the new developments in Lower Deeside. We hope this will be clarified before the planning application is approved. We have been assured that the drainage issues will be resolved and the developer is considering planning gain opportunities in the local area.

Oldfold Farm: Although the master plan for Oldfold Farm has been approved by the Aberdeen City Council no planning application has so far, been made by CALA. We are still expecting the developer to discuss the planning application and the traffic

assessment for the site with the community council and local community groups before submitting it.

Waterwheel Hotel: On Friday 29th March the planning application for five apartments and 15 dwelling houses, each with three bedrooms, was approved. This was disappointing in that new housing on this site was not included in the local development plan. We also do not understand what is or is not green belt land any more. Although the community council reluctantly argued that some new housing should be built to enable the site to be made tidy, we felt that the front part of the site should be landscaped and returned to its natural habitat. Given other decisions made by the planning department at site visits that day, there is no consistency in the way planning decisions are made.

Peter Reiss - Chairman

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# SILVER CITY BLUES

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Silver City Blues Masters are an inclusive club who welcome swimmers of all abilities. The club trains twice a week at the Cults Academy pool as well as sessions at RGU and Hazelhead. Whilst the club does have Scottish, British and European record holders it also encompasses swimmers who are just keeping fit or developing their technique whether they are 19 or 86. Master swimmers have the opportunity to compete both locally and throughout Great Britain. In April 20th and 21st over 40 Silver City Blues swimmers are taking part in the Scottish Nationals in Glasgow.



As of May 1st 2012 the club is opening a swim school on Tuesday and Friday mornings at Cults Academy from 7 – 8.15am. As part of a community partnership these sessions will allow the over 60's community group who swum in the old pool for many years access to the new pool as well as allowing senior pupils, staff and local residents the opportunity for a morning swim. Each session will have qualified and experienced teachers and coaches on poolside and swimmers will be able to choose from participating in an open swim, stroke development or lane swimming.

If you are interested in either joining the club or swim school please contact Head Coach Hilary Stewart on 01224 869186 or e mail [hilaryastewart@btconnect.com](mailto:hilaryastewart@btconnect.com) for further details. You are also more than welcome to come and see us in action in the pool on a Tuesday and Thursday evening from 8.15pm



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# Milltimber Mums need Funds for Good Cause



Hi, we are the "Milly Fillies" a group of mums and friends from Milltimber and we are doing a walkathon to help Molly reach her £10,000 target for Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. (JDRF). When you have read the story please go to: <http://www.justgiving.com/Molly-Massie>

Some of us are walking the full marathon (26.2 miles) and some are walking a half marathon. We are in the training phase and there have been a lot of "Sair" feet so far. We are setting off from Molly's house in Contlaw Place on Saturday 12th May 2012 at 0800 for the full marathon and 1200 for the half marathon, all ending up back at Contlaw Place to cross the finishing line around 1600, all being well!!.

We would be delighted to see you at the start or finish line to show your support and of course you can sponsor us through the just giving page, with funds going straight to JDRF. This is a joint page for everyone to use so you only need to donate once.

What Molly says: Hello my name is Molly Massie and I am 11 years old. I would like to raise as much money as I can for JDRF. I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes on the 8th February 2011, just over a year ago. I aim to raise £10,000 for JDRF and I will not rest until it has been achieved. JDRF stands for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and they are a charity that is dedicated to finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. I am moving to America in early August and ideally I would like to reach this target before I go. I have called upon some friends to help me. My mum's friends and some of my friends' mums have a ladies night planned as well as the Walkathon and we have some stuff for a Car boot Sale.

JDRF raises money to drive world-class research, providing funds for the very best projects, wherever they happen to be around the world. They aim to find new ways to treat type 1 Diabetes and its complications, prevent type 1 from developing in the first place and find the cure for people who already have the condition. For more info: <http://www.jdrf.org.uk>  
Please help us raise money to help find a cure.

Molly Massie

## Farewell from Councillor Alan Milne



This will be my last report to you as your Councillor. It has been a pleasure to work with you for the past five years though at times frustrating as it can take so long to achieve solutions. The Council is so

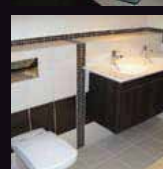
short of cash that many compromises have to be made, remembering the good of the City not just our own area. The Local Plan and its adoption have taken a lot of our time but in the long run it will help to resolve planning issues. Controversial issues such as the AWPR, City Garden project, Third Don crossing and the Football Stadium will rumble on with decisions to be made. Our City has to move forward despite its financial problems and I sincerely hope that ways can be found to overcome these and any political difficulties. Thanks to the Community Council for their understanding and cooperation. I will watch with interest developments in the community of Lower Deeside and wish you all the very best.

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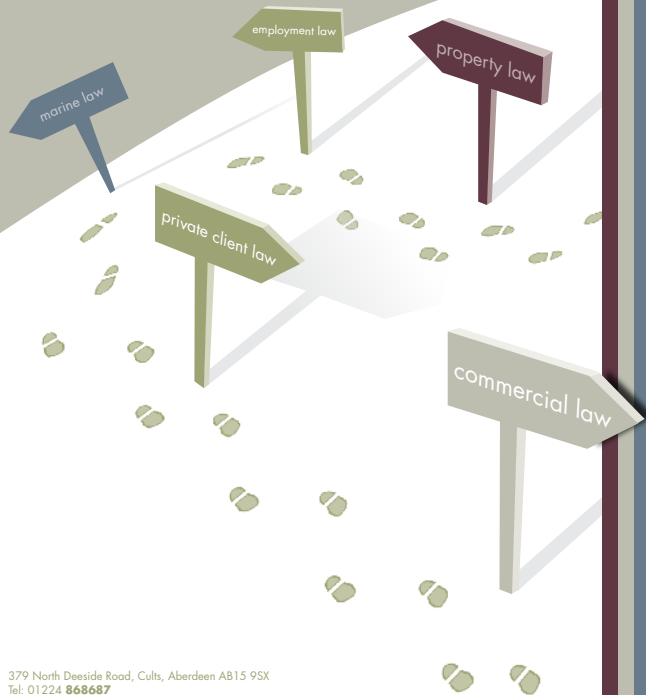
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## News from Marie Boulton

We have been very lucky this winter with very little snow. The mild weather has meant little frost and ice and consequently light use of the Council's stocks of salt and grit; good news all round.

Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA), on behalf of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire councils, launched a public consultation on the 7th October to discover what residents and stakeholders thought of potential changes to its blueprint for the future. The consultation lasted 13 weeks and encouraged people to give their views on a new report, focusing on the issues facing the region as it looks to maintain and enhance its attractiveness and continues sustainable development, through to until 2035. The SDPA and both councils had agreed a 'Structure Plan' in 2009, mapping out their long-term intentions but in accordance with changes in Scottish planning laws, SDPA must now submit a 'Strategic Development Plan' to Scottish Ministers in 2013. Using the current structure plan as its foundation, the new report, which was discussed by City and Shire councillors at a meeting of the SDPA on 23 September, focuses on the main issues arising over the past two years which must be addressed in the Strategic Development Plan. The report offers an insight into how both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire can tackle the impact of the global recession and climate change, in order to deliver their vision for the region's future. This new Strategic Development Plan aims to set out a framework to develop Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire to 2035. including new homes, businesses, transport infrastructure and facilities, to ensure continued prosperity. It will replace the current structure plan (agreed by councillors from both councils and approved by Scottish Ministers in 2009) taking into account two new major influences, climate change and ongoing economic challenges.

A proposed version of the Strategic Development Plan, will be published in September 2012 before a further consultation is carried out ahead of an anticipated submission to Scottish Ministers in June 2013. I would urge everyone to look out for this consultation process

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and to take part as it will show how Aberdeen is likely to be developed in the future. The final plan will then be examined by Scottish Ministers with approval expected by June 2014.

A planning application has been lodged by Cala for 81 dwellings at Friarsfield in Cults, which is the first phase of the 280 houses identified in the 2008 Local Development Plan on this site. Planning permission has also been granted for the re-development of 'The Waterwheel' (the current building, mainly into flats) with two further cottages being built onto the North Deeside Road, similar to the existing ones. To the rear and side of the current Waterwheel structure 13 townhouses will be added. A planning application is expected very soon for the site at Oldfold in Milltimber, which was identified in the 2011 Local Development Plan for 550 dwellings, business opportunities and associated infrastructure. Oldfold will be developed in phases and is forecast to take several years to complete.

The numbers for pupils going into S1 at Cults Academy this year is forecast at around 164, which still allows for some late applications for pupils moving into the area in the coming months, I will continue to monitor the situation carefully. Iain Smithers will be retiring as Head Teacher at Cults Primary at the end of this school term. Mr Smithers has dedicated himself to the pupils of Cults Primary for the last 20 years and I would like to publicly acknowledge his hard work and commitment in carrying out his duties. We have seen high standards maintained in the largest Primary school in Aberdeen.

The following pieces of infrastructure have been identified to have works carried out from this financial year's 2012/13 budget:

Contlaw Brae, from North Deeside Road to Colthill Circle to be re-surfaced, scheduled for the 1st week of the school summer holidays.

Earlswells Road, re-surfacing of the carriageway at Cults Primary, timeframe to be confirmed.

Deeview Road South, implementation of high containment kerbs, timeframe to be confirmed.

North Deeside Road at Old Ferry Road, implementation of a new traffic Island, waiting restrictions required and

promotion of legislative procedures for a Traffic Regulation Order, which may affect implementation, timeframe to be confirmed.

Kirk Brae, at Craighbank, installation of an overflow pipe in Burn access, timeframe to be confirmed.

Kirk Brae, south of Countesswells Road, drainage improvement, timeframe to be confirmed.

Abbotshall Crescent to Abbotshall Walk, provision of street lighting for footpath, for children going to and from school. The path currently has no lights, timeframe to be confirmed.

The above works have been put forward to be confirmed at the May Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure Committee of the Council.

It has been brought to my attention by several residents in the ward that large groups of around 60-70 youths have been gathering down at the River Dee. Whilst none of the residents object or would suggest that the young people do not have the right to have fun or to get together, they do have concerns that the young people are not accepting the responsibilities that goes with these rights. It has been further reported that the area at the Dee where these young people have been gathering, is littered with smashed beer bottles, used condoms, burnt pieces of fencing and other rubbish. Several dogs have been cut on the smashed bottles and it is presumed that wild animals could have been injured by the same debris. Serious concerns have been voiced that underage drinking is also taking place. Clearly alcohol, fire and a river could be a fatal combination and I am therefore bringing this situation to parents attention within the ward, so that they can warn their children of the potential dangers and to appeal to the young people that, "no-one wants to stop you having fun, but please give consideration to others and clear up behind you". The Police and the City Wardens will be monitoring the situation.

I wish you all a lovely Summer and hope there is still lots of warm weather to come!



Marie Boulton  
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## News from Councillor Aileen Malone

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past nine years. I have dealt with thousands of letters, emails, phone calls, issues, etc. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to stand up on behalf of local residents to protect the quality of life in our area. I have tried to make my articles informative and helpful. I hope you have found this to be the case.

### Cycle Lanes – North Deeside Road

Various complaints came in about the cycle lanes along North Deeside Road from Culter to Mannofield. I am pleased to report that work on re-painted these will start after the Easter holidays. This is an important safety matter and cycling should be as safe as possible.

### Contlaw Brae

At last, after many discussions, Contlaw Brae is now on the main resurfacing list for the coming financial year. This list will be submitted to committee for approval in May. This is the access road to the school so any upgrade work would be carried out during school holidays.

### Binghill Road – “Park & Ride”

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Instances have been reported where a queue forms on Binghill Road and subsequently hinders traffic flow on the North Deeside Road. After discussing this with officials, there is a proposal to introduce certain lengths of 'double yellow' lines on Binghill Road. This would ensure that the signal controlled junction operates efficiently and keep traffic flowing safely. This proposal will go out to a statutory consultation. The decision is expected at the meeting on 31 May of the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee. If approved, the lines would be installed this summer.

### Inchgarth Reservoir

There has been a serious security breach at the Scottish Water reservoir on Inchgarth Road. Thieves broke the padlock at the entrance and stole several thousand pounds worth of cable. A high security lock has now been fitted. Access to the site is being reconsidered to make it more secure. This change will create a problem for the Council as its employees had a key to gain access for emptying 'doggie' bins. Unfortunately, Scottish Water is no longer allowing this arrangement. A high security investigation will be undertaken with the priority of protecting the reservoir. In the meantime I am meeting officials to discuss solutions such as withdrawing the bins around the perimeter

of the reservoir whether dog or litter. They could be re-sited at the entrance beside the Electricity Substation, giving access for emptying. Though not the best solution, it may be workable.

### Caring for the elderly - Rorie Court, South Avenue, Cults

After years of working to achieve the much-needed Rorie Court Development, I was delighted to be asked to officially open the new building. I hope you agree that this is an impressive development in our area. Along with Coronation Court in Culter, it adds to the portfolio of "Homes for Varying Needs" in the Lower Deeside area. We need to do far more to look after the needs of the elderly. The building of Rosewell Care Home in King's Gate is another achievement of which I am proud.

### Getting things done

I am always keen to help to get things done in our local community. Please contact me if you have any comments,



suggestions or questions and I will do my best to protect and improve our local quality of life. I will do my best to help. My contact details are as follows:

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## CULTS MEDICAL GROUP

We have just finished last year's contract and once again the practice has done very well. I would like to thank all my staff for their hard work over the last year in achieving such high points. We aim at Cults Medical Group to provide the best service to our patients and would ask that if you receive a letter inviting you in to attend clinics such as Diabetes, Asthma, Coronary Heart Disease or Hypertension that you phone the surgery to make an appointment.

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We will start our Breast Screening programme at the end of August this year. We will be inviting woman between the age of 50 and 70 years old to attend.

We will be closed for the Public Holidays on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> July and the 24<sup>th</sup> September. We will also close on the 5<sup>th</sup> June for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Finally, Judith Carr who has been with the reception team for five years has decided to take early retirement. We would like to wish her a very happy time in the future.

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- do you take special care when you're tired or when you've been drinking alcohol?

Your home really means a lot to you. So be smart. It only takes a few simple steps to make sure you don't give fire a home. Think about it today – tomorrow could be too late.

Be really careful if you're smoking when you're tired, or drinking alcohol. Don't just stub out your cigarette, empty the ashtray. Pour water over cigarette ends before putting them in the bin outside.

Think about how you would get out of the house if you do have a fire. You don't need to be an expert to make an escape plan. Just think it through. Then tell everyone what the plan is. Always remember the golden rule – get out and stay out. Phone the fire brigade.

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# COLORING BOOK



# St Devenick's Playgroup News

**\*\*\*NEWS FLASH\*\*\*** St Devenick's Playgroup has won Aberdeen City Early Years Health and Wellbeing award, which was developed in conjunction with NHS Grampian. The award recognises that the playgroup provides their children and carers with healthy food and activities to promote general wellbeing, seen as crucial for the development of children into healthy, confident and well-balanced individuals. We are the first playgroup, nursery or pre-school in Aberdeen to achieve the award and we couldn't be prouder. Huge congratulations to all the staff for their hard work and dedication.



As part of our health and well being topic the children have been learning about the importance of keeping fit and exercise. After suggestions from the children we created a swimming pool within the playgroup hall, complete with a lifeguard station. The children had a ball!

Although London 2012 is a bit too soon for our children, watch this space for future Olympians..... Road safety has also been a focus for us this term. The children even had a trip in pairs with a play leader to the road crossing near to the playgroup hall to experience road safety in action.

The beautiful spring weather has allowed us to enjoy our newly developed garden, complete with log seating, wildlife section and planting area. We are looking forward to developing it further by turfing part of it and including more sensory equipment. A big thanks again to Stephen Bly, the Woodland Community Ranger for Aberdeen City, for all of his help and hard work.

The playgroup is always looking for ways to involve the wider community in our sessions; so if you have an idea or a skill that might be of interest please get in touch on the number below. In the past we've had lots of visitors, including firemen, piano players, yoga teachers and nurses!

Our Mother and Toddlers group runs on a Wednesday afternoon from 2-4pm and it's a great way to meet other mums from the area. The group is run by one of our wonderful playleaders and costs £2.50. Come along and have some fun – all welcome!

St Devenick's Playgroup is based on Baillieswells Road, Bielside. Playgroup sessions run from 9.20 to 11.50 on Monday to Friday with lunch club on a Wednesday. Rising Fives sessions are from 12.30 to 3.00 on Tuesday and Thursdays. If you would like to find out more about Playgroup or Rising 5's, please call Playgroup on 07931 223545 or Julie on 868644.





## Help with heating costs

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## International School PTO donates £10K to hospital



The Parent Teacher Organisation (PTO) of the International School at Aberdeen (ISA) recently joined forces with North East businesses to raise money for a Neurosurgical Unit that saved a student's life. More than 50 local businesses rallied to the cause and donated items for the silent and live auctions. After hosting its first-ever fundraising ball this year, organisers were able to donate £10,000 to the Neurosurgical Fund at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. "The neurosurgical unit had done so much for Joseph, and people at school knew that," Roslyn Robertson says of her son, a middle school student at ISA. Doctors performed two emergency brain surgeries to save his life.

Joseph, a Grade 7 student at the International School of Aberdeen, suffered a concussion after hitting his head on a trampoline bar last Easter. The knot on his head led doctors to discover he needed emergency brain surgery. "The PTO chose this charity because of Joseph's story and also the importance of having a unit doing this work in the North East of Scotland," says PTO president Brenda Holohan. "The ISA community is honoured to be involved in supporting such an important service in Aberdeen. We hope it is the beginning of a long partnership with the neurosurgical unit."



ISA has been a part of the Aberdeen community since it opened in 1972. ISA currently educates more than 475 students from ages 3-18, representing more than 35 nationalities, and specializes in offering an internationally recognized programme of studies that prepares students for universities around the world, including the most rigorous in the U.K. Approximately 23 percent of students come from North East families, like the Robertsons. No matter where they come from, all ISA students have a common commitment to give to others. From five-year-olds bringing in their 1 and 2 pence coins to 18-year-olds organizing car washes, student giving is a fundamental part of the ISA culture.

"Giving our pupils opportunities to be socially responsible and active citizens is a key part of the mission of our school," says Dr. Dan Hovde, director of the school. "Our students at all grade levels participate in service work and fund raising efforts both locally and around the world. Our students learn first hand how they can make a difference in someone else's lives. We are also proud of the fact our parent community value service to our community and model it so well for our kids."

The PTO is an organisation that supports the school community through social activities and fundraising for educational and cultural programs.

Lisa Ann Henkel

Members of the International School of Aberdeen community present a cheque for £10,000 to the Neurosurgical Fund based at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. PTO organisers chose to support the fund after doctors saved the life of middle school student Joseph Robertson. The school's first-ever fundraising ball generated the donation. Pictured are ISA director Dr. Dan Hovde, twelfth grader Fortunate Zondo, Lois Duncan, Student Council president Bethany Garry, fifth grader Josh Wood, PTO president Brenda Holohan, Jennifer Hass, Dr. Akhtar Hussain, Nancy Sirgo, seventh grader Joseph Robertson, Izzy Ritchie, Roslyn Robertson, Sara Richards, Claartje Demeur, and Lisa Henkel.

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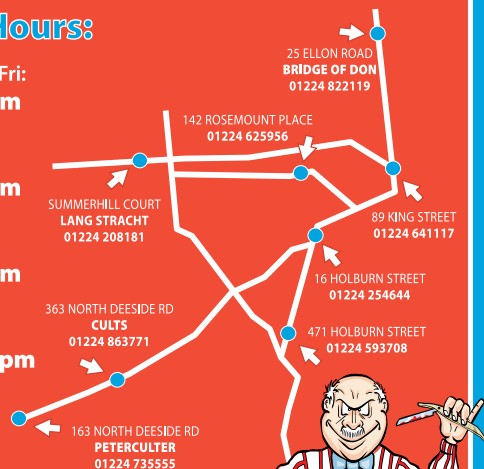
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# Cults Playgroup

The children have had another fun and busy term at playgroup. At the beginning of the term the children were helping prepare for the Burn's Supper by making the table decorations. This was some of the children's first experience of flower arranging and all of them did a remarkable job. There may be some future careers in the making!

As part of festivals and celebrations the children marked the birthday of Robbie Burns by listening and dancing to Scottish music and sampling some of the fine shortbread made in Scotland. From that celebration we went around the world and celebrated Australia Day!

The children have been involved in various craft making for special occasions such as St Valentine's Day and Easter. The most popular activity being the baking that they have taken part in for the Easter Fair where the children made chocolate nests which went down a treat! At the fair the children, with their families and friends, also enjoyed taking part in an Easter Hunt as well as lots of other fun activities and games and in the process, managed to raise some money towards further developing the outside area.

With the weather warming up we have been spending more time outdoors in the garden and discussion has been around the beautiful planters that have been gifted to us by a member of the church. We have been talking about what we might plant and look forward to creating some beautiful displays.

# A Day in the Life of a Newsletter Editor

Although most of our feedback about MBC News is positive, we do sometimes get complaints about MBC News being late or having too many ads or being too heavy to deliver. So we thought we would present a series of articles about the process of producing the mag. This is the first.

About a month before copy deadline I send all my regular reporters – charities, councillors, club secretaries etc. – a 'gentle' reminder about the forthcoming edition of the 'News'. The anticipated torrent of high quality articles invariably fails to materialise and one or possibly even two articles trickle in as a result. A week later I have perhaps one or two more. By the copy deadline I usually have less than a third of the copy I have been promised and an inbox full of apologies and promises.

I start working on what I have in my inbox. I find I have two or three different versions of some articles and others are in a format my computer does not recognize or with pictures too embedded for me to move. I try to deal with them all myself – amalgamating different versions or trying to change the format - but sometimes I have to turn to the authors and ask them to help. I have two sub-editors who laboriously convert printed documents or pdfs into Word documents if necessary.

People send stuff in beautiful and funky types and a variety of colours. They add headers and footers which look great on an individual item but not in a newsletter. Imagine if MBC News were printed in a variety of types and column sizes! I take all the formatting away and replace with Ariel 11, left side justified and single spaced; I correct obvious grammar and spelling errors and remove repetitions. With a few exceptions, my rule is that articles should not be longer than 600 words. I save pictures and artwork separately to send to Sue our lay-out expert.

At this time I usually find my voice mail filling up with messages, often from people wanting to change an entry in the What's On section (Eleanor's department) or to advertise (Tracey's section) or to ensure they get their MBC News (Peter's area). One point to note is that people seldom speak clearly into these machines and I often cannot hear the name or the phone number so fail to pass the message on. Added to this, I have my very reliable secretary in the shape of my husband who is adept at taking and passing on messages. However, some people will persist in giving me messages at work or when I am swimming at Cults pool. I NEVER remember these messages I am afraid.

When all the articles are in and edited I write my editorial, trying to reflect the content but also introducing an element of amusement or even local controversy, which can of course get me into trouble. I send my copy to Sue in small batches as my computer cannot cope with large files. When she has laid it all out I read it all again looking for typos I have missed, misalignments and missing pictures etc. Other team members also do this and we all communicate our corrections to Sue who quickly produces the definitive version of MBC News.

It is a very fulfilling job being MCB News editor. I work with lovely people and our readership appreciate what we do and what we are for.

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## Cults Tennis Club - Coaching Sessions - 'Learning through fun'

Cults Tennis Club runs a very popular coaching programme. An extensive all year programme caters for senior and junior players of all ages and abilities, members and non-members. The coaching team is led by Gareth Rennie who is an experienced and fully qualified L.T.A professional. Gareth started tennis as a Cults Junior and he was the first ever U12 champion for two consecutive years. His early enjoyment of competition was coupled with a sense of tactful humour and now the elements of fun and enjoyment are key to the success of all the coaching sessions. The Assistant Coach, Andrew Fraser, came to Aberdeen from Glasgow as a student, has now completed his studies and also his 4th year as assistant coach at Cults. Gareth and Andrew are ably supported by experienced junior club members who are Level 2 Coaches. Individual coaching is offered for all levels and 'hitting' sessions for those who want some practice.

### Junior Coaching

The team provides a structured programme of classes for members and non-members from 5 years to teenagers. The sessions (colour coded – red for 5-7 year olds, orange for 7-9 year olds, green for 10-12 year olds and yellow for teens) are run on Mondays and Wednesdays after school and on Saturday mornings. There are also Performance Coaching Sessions for improved players on Tuesdays and Saturdays, coaching for players who represent District level and hitting sessions for performance juniors. The team also provide Holiday Camps in school breaks and are involved with Junior Nights for members on Thursday evenings.

### Other Coaching

On Wednesdays between 7pm and 8:30pm an Intermediate / Advanced Session is aimed at those who have been playing for a few years. Players

come along on the evening and there is no need to commit in advance. On Sundays between 7pm and 8:30pm a Beginners Session has been going for two years run by assistant coach Andrew Fraser. This session is aimed at giving adult members and non-members an introduction to tennis and has proved popular with parents whose children attend junior classes. On Tuesday mornings there is an additional Beginners Session.

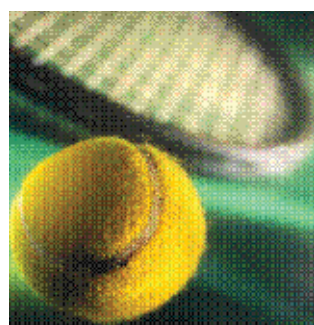
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## Cults Primary



**Bag2School drop-off  
which is on  
Saturday, 26th May  
10am-12 noon**

## Cults Primary - The End of an Era...

The end of this school year will mark a major milestone in Cults Primary School, with the retirement of our Head Teacher - Iain Smithers. Iain has been at Cults Primary for more than 20 years, and is well known to so many Cults and Bieldside families; indeed, he was at the school when many of our current parents were young!

Iain is a career educationalist and a lover of expressive arts. If you've spent any time in Iain's company, you will have been inspired by his love of education, of children and of our community. Although Iain spends much of his time working in the Red Unit with our older children, our P1s and 2s are mesmerised by his King of Fairyland persona and glow with pride when he speaks to them in the school corridors.

We are holding a whole school picnic in the school playground on Thursday 28th June, from 12-2pm, during which the children will sing and thank Iain for his dedication to our school. We will also be acknowledging the work of Jenny Allan, one of our P7 teachers - who is also retiring at the end of this school year after 26 years at Cults Primary School.

We would like to welcome members of the community to come and join our celebrations. Bring a blanket and a picnic, and hope for good weather!

## Cults Primary School

# Summer Fair

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## MBC Festival Art Exhibition 2012

The Art Exhibition and Opening of the MBC Festival will be on Friday 10th August in the newly completed Phoenix Hall at Newton Dee.

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Any artist that lives, works or attends a class in Cults, Bielside or Milltimber is invited to submit their artwork. Information about the range of artworks and the conditions for exhibiting will be available from late June. All artists should obtain a copy of this information as it will include dates and times for handing in artwork and any other necessary updates or changes. It will be available at Cults Post Office, Cults Library or the "Blue Door" charity shop in Bielside. If not on the counter, please ask.

If you have any queries, please phone Christine Cole on 868436.

## MBC Festival 2012

Planning for this year's Festival has just commenced. The opening event will, as usual, be the Art Exhibition which will be on the weekend of 11-12th August when it is expected that it will be held at Newton Dee's brand new hall. Over the following 2-3 weeks both old favourites and new events will take place in the MBC area. Our next planning meeting will take place on 24th April and we would welcome any suggestions, requests or input to the programme. Information regarding the Art Exhibition is included in this issue of MBC News and the final programme will be in the next edition.

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## Update on Cults Scouts biggest ever fundraiser

Our annual Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday, May 26th. We are proud that the sale has become something of an institution in the Cults calendar. Perhaps it is because there are treasures to be found no matter what your interest or tastes. I don't know who was happiest last year, the woman who purchased a designer handbag for £1 or the boy who spent his pocket money on a state-of-the-art pogo stick!

This year we are trying something new in the way we organize our event. In previous years the boys and girls from our scout group have leafleted all the houses in the area and then called around again about a week later collecting jumble. This year every house will, once again, be leafleted, but the children will not be coming back to make collections. In the past, the children often found that there was no-one at home when they called for the jumble. Furthermore, many of our scouts are away on their school Activities Week just prior to the sale. For these reasons, we are asking you, if at all possible, to drop your jumble to the Scout Centre on South Avenue, Cults (behind the library). The Centre will be open the week before the sale with new extended hours from 10am 'till noon, 1pm 'till 3pm and 7pm 'till 9pm. Please be assured that we will call to pick up jumble from anyone who cannot take it themselves to the Scout Centre. Should you wish to arrange a collection, please contact Lynsey Bradford on 862099.

This June, we are undertaking a major programme of works to eradicate wet rot and other damp problems from our Scout Centre. We hope that our Jumble Sale will raise vital funds for this project which will cost many thousands of pounds. Thank you so much for your continued support of our Scout Group. We look forward to sharing a happy and bargain filled day with you on the 26th May.

## Here's what's happening at Cults Scouts

### We asked 10 Scouts why they joined Scouts.

The replies included, "all my pals are in Scouts; I like it because it's a very big group; my friends always talk about Scouts; I like camp fires and cooking; lots of different activities". We gather this information at Scout Forums seeking comments from the membership and consulting on the programme. Amongst the information gathered we discovered some Scouts fluent in Spanish, French and Russian. Should be useful if we meet any Scouts from those countries at this year's annual camp at the Scottish National Scout Activity Centre near Edinburgh.

The Centre has a fantastic artificial caving complex where Scouts can navigate a variety of tunnels, U bends and mini caverns. At ground level the activities include a Go-cart track; BMX Challenge and circus skills. Going up, there is a huge climbing tower; bungee trampoline; and the awesome King Swing. The water balloon slingshots should also add a bit of excitement. Participation in these events will all add to the record of achievement for Scouts, several of whom have already amassed over 75 nights away. In the autumn, our attention turns to water based activities with a long week-end at the National Scout Water Activities Centre, including canoeing at Lochgoilhead. An international week-end of activities will take place later with a visit of Scouts from Stavanger.



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**SUMMER SUNDAY MORNINGS**

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# Cults Hillwalking Club

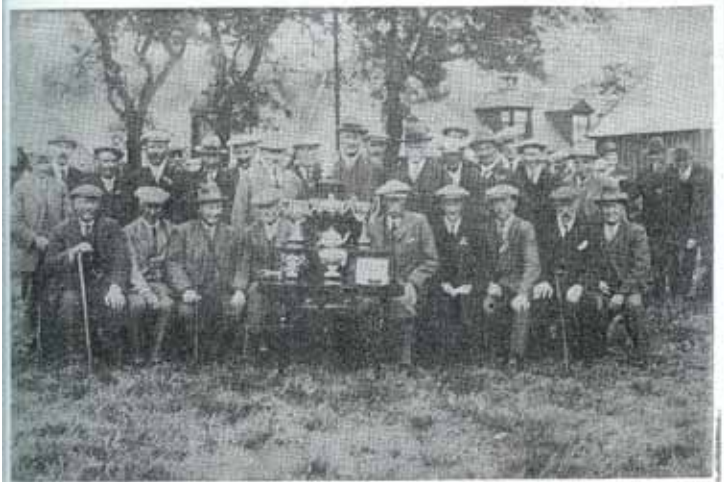
The summer months see the prospect of longer walks and traditionally the June walk is the longest of the annual club programme. This year the June walk is scheduled from **Inverey** just west of Mar Lodge to the **Dalmunzie Hotel** close to the Spittal of Glenshee, some 29 km (18 miles in old money). Not as long as some of our previous June walks but still a challenge if you have not been out regularly. There is a shorter option from Baddock in Glen Clunie for those wishing a more modest day's walk at 18 km (ca 11 miles).

The picture shows the start of the March walk from Glen Prosen to Glen Isla.



Visit our website at <http://www.cultshillwalkingclub.org.uk/> where details of the club walks and other activities can be seen. New members are always welcome. Why not come along and see for yourself what a varied programme we offer? For more information contact Chairman, Andy Roberts on 01224 733710, [andyroberts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andyroberts@hotmail.co.uk) or Membership Secretary John Adams on 01224 868402, [john@adamsnet.co.uk](mailto:john@adamsnet.co.uk).

Evening meeting		Sunday Walk	
		Various pick up points	
7 June	<b>Evening walk at Fetternear 6.00 for 6.15 pm</b> Meal afterwards at Bennachie Lodge Hotel	17 June	<b>Beinn Iuthan Mor &amp; Loch nan Eun</b> 29 or 18 km
5 July	<b>Informal meeting Cults Hotel 8.00pm</b>	15 July	<b>Tom Bhuidhe &amp; Glen Esk</b> 27 or 19 km
2 August	<b>Informal meeting Cults Hotel 8.00pm</b>	12 August	<b>Greag Leacach &amp; Carn na Drochaide</b> 27 or 15 km



Echt show members of old long gone pictured back in 1923 gathered round some of the events trophies. Underlining the hereditary aspect, at least half a dozen of the gentlemen pictured here are represented in the present show committee by sons, grandsons and nephews.

## The Echt Show

Agricultural shows are part of our Heritage. In the 1850's many parishes, in the North East of Scotland at least, held shows and games at which only local exhibitors and residents could take part.

In 1854 Midmar District Gathering was held at Craighedarg, Skene in the presence of 1000 spectators. Records show competitions for Best Highland Dress, Highland Dancing, Heavy Events Races and Jumping. Midmar Agricultural Association held a show at The Cottage, (The Midmar Inn) in 1858 with a 100 head of cattle, horses, sheep and swine (pigs) coming forward for competition.

Echt Show is believed to have started out as a horse fair at the market stance behind the village pub (Echt Tandoori) in the 1830's. Echt Agricultural Association then held ploughing matches and Seed and Root Shows in the 1850's. The first livestock show was held in 1853 at the Market Stance. A Hortus Department, (flowers and vegetables) was included, as was poultry and dairy produce.

The Echt, Skene and Midmar Agricultural Association was formed in 1864 and 80 enthusiastic volunteers are still organising the Echt Show and Sports today. Shows or fundraising events have been held almost every year since. During the two wars gala days were held to raise money for the Scottish Agricultural Red Cross Funds. The Pleasure Park at Echt became home to the Show in 1934 when the first Lady Cowdray presented six acres of land behind the school as a site, but the show moved a bit further to the east in the last few years.



The Echt show this year is on Saturday 14th July. We plan to share with everyone a display of old photos, trophies and stories from the years gone by. In 2013 The Show celebrates its 160th Anniversary.

We have gathered a great deal of

information about the local shows, especially Echt, but we are still looking for more. Are you a past Echt Show Queen or Princess?; did you meet the love of your life at the Show?; is the trophy in the cupboard under the stairs from the show?; do you have any old family photos from past years or could you possibly help put names to faces on the photos we have? If you think you have any information please get in touch.

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11 May "Pilgrims of Babylon". The Artists of Montmartre  
8 June Transports of Delight: The Art of the Travel Poster of the 1930's

The venue is Robert Gordon's University, The Faculty of Health & Social Care, Scott Cassie Circle, Inchgarth Road. Please join us for a glass of wine or soft drink at 7.00 prior to the lecture which starts at 7.30. For more information please ring Alison on 01224 869639 or Thyra on 01224 481278

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Have you heard of us? The University of the Third Age (U3A) is an organisation for retired and semi-retired people which promotes informal learning through a series of interest groups, regular meetings, outings and social events throughout the year.

The Aberdeen group meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month from September to June. We meet in St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Huntly Street from 1.30 to 4 pm, with guest speakers entertaining us on a wide range of subjects, often connected with the city and its surroundings. We also have many special interest groups, run by the members themselves these include: Art Appreciation, Book and Poetry Reading, Cinema (visiting The Belmont weekly), French and German, Geology, International Lunches, Music, Philosophy, Travel, Lunchtime Discussion group and a Concert and Theatre group – plenty to choose from! In June, for our annual summer outing, we are planning a visit to the lovely Fyvie Castle.

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**WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES:** Many members and their friends meet during the week to share their hobbies and interests. A list of groups will be found on the Church's web site at: <http://www.cultsparishchurch.co.uk>

**HUB CAFÉ:** Light lunches and home-baking are available every Tuesday and Wednesday between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

**CULTS O50 CLUB:** See the Hobbies and Social pages of the MBC News.

**MINISTER:** Ewen Gilchrist, 1, Cairnlee Terrace, Bielside, AB15 9AE. Tel:861692.

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## Cults Bowling Club

This year Cults Bowling Club celebrates its 125th Anniversary. It was formed in 1887 (along with a tennis club) and moved to its present location at 293 North Deeside Road 10 years later. To celebrate this significant event in the Club's history and in the history of Cults and its environs, a number of special events has been arranged.

The Club opened for the summer season on Saturday, 21st April. The opening ceremony was led by Lord Stephen (Baron Stephen of Upper Deeside) and was followed by a lunch in the Club House and a few ends of bowls. Some 70 members turned up to take part in this special occasion. A formal dinner was held in the Marcliffe Hotel the following Saturday and again was well supported by members and friends.

Throughout the season a number of special games has been arranged against the Bon Accord Association, Aberdeenshire and Kincardineshire Bowling Association and the Aberdeen District Ladies Association. We hope that the weather will continue to be kind to us! The Club has also set up a new tournament for its members consisting of two-bowl pairs, and a new trophy for this event has been donated to the Club.

Of course, the usual busy life of Cults Bowling Club continues as always. There are many games and competitions throughout the season as well as many opportunities to play a relaxing game with old and new friends. Cults is a warm and welcoming club and welcomes anyone interested in coming along, whether as a beginner or as someone who has played the beautiful game before.

If you wish to know more contact David Steele on 01224 868485 or simply come down and see for yourself. You will be able to have a go and find out if this is the game and the Club for you.

We are now giving you the opportunity by holding TWO **OPEN DAYS.**

**First OPEN DAY Sunday, 29th April 2012**

**11am – 4pm All Public Welcome**

**Second OPEN DAY Junior Section**

**Saturday 5th May 2012 11am – 4pm**

The second is for children and parents to come and have a game. Coaches, with equipment required, will be waiting to give you instruction to help make it a fun day. Please wear flat soled shoes or trainers. Light refreshments will be available.

A noticeable feature for this year and last is the drive to recruit young members (school age and upwards). Local schools have been contacted and the response has been remarkable.

All in all, Cults Bowling Club looks forward to another 125 years of fun!

## Cults Bowling Club

**RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!** This new sporting opportunity has been made possible by a substantial Grant from Aberdeen City Council Youth Activities Small Grants Fund.

Bruce Will, Club President said "Cults Bowling Club is a strong local club and are looking to attract more young members. This Project is opening up our club and giving people in Cults, Bieldside and Milltimber the opportunity to play Bowls."

The opportunity to try a new sport for the first time is often all a person needs to catch the bowling bug and is a great way for school children to try bowling and have a quality sporting experience.

Coaches play a vital role in bringing more children into playing our sport that is why Cults Bowling Club will soon have seven coaches, all of whom have been approved by the C.R.B.S. PVG Scheme. Child Protection, Safety and Welfare issues are taken seriously in our club and our aim is to give children and parents a fun and fulfilling experience.

We are holding a Junior Open Day on Saturday 5th May 11am - 4pm when our coaches will be available for "A come and try session." All equipment needed will be supplied free of charge. Please come wearing flat soled shoes or trainers.

For more information or to book a place contact:

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# A DEAR GREEN SPACE WRITES TO MBC NEWS...

I am a dear green space.

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I used to be a place that lots of people came to and they played or stretched out in the sun (not that that happened very often), and they used my 'facilities' because there are very few such 'facilities' located nearby. In the summer, strange people called 'children's entertainers' used to come to my space and perform for children and make them laugh in a particularly raucous manner.

Those were good days and my upkeep was the responsibility of the local 'Cooncil' who employed 'happy go lucky' local artisans to cut my grass and keep me neat and tidy so that the people could pop down from the busy streets and just enjoy the tranquillity I offered.

Over the last few years, spaces like mine have become neglected. As a consequence, people visit me less and less (although they seem to go in their droves to similar green spaces in Edinburgh and Glasgow) and I now seem to have a different 'night time clientele'. These are people who don't seem to want to enjoy my beauty and the tranquillity I offer. They appear to be more interested in hiding away and indulging in activities which seem to give them a lot of pleasure, which no-one else seems to share.

Recently, I found out something which made me very sad. It is so sad, that I cannot really believe it could actually happen. I had been hoping that the 'Cooncil' were going to get a few more jolly gardeners and bring back the children's entertainers, when the rain and cold stopped for the short time it does in summer. But what I have found out is that instead of trying to use me in the way I was intended by generations of the good people of the city, they are going to...(I can hardly believe it)...fill me in with concrete and kill all my lovely flowers and 'environmentally friendly' trees.

All this is going to cost millions and produce, apparently, 6,500 jobs. When I asked why it was all going to cost so much and how it would produce all these jobs, no-one could explain it to me. I thought if you put 6,500 people into my space all together at one time, there would be no space for even one little 'environmentally friendly' tree.

I have seen the plans. All around me are beautiful historic buildings which were designed during another time when the city was rich and powerful (which it is today, I understand). What they are going to put on top of me is a very strange concoction of structures which a small boy said reminded him of 'Star Trek' whatever that means.

All I really wanted or needed was a few more happy gardeners with a desire to make me beautiful and safe for people again. Instead, they are going to convert me into a concrete bunker (which apparently was the home of choice of a particularly nasty man in Germany) and somehow I will become a symbol of the city's success.

I have to say, I can't really understand that.



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# Rotary Club of Aberdeen Deeside

Culter, Cults, Milltimber, Airyhall and Kingswells primary schools took part in our Area Primary School Quiz. It was a closely fought contest for first place which finally went to Culter. Most importantly, however, each of five teams represented its school very well, and also made good links with its neighbouring primaries and members of our club. Overall it was a very enjoyable event to be associated with, and I believe a successful one.

One of the girls from this year's Milltimber team presented the winning school, Culter, with the RCAD Primary Schools Quiz Trophy, which was a very nice touch. Milltimber School through head teacher Ruth Mathers and her staff, proved very welcoming hosts. Culter School goes on to contest the Rotary Quiz semi-finals in May at Westhill - good luck! But for now the Club is gearing itself up for its major fund-raiser in the form of an Art Evening.

## ART EVENING - Sunday 13th May 2012

The annual Art Evening hosted by The Rotary Club of Aberdeen Deeside will take place on Sunday 13th May at The Marcliffe at Pitfodells at 7pm.

The popularity of this evening continues to grow and we are delighted that local artist David Newbatt has offered to paint and then auction the original, unique painting for charity. David has spent the last 29 years mainly in the Aberdeen area, devoting his artistic career to working with children, adolescents and young adults with special needs.

We aim to raise money and awareness, for much needed causes. The proceeds from this year's event will go to local charities, the main beneficiary being Nature Nurture. Several local companies have again made this evening possible by providing sponsorship and raffle prizes, others by giving their time and energy.

For more information please contact [ros.rotary@btinternet.com](mailto:ros.rotary@btinternet.com) or visit the website [www.aberdeendeesiderotary.org](http://www.aberdeendeesiderotary.org)

The winning team - Culter Primary School.



## Camphill School Aberdeen

This term the Eco Committee of the school has taken a leap forward and organised a litter picking day along the old railway line between Murtle and Camphill. Those on the walk, which included members of the St. Machar Rotary Club, collected 53 kilos of litter and other rubbish and raised £110 for Hermanus Camphill School in South Africa. It was a wonderful community event and one which has brought us closer to the Green Flag award. The Committee has also written an 'eco code' which the whole school has adopted.

1. Look back into the room you left - Tight without use is an engage theft!
2. If it isn't far - take a bike or walk and Leave your car!
3. If you do your shopping - take a bag along to carry it in.
4. Don't throw away - recycle for another day.
5. When you refuse to reuse - it's the earth you abuse.
6. Pollution isn't cool - so don't be a fool.
7. Window open - heater off!
8. If out - switch out.
9. Stop the drip - to save the drop.
10. Don't let the water run in the sink - our lives are on the brink.

Meanwhile in another pupil lead initiative we would like to thank everyone who continues to contribute to the textile and shoe recycling scheme RAGBAG. The last collection (250 kg.) generated a further £125 which will also go towards the new workshop building in Hermanus Camphill School in South Africa. If you have more textiles, clothes or shoes to donate, please send them to Camphill Estate School House (there is a large indoor collection box).

This term the School has seen a large number of visitors including Patricia Cassidy, Head of Education for Aberdeen City, Jim Kiddie, Convenor of Aberdeen City Social Work Committee, and Geraldine Docherty, Director of the Scottish Social Services Council.

Continuing on with positive inspection reports, the St. Andrew's Project received an excellent Care Inspectorate report with only very good and excellent grades. The Project is seeking to expand its work, in particular the over 18 service that it offers.

This term Nature Nurture worked for the first time with very young children aged 18 months and older with funding provided by the Camphill Wellbeing Trust. Next term they will have their first local authority funded group through the Aberdeenshire Drugs and Alcohol partnership. Our newest venture, the Sapphire Project, has admitted its first student and looks to build on this, offering a day service as an alternative to Aberdeen College for youngsters with additional support needs.

Finally at the school festival at Easter, 10 pupils from class 10 received their "Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award"

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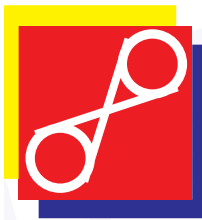
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## Aberdeen Wanderers Rugby Football Club

was founded in Aberdeen in 1928 as Aberdeen Engineers RFC which later changed its name to Aberdeen Wanderers in 1934. A merger in 1971 with Aberdeen Academicals RFC changed the clubs name to Wanderers Accies and a further merger in 1991 with another local side Granite City RFC saw the club reverted back to its former name of Aberdeen Wanderers RFC.

The senior section runs two teams on a Saturday for 90% of the season and has regular coaching sessions twice a week. Wanderers offer the potential of 1st team rugby, in the Caledonia League 2 North East Division, for those wanting to challenge themselves, or the more relaxed and more social based Warriors team with a season set up of 10 matches to Christmas. Cup competitions and later seven's tournaments take up the second half of the season.

In 1991 the youth section was started with the ethos of providing a safe and fun environment to learn the game. The youth section has grown over the years to a point where we now offer rugby to children and youths from P1 to U16 and beyond depending on squad numbers. From P1 to P3 (or earlier if they are keen!) the children are introduced to rugby through simple games and 'Tag' rugby. From P4 onwards we introduce contact rugby according to the relevant age group law variations provided by Scottish Rugby. Depending on numbers we will mix P4/P5, P6/P7 and S1/S2 school years. Beyond S2 we run individual age group squads. Coaches (Dad's) are all trained and disclosed with specialist first aiders at every level.

Teams all train and play regularly (see Table below for times). Mini tournaments between local teams are held regularly for the younger teams and regular fixtures and leagues for the older ones. There is usually a tour organised every other year which the children really enjoy (and parents too!).

The teams have gone from strength to strength regularly appearing in the top four in the Caledonia League and Caledonia Cup, Bowl and Plate finals. Some of the club's youth players have represented Caledonia at age group level and many have represented the Hurricanes U-16 and U-15 teams.

Most notable player to date is Jason White who started his career at the club and has represented Scotland at every level including winning 77 caps for the national team, captaining them 19 times during his nine year international career.

Aside from the rugby, Wanderers is a family friendly social club, with many social events held during the year including the annual dinner, Club Cèilidh, fun days, prize days and fundraisers.

If you are interested in playing rugby or getting involved in coaching or looking to start your children playing please visit our websites: Senior Section :- [www.aberdeenwanderers.hitsrugby.com](http://www.aberdeenwanderers.hitsrugby.com) or youth section:- [www.awyrfc.com](http://www.awyrfc.com)

TRAINING TIMES		
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Micros – P7	Saturday	10.00 – 12.00
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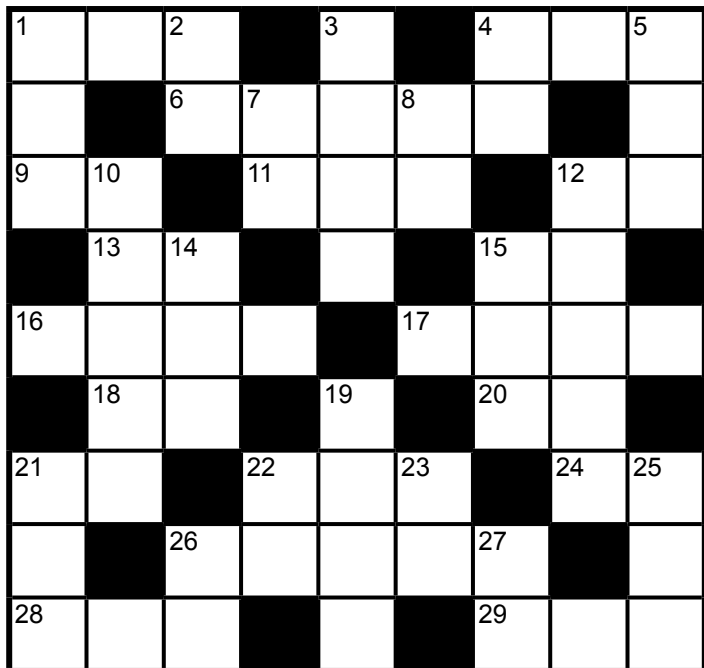
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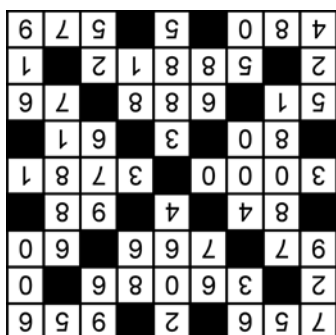
# NUMBER CRUNCHER



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- Across**
- 13 Across multiplied by nine (3)
  - 1 Across plus half of 14 Down (3)
  - 19 Down plus 32201 (5)
  - 4 Down plus one (2)
  - 1 Down plus 37 (3)
  - Years in six decades (2)
  - Pounds in six stone (2)
  - 9 Across plus one (2)
  - 5 Down multiplied by five (4)
  - 11 Across plus 16 Across plus one quarter of 12 Across (4)
  - Five sixths of 4 Down (2)
  - 8 Down minus 27 Down (2)
  - 20 Across minus ten (2)
  - 18 Across plus 29 Across plus 27 Down plus four (3)
  - Ninety-five per cent of 18 Across (2)
  - 242 squared plus 248 (5)
  - 18 Across plus 14 Down (3)
  - 25 down minus ten per cent of 14 Down (3)

- Down**
- Nine cubed (3)
  - One twelfth of 1 Across (2)
  - 22 Across multiplied by three (4)
  - Hours in four days (2)
  - Seconds in ten minutes (3)
  - 26 Down plus one third of 21 Across (2)
  - 13 Across plus two (2)
  - 279 squared plus half of 28 Across (5)
  - 41 cubed minus 104 (5)
  - Twenty squared (3)
  - 4 Across plus 20 (3)
  - 17 Across plus 23 Down plus 27 Down minus two (4)
  - 28 Across plus 21 Across minus seven (3)
  - 21 Across plus one third of 21 Across (2)
  - One ninth of 1 Down (2)
  - 5 Down plus 19 (3)
  - Double 27 Down (2)
  - One sixteenth of 14 Down (2)



# Culter Youth Football Club News

CYFC was established in 1983. It is one of the largest and most successful Clubs in the North East of Scotland, providing coaching and football opportunities for players in age groups from 5 to 19 years old. Below are updates from some of our teams -

## Under 14's

Born in 1999? CYFC are recruiting new players – Next season CYFC will be setting up another new team at the Under 14's age group. If your child was born during or after 1999 then please contact either Paul Stein on 07714 292311 or David Galashan on 07831 572852 to register your interest. There will be an opportunity to join players in training sessions this season in preparation for the new season.

## Culter Colts U14's

The Colts are sitting second (3 points clear of 3rd with 2 games in hand) in the league after a winning streak of 7 matches including results such as 11-1 against Peterhead, 10-1 against Cove and are looking for promotion over the next couple of weeks.

## Culter United U16's

In the President's Cup second round after their first round victory over Banchory Boys club, Culter were drawn at home against Albion Boys Club, one of the top teams in Scotland and already a semi-finalist in the SYFA Challenge Cup this season. A very exciting match saw the visitors ahead at half time 3-0 and ended Culter United 4 – Albion BC 6 with second half goals from Culter's Lewys Anderson, Lukas Geider, Duncan O'Hara and Tom Cook.

## Culter Teams

Some Culter teams are looking to strengthen their squads so if anyone is interested in joining us they should contact Phil in the first instance. **Please contact Club Secretary, Phil Bellis (07714 159419 or [phil.bellis@virgin.net](mailto:phil.bellis@virgin.net)) See Club website at: [www.culteryouthfc.co.uk](http://www.culteryouthfc.co.uk)**

**Photo: Culter Captain Reece Gibb saving at the feet of an Albion striker.**

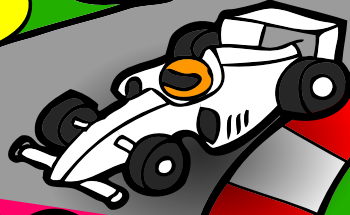


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3	9	15	21	27	33	
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81	87	93	99	105	111	

Can you work out the missing numbers?



# 'Allo 'Allo

(A Comedy by Jeremy Lloyd & David Croft)

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## What's On Locally

New items in this edition include Italian classes at Hillview Community Church and a monthly Youth Event called #Event (yes, that # is meant to be there!). This is a cooperative venture between the Deeside Christian Fellowship, St Devenick's and Hillview churches and sounds like fun!

Also new in this edition we have Café One, the Missionary Craft Workshop and the 55+ Social group, all at DCFC.

Thanks to everyone who has sent me information about new activities and changes to existing entries. Please remember also to let me know if you want to add or delete an activity – this listing is only as good as the information you give me.

I was on holiday when we had our summer in March, but hopefully that wasn't the last of the good weather. Mind you, with so many activities in our area there is plenty of fun to be had whatever the weather!

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- HCC - Hillview Community Church
- KCC - Kingswells Community Centre
- KMCC - Kaimhill Community Centre
- LDCC - Lower Deeside Community Centre, Earlswells Rd
- MCAH - Milltimber Community Association Hall
- MPS - Milltimber Primary School
- PCH - Peterculter Church Hall
- PVH - Peterculter Village Hall
- SCC - Scout Centre, South Ave, Cults
- SCPT - Scout Centre, Pitstruan Terrace, Aberdeen
- SDCH - St. Devenick's Church Hall, Bielside
- SHE - Simeon Home for the Elderly, Cairnlee Road
- SMH - St. Martin's Hall, Cairnlee
- SPHH - St. Peter's Heritage Hall, Peterculter
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(Gavin)  
Saturday 11.00 a.m., HCC, medium  
(Rota)  
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Gavin, 824722 or Rosey, 310380  
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Fri. mornings  
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Contact Solveig Dahle Smith, Tel.  
861421  
solveig@pilatesaberdeen.com  
www.pilatesaberdeen.com

## **SOCCER FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS, LDCC**

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5.00-6.00 Boys and Girls aged 5 and  
over  
Contact Ian Wilson - Tel : 07770-  
996767

## **SOCCER FOR OVER 30'S, LDCC**

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email : lts@cultsotters.co.uk  
website : www.cultsotters.org.uk

## **SWIMMING - LIFESAVING CLUB (ADULTS 14+ /ROOKIES/JUNRS 10+)**

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866282

## **TAI CHI, CPCWC**

Wednesdays, 7.45-9.45pm  
Contact Don Wells - Tel : 310904

## **TAI CHI, SMH**

Mondays, 1.00-2.30pm  
Contact Neil or Nicolette - Tel : 01330-  
850675

## **CULTS LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

32 Abbotshall Place, Cults  
See separate item in MBC News for  
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Contact Maggie MacLennan (Sec),  
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Contact Fiona Britee, Tel. 487712

## **YOGA, WSC**

For intermediate students  
Mondays, 7.40 - 9.30 p,m,  
Contact Marian van Oorschot, Tel.  
863985  
E-mail marianoorschot@mac.com

# Dancing

## **ABERDEEN KILT KICKERS AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

Beginners - Mondays 7.30 - 9.30 pm  
(WRIH)  
Contact Sandra Allen, Tel. 715181

## **RAGGIE MORRISON'S LADIES CLOG DANCING, SDCH**

Ladies of all ages and beginners  
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Meet Wednesdays 7.45 - 10.00 pm  
Contact Rosemary Crabbe-Wyke - Tel  
: 07950-086739 or Moira Skingley - Tel  
: 867801

## **ST DEVENICK'S DANCERS, SDCH**

Scottish Country Dancing and Highland  
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Tuesdays, 3:45pm - 5:15pm  
Contact Judith Riddoch, Tel 865909  
Email judithriddoch@aol.com

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07531-811506  
E-Mail - admin@taylordance.com  
w: www.taylordance.com

## **KAREN BERRY SCHOOL OF DANCE**

Classes for children and adults  
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For details see website www.  
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Berry, Tel. 647341

## **GENTLE EXERCISE, INCL DANCE, CPCWC**

Thursdays, 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.  
Sept. to Dec., Jan. to Mar.  
Contact Fiona Murray, Tel. 702305

## **LINE DANCING, WRIH**

Tuesdays, 10.00-11.00am Sept - June  
All levels welcome  
Contact Ethel McHardy - Tel : 868538

## **MAINLY MUSIC, HCC**

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Thursdays, 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.  
Contact Laura Hayes, Tel. 744295

## **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING, MCAH**

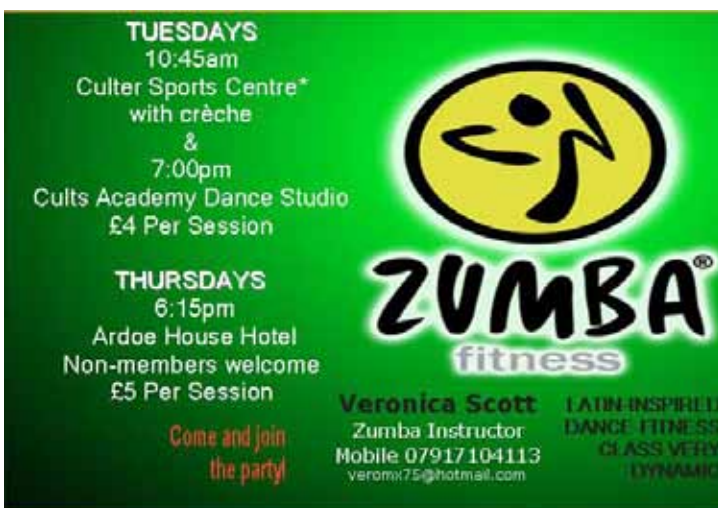
Wednesdays - 8.00-9.30pm  
All ages and beginners welcome  
Margaret Athawes, Tel. 733622

## **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING, WRIH**


Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. (mid Sept.  
to end March)  
Contact Sheila Fyfe, Tel. 868164

## **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING, SDCH**

Tuesdays, 4.00 - 5.00 p.m. for  
primary school children  
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Email judithriddoch@aol.com



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e: [107@aircadets.org](mailto:107@aircadets.org) Tel. 590679

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Child (2+ years), Pre school (4 years +  
without their parent in the pool).  
Contact Julie McQuillan, Tel. 318651,  
Mob. 07906 863246 or email:  
[buoyancy@btinternet.com](mailto:buoyancy@btinternet.com)

## CASPER AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, LDCC

Contact Marion Skea -  
Tel : 07762-250550

## #EVENT, HCC

1st Friday of month, 7:30-9:30 pm  
For S1-S4 youth in the Cults,  
Bielside and Milltimber area  
[www.facebook.com/MBC.event](http://www.facebook.com/MBC.event)

## MILLTIMBER AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, MPS

Mon. – Fri., 2.45 to 6.00 p.m.  
Contact Samantha Birch,  
Mob. 07890-862774

## PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP, CWC

Wednesdays, 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.  
Contact Lindsey Newton: 868727  
Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.  
Contact Andrea Vlaar, Tel: 865470 or  
e-mail [a.vlaar@abcol.ac.uk](mailto:a.vlaar@abcol.ac.uk)

## PARENT & TODDLER GROUP, DCFC

Tuesdays 9.45-11.30 a.m.  
Contact Morven Noble, Tel. 744829

## PARENT & TODDLER GROUP, MCAH

Fridays 9.30-11.30 a.m. (term times)  
Contact Susan Ronald, Tel. 735204  
Email [paulronald@talktalk.net](mailto:paulronald@talktalk.net)

## CULTS PLAYGROUP, CPCWC

North Hall at 1 Quarry Road, Cults,  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9.15-11.45am  
(From 2½ years)  
Rising 5's - Afternoon Sessions  
[cultsplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:cultsplaygroup@gmail.com)  
07842 470828 Contact is Jenny Willox.

## DRAMATIC DIVERSITY, MCAH.

Drama class for children and young  
people, Contact Lizzy Hawkey, Mob.  
07718882382.

## BILINGUAL PARENT AND CHILD GROUP

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Facebook: Croileagan Obar Dheathain.

## MILLTIMBER PLAYGROUP & RISING 5'S, MCAH

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri., 9.30 a.m.-  
12.00 p.m.  
Lunch club Tues, Fri. 12 – 1300 pm

(Term times only)

Rising 5's Fri 1.00 -3.00 (Tues  
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transport options available. Contact  
Lyndsay Hay, 07519-902470, e:  
[milltimberplaygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:milltimberplaygroup@hotmail.com)

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Email [milltimberplaygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:milltimberplaygroup@hotmail.com)

## ST DEVENICK'S PLAYGROUP AND RISING 5S, SDCH

Playgroup: Monday – Friday, 9.20am –  
11.50 a.m.  
Lunch club, Wednesday 11.50am – 1.00  
p.m.  
Rising 5s, Tuesday and Thursdays, 12.30  
– 3.00 p.m.  
Contact Julie, Tel. 868644 or  
Playgroup, Tel. 07931 223545 e:  
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## TOTS AND TODDLERS, SDCH

Wednesdays, 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.  
Contact Michelle, 861755

## EXPLORERS P1-P3 GROUP, DCFC

Wed. 6.30 -7:30 p.m.  
Contact Luke Dale, Tel. 733979

## CHALLENGERS P4-P7 GROUP, DCFC

Wednesdays 7:30 - 8.30p.m.  
Contact Luke Dale, Tel. 733979

## ASCEND, HCC

Youth Group for S1-6, Grades 7-12  
Sundays: 7.00 -9.00 p.m.  
Email- [info@hillview.cc](mailto:info@hillview.cc)

## GUIDES, BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS

**1st Cults Rainbows, CPCWC**  
Mondays, 4.00 - 5.00 p.m.  
Contact Claire Moore, Tel 869039

## **3rd Cults Rainbows, CPCWC**

Fridays, 4.30 - 5.30 p.m.  
Contact Morag Williamson Tel: 867967

## **1st Cults Brownies, CA**

Mondays, 6.15 - 7.30 p.m.  
Contact Dorothy Forbes, Tel 486357

## **2nd Cults Brownies, HCC**

Tuesdays, 6.15 - 7.30 p.m.  
Contact Jill Sutherland, Tel 734540

## **3rd Cults Brownies, LDCC**

Tuesdays, 6.15 - 7.30 p.m.  
Contact Jan Mackintosh Tel: 865916

## **1st Cults Guides, CA**

Mondays, 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.  
Contact : Karen Pether, Tel 734527

## **2nd Cults Guides, HCC**

Thursdays, 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.  
Contact Anne O'Neill, Tel 861467

## **Milltimber Rainbows, MCAH**

Thurs 4.15 – 6.15 p.m.  
Contact Alison Garden, Tel. 868821

## **Milltimber Brownies, MCAH**

Wednesdays. 6.00 -7.30 p.m.  
Contact Elaine McGuffie, Tel. 733636

## **District Commissioner for Cults**

- Jan Mackintosh, Tel. 865916

## **District Commissioner for**

**Milltimber and Culter**  
- Elaine McGuffie, Tel. 733636

## **Divisional Commissioner for Cults,**

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## **Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**

### DEESIDE EXPLORER SCOUTS

Deeside Explorer Scouts  
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**Isobel Cameron Tel 869393**

### 21ST ABERDEEN (CULTS) SCOUT GROUP, SCC

**Beavers** - Wed, 4.30 - 5.30 p.m.  
Open to boys and girls aged 6 to 8  
**Karen Southworth, Tel 869557**

**Cubs** – Thursdays, 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.  
Open to boys and girls aged 8 to 10  
**John Evans, Tel 07834-521519**

**Scouts** - Fridays, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.

### 65TH ABERDEEN (MILLTIMBER) SCOUT GROUP, MCAH

**Beavers** - Mondays 4.15 - 5.15pm  
**Fiona Douglas, Tel: 735523**

**Cubs** - Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.00pm  
**Barbara Stroud, Tel: 732591**

**Scouts** - Fridays 7.30 - 9.30pm  
**Geoff Weighill, Tel: 869115**

### YOUTH HOCKEY COACHING

on Tuesday evenings for P4 to S4 by  
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Gordon's College astro turf pitches on  
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# Hobbies and Social

## **55+ SOCIAL GROUP, DCFC**

Coffee mornings, lunches, visiting speakers, outings and more 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Contact the church office for details, tel. 733979

## **CULTS O50 CLUB, CPCWC**

Wednesdays, Lunch from 12.00 Announcements/speaker 12.45 Other activities include bridge and scrabble, walks, theatre, cinema, local history outings, garden visits, art appreciation, a book group – the list is endless! Open to anyone over 50, not only Cults residents  
Details of activities on the website <http://www.cultsparishchurch.co.uk/O50/Index.htm> or contact Lizzie Thomas, Tel. 869413 or Anne Wilcox, 869276

## **MILLTIMBER O50 CLUB, MCAH**

Meet monthly in the winter on Wed. 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. for talks.  
Other social events include walks, cycle rides, theatre visits, outings, garden visits, lunch outings and city breaks. Annual favourites are BBQ, Games night and a Christmas Party. Open to anyone in the Milltimber vicinity. Contact John Park, Tel. 733057 or Robin Dyer, Tel 733850 or website <http://www.genbase.co.uk/MilltimberO50/>

## **ADULT ART CLASSES, HCC**

Wednesdays, 1.30 - 3.30 p.m.  
Contact Jenny Hunter, Tel. 07751715343

## **ABERDEEN BRIDGE CLUB**

14 Rubislaw Terrace, Tel : 644773  
Monday to Thursday - 7-10pm  
Adult Lessons Wed - 7pm Sept - April

## **BRIDGE GROUP, LDCC**

Tuesdays, 7.00-9.30pm  
Contact Irene Main - Tel : 318167

## **CAFÉ ONE, DCFC**

Thurs 9:15am-12:00 (term time only)

## **CULTER BRIDGE CLUB, PVH**

Fridays, 1.15 – 4.00 pm  
Sept.- April Contact Peter Garioch Tel : 324691

## **CALLIGRAPHY GROUP, CPCWC**

Thursdays 10.00- 12.00 p.m.  
(2 x 10 week sessions from Sept & Jan) Contact Isobel Archibald, Tel. 867303

## **THE HUB COFFEE SHOP, COC**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 10-3.00pm

## **MILLTIMBER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, MCAH**

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## **CRAFT AND NEEDLEWORK CLASS, NORTH HALL, CWC**

Fridays, 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. 10 weeks £50.00 Beginners and more experienced catered for Contact Yvonne Weir, Tel. 732098 / Yvonne.weir@virgin.net

## **DEESIDE CHORISTERS, LDCC**

Wednesdays, 6.30-8.00pm  
New members most welcome  
Contact Nancy Paul - Tel : 741378

## **DRESSMAKING GROUP, KMCC**

Thursdays, 09.30-11.30 a.m.  
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## **FOLK EVENING, CPCWC**

Monthly on the 2nd Friday, 7.30pm  
Sept - June, Both musicians and listeners most welcome! Bring your own beverage! Contact Jan Johnson, Tel : 867951

## **ABERDEEN GAELIC CLUB**

Brings together Gaelic speakers and individuals interested in Gaelic language and culture. The Club organises Gaelic language evening classes and weekend courses in Harlaw Academy, plus social activities. Tel 07779-398289, e: clubgaidhlig@googlemail.com or [www.aberdeengaelic.wordpress.com](http://www.aberdeengaelic.wordpress.com).

## **CULTS LIBRARY**

See separate item in MBC News for opening times and details of the wide range of courses and activities on offer.

## **CULTS LUNCH CLUB, CPCWC**

Mondays 12.00-2.00pm (except for July) New members most welcome. Contact Jackie Hatchwell, Tel : 861736

## **Italian Classes for Adults, HCC**

Email: [enrica.conti@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:enrica.conti@tiscali.co.uk)  
Tel: 07786 827714

## **MISSIONARY CRAFT WORKSHOP, DCFC**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month, 10:00am-12:00  
Contact Wilma Ewen, tel. 868202

## **MODEL CLUB - ADULT LDCC**

1st Tuesday of the month, 7.30 – 10.00 p.m. Contact Martin Smith, Tel. 01467 642919

## **PETROLEUM WOMEN'S CLUB**

International friendship club for women connected to the oil industry. Meetings with speaker, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. Coffee mornings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Many sub-groups such as ten pin bowling, walks, bridge, golf, dinner club, French conversation and a book group. Contact Elaine Anderson, Tel. 867736 or Rosalind Barker, Tel. 747802 or email [pwscotland@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pwscotland@yahoo.co.uk)

## **ROTARY CLUB OF ABERDEEN DEESIDE**

Wednesday 's 6.15 for 6.45 pm in the Cults Hotel. For further information contact the secretary Quentin Tweedie on 01224 868218 email [qtweedie@btconnect.com](mailto:qtweedie@btconnect.com)

## **SALTIRE SOCIETY**

Promotes all things Scottish. Meets monthly on Tuesdays, normally in Rubislaw Parish Church. Contact D J Robertson, Tel. 484061

## **SCRABBLE CLUB, MCAH**

Fridays, 2.00-4.00pm  
Players at any level are very welcome  
Contact Joan Thomas - Tel : 733218

## **CULTS STRATHSPEY & REEL SOCIETY, CPCWC**

Meet every 2nd Wednesday, 7.30 -9.00 p.m. Accordionists and violinists welcome Contact Fred Robertson, Tel. 310970

## **ABERDEEN TOASTMASTERS (PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB)**

Meets at Northern Arts Club (NAC), 1st, 3rd, 5th Thursdays of every month - 7.00-9.00pm Visitors are welcome - no cover charge. [www.aberdeentoastmasters.org.uk](http://www.aberdeentoastmasters.org.uk)  
Contact Matthew Mtumbuka - Tel : 861028  
Email : [matthews@mtumbuka.com](mailto:matthews@mtumbuka.com)

## **SCOTTISH WOMEN'S RURAL INSTITUTE, WRIH**

1st Thursday of every month, 7.30-9.30pm (Not July or August)  
Contact Helen Johnston, Tel : 867726 or Lyn Pithie, Tel : 867614

## **GRAMPIAN WOODTURNERS, SDCH**

Meet last Sunday in the month, 2.00 p.m.  
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