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Editorial

The international news is unremittingly gloomy; Japan, the Middle East, Africa and Northern Ireland again. All we can all do is to hope for the best, but it is not an encouraging situation. Happily, after a long and rather hard winter - during the worst of which our local Council seemed almost to abandon us completely - spring has now arrived in its typical stuttering north east of Scotland sort of way.

In this edition, we have an interview with local councillor Aileen Malone. She speaks of her efforts to get the community facility at Cults Academy open and her continuing frustrations with that. It seems to be a bureaucratic mess, with a number of vested interests all ensuring that these premises remain unavailable to us. Unfortunately events now seem to have taken a turn for the worse, and it looks as though the community centre might shut down completely. (See the articles by all three councillors.) I suspect that the only way anything positive is going to happen is by the exertion of local 'people power'. We at MBC News provide the information you need and we hope there are some souls out there who will apply some pressure to the various parties involved.

Speaking of information provision, is there anyone out there who would like to try their hand at writing for MBC News? Every issue there are several news items which should be followed up, but the editor does not find the time somehow! Please do get in touch if you fancy a chance to be a 'roving reporter'.

Finally, we have been asked to draw to everyone's attention a recent case involving a young man with a dog. He tried to gain access to a local home by suggesting, bizarrely, that the dog was the family pet. He was refused access by the quick-witted householders. All very suspicious and alarming. Always take the greatest care when admitting any stranger to your home.

Maureen

Letters ...

Strange Incident in MBC Area

Dear Editor of MBC News,

I pass on this story lest it is part of a pattern and may affect other people in our district.

On a Sunday morning, a couple of weeks ago, we were, most unusually, up before 7am as we were going away for the day. We were just getting dressed and about to have breakfast when the door bell rang very insistently. My husband went to the front door but there was nobody there. We both went to the back door and I told my husband to ask who it was. He did so without opening the door and a young voice said that he had a dog with him which thought that this was its home. We told him to go round to the front door, where we opened the door with the security chain on.

As soon as the door opened an Alsatian type dog pushed its nose in. My husband said that it was not our dog and to go away. The dog was on a lead which was held by a young lad in his mid-teens we would estimate, wearing a bonnet. He apologised for waking us although we were quite evidently awake when he came up the drive as all the lights were on.

Was this some boy out at 7 in the morning, with a stray dog on a lead and looking for the dog's home or was it a more sinister attempt to get into the house? A dog on a lead, and a dog wanting to get into a stranger's house in pitch dark at that time in the morning?

I reported the incident to the police who took note of it. It may have been an innocent, if somewhat bizarre incident, but if it were to happen to someone else it would look sinister!

Name and address supplied

Grampian Police were made aware of the incident and are conducting local enquiries to establish if there is any criminality involved. At present, no similar incidents have been reported to Grampian Police. However, local residents are reminded of the importance of regularly checking all external security of their homes, any out-buildings and motor vehicles. They should also be aware of any person seen acting suspiciously in the vicinity of property etc. and take appropriate action.

Please don't grumble at us!

Please get writing if you want the newsletter to be a more interesting read. The deadline for the next editions is:

1st of July for August distribution

1st October for November distribution

Send your copy as an email attachment and keep photos separate to: mbcnews@cbmcommunity.org.uk Or you can post items in one of our boxes at Cults Library, Morning Noon and Night in Bielside or Kelly of Cults.

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MBC Festival 2011

Festival 2011 will open on the weekend of 13-14 August with the Art Exhibition at the Milltimber Community Hall. As it is likely that the existing Cults Outreach Centres will be demolished soon to make way for a new Centre, there will be no Children's Dog and Pet Show this year, and the Coffee Morning will be held in the Cults Parish Church Hall.

Dates and venues for events which have already been confirmed are listed in the preliminary programme and include a new exciting afternoon of Children's "Come and Try" activities. Planning is also underway for other new events. The final programme will be available in the MBC News, libraries, hotels and shops throughout the area in early August. So keep a look out for posters etc. and come and enjoy the last two weeks of August 2011 in our community.

Kids: Come and Try!

We are introducing a new event to the Festival this year, which we hope will inspire primary school aged children throughout the area to try something new. There is a wealth of extra-curricular activities available in our area that children can easily get involved in. We are bringing them all together in one place so that families can browse more easily. We have confirmed slots for a range of indoor/outdoor sporting activities; dance and music will also be represented along with languages, brownies and scout groups. Refreshments will also be available.

If any local organisation wants more details or to join this event, please contact Tracey Davidson via mbcnews@cbmcommunity.org.uk to secure a place in the schedule.

Art Exhibition

The MBC Festival Art Exhibition this year will be held on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August. It will be taking place for the second year at the Milltimber Community Association Hall, where we were made so welcome last year.

Any artist who lives, works or attends a class in Cults, Bielside or Milltimber is invited to submit their work. Information about the range of artwork 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 - 868436**

MBC Festival 13- 31 August 2011 Preliminary programme

Sat 13 and Sun 14

Art Exhibition (Milltimber Community Hall)

Sat 20

10am – 12noon Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning
2pm – 4pm Kid's "Come and Try" afternoon
(Cults Primary School)

Sun 21

from 9.30am Fun Run/Walk (Cults Old Railway Station)
7pm – 8pm Music in the Sanctuary: K Ritchie, flautist and
Colin Hunter, tenor (Cults Parish Church)

Wed 24

from 6.30pm Cults Tennis Club Open Evening

Sat 27

1pm – 5pm Family Day (St Devenicks Church)

Sun 28

from 2.15pm Cults Bowling Club Open Day
from 7pm Joint Churches Songs of Praise with Northfield
Community Band (Cults Parish Church)

Mon 29

from 7.30pm Invitation to try Square Dancing (WRI Hall,
Kirk Brae, Cults)









Wed 31

10am – 11am Come and Try Keep Fit 55+ (International
Baptist Church, Cults)
from 7pm Come and Try International Folk Dancing (St
Martins Hall, Simeon Homes)

*The events above are confirmed. Others may be added to the schedule; so look out for the final timetable nearer the time.



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News from the Cults Bieldside and Milltimber Community Council Annual General Meeting Report



Membership – The following councillors served during the year: Mr Peter Reiss (chairman), Mr Guus Glass (secretary), Mr Graham Payne (treasurer), Mrs Christine McKay (planning liaison officer), Ms Eleanor Brennan, Mrs Gillian Buchanan, Mrs Tracey Davidson, Mr John Etchells, Mr Martin Harris, Mrs Christine McCrossan (resigned in January), Ms Harriet North-Lewis, Mr Derek Robb, Mr Andy Pyle (co-opted in January), Mrs Anne Rae (co-opted in February), Mr Nigel Williams (co-opted in February). There were vacancies for vice chairman, youth and other members

Meetings – The Community Council held 10 regular meetings, generally on the fourth Thursday of the month. No meetings were held in December and July. The venue for the meetings alternated between the Cults Community Centre (until June), Cults Academy (after August) and the Deeside Christian Fellowship Church in Milltimber.

Presentations - The Community Council received the following presentations during the year:

- Peter Sanderson, Principal Community Learning Worker, spoke about Community Learning and Facilities. The CC commented on the inefficient consultation process.
- Richard Blain of Aberdeen City Council addressed the larger picture of Road Maintenance in Aberdeen. The CC offered a number of comments mainly targeted at the long term planning aspects.
- Dawn Tatton and Robert Morrison of Aberdeen City Council presented an overview of the city's rubbish collection and recycling practices on the occasion of the introduction of fortnightly collections in the CC area. Many useful practical points were highlighted in response to questions by the CC.
- Shan Parfitt, resident and member of the Linkroad Campaign Group, presented the case for a new road linking Inchgarth Road with North Deeside Road between Pitfodels and Garthdee. The CC is supporting the linkroad proposal and has advocated strongly in favour of keeping this option open in the Local Plan if no immediate funding can be found.
- Margaret Bochel, Scott Dalgarno and Andrew Brownrigg of Aberdeen City Council presented the proposed Local Development Plan for Aberdeen City. This meeting had been especially advertised and residents attended in a reasonable number. A lively discussion brought out the concerns of the community regarding the uncertainty surrounding the infrastructure and transport provision for the proposed new developments.
- Richard Ferro, a resident, presented his ideas on the merits of community projects for Corporate Away Days. The CC will investigate the practical potential of this approach.

Correspondence – The Community Council received 260 items of mail during the year, mostly by e-mail. The CC sent out 46 items, again mainly by e-mail.

Participation in City and Country

Associations – Guus Glass, Peter Reiss and Derek Robb served as representatives on the Civic Forum of Aberdeen City. Guus Glass continued to be a member of the lead group of the Civic Forum. Peter Reiss represented the CBMCC on the Aberdeen Community Council Forum. The Community Council continued to be a member of the Association of Scottish Community Councils.

Festival – The traditional MBC Festival was organised successfully in August by an independent work group with support from the Community Council.

Mode of Operation – The responsibilities and practical processes for decision making of the Community Council were documented and agreed.

Newsletter – The MBC News is an independent community newsletter, supported by the Community Council. Four issues were published in 2010, each including extensive news reports and subject contributions from the Community Council and the Elected Members for the area.

Planning Report – A new planning report was introduced by the Planning Liaison Officer showing graphically the extent of involvement of the Community Council in the stream of applications for work in the area and giving details of applications reviewed.

Small Improvement Fund – A number of final donations were made to local activities and initiatives from the Small Improvement Fund assigned to the Community Council. The fund was discontinued by the City in April.

Walkabouts in the CC area – Members of the Community Council participated in the annual environmental walkabouts in Cults, Bieldside and Milltimber.

Website – A new community website was declared 'up-and-running' in January.

Christmas Carol Event – In December the CC organised the traditional Xmas Carol Event on the Cults Square. An estimated 300 participants including the Bon Accord Silver Band, the Morven Singers and members of the local community came to the event. A total of £367 was raised, donated to VSA's charitable Christmas events in Aberdeen City

Community Issues

The Community Council addressed the following issues arising within the CBM area during the year.

Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route – The 2008 Inquiry results and the response of the Reporters to the representations of the CC were finally received. The CC's submissions were supposedly taken into account but ultimately rejected.

Bus Service – The CC participated in meetings with First Bus on the possible improvement of services in the area.

Community Action Plan – The Community Council was not involved in any monitoring or adjustment of the Community Action Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan as reports on actions and results have not yet been made available by the City.

Community Learning and Facilities – The Community Council participated in meetings on the future organisation of the community facilities and in the consultation on the location of the new community learning hub in the Cults Academy.

Himalayan Balsam – Attention was drawn by a local resident to the prolific growth of this invasive non-native species on the borders of the river Dee. The Community Council is consulting with the Dee Catchment Partnership to see what can be done.

Planning Applications – Of the 230 new applications submitted for the Lower Deeside Ward (which includes Peterculter), the CBMCC Liaison Officer reviewed 176 applications pertinent to the CC area. The Community Council submitted formal comments of concern or support (1) on the following applications:

- Erection of apartment blocks at 46 Culter House Road (100392)
- Erection of dwelling and garage at Shenavall, 517 North Deeside Road (100564)
- Extension of 11 Abbottshall Terrace (101696)
- Erection of dwelling and garage at Trumland, Dalmunzie Road (101768)
- Erection of dwelling at The Firs, 92 North Deeside Road (101825)
- Redevelopment of Cults East Parish Church, 402-404 NDR (101202 & 101943)
- Erection of dwelling at West Cults Road, rear of 8 Belvidere Road (100075)
- Erection of dwelling at Bielside Lodge, North Deeside Road (100444)
- Conversion and extension of the Station House and Cottage, Pitfodels (100689)
- Eight house residential development at Loirsbank Road (101384)

In relation to two applications significant issues with the planning process have been observed and the CC will follow up with Aberdeen City Council directly to avoid repetition in the future i.e.:

- Loirsbank Road (101384) – the Development Management Sub Committee overturned a decision made at a meeting of the full Council to zone this area as green belt and approved the application to build eight new houses.
- 11 Abbotshall Terrace (101696) – revised drawings for the house extension were not posted on the Aberdeen City planning website in a timely fashion preventing the CC from being able to comment.

New Aberdeen Local Development Plan – Small groups of Community Councillors were assigned to study specific sections of the Plan and to generate comments and questions to be addressed with the Planners. On basis of the latter's response and the discussions in the various CC meetings, the Community Council submitted formal comments on the following sections of the proposed Plan:

- Overview of the Local Development Plan
- Masterplanning and Developer Contributions
- Schools
- Transport and Accessibility
- Affordable Housing
- Greenbelt and Protection of the Environment
- City Centre Development
- Site Developments in our Community Council Area

Countesswells
Oldfold Farm
Friarsfield
North Garthdee Farm

Police Matters - The Community Council was informed about incidents and crime in the community by the Community police officers reporting in all monthly meetings. In several meetings the City Wardens were also represented.

City Issues

The following, city-wide issues which would impact on the CBM community were also addressed during the year.

New Aberdeen Local Development Plan Procedure

– On behalf of the Aberdeen Community Council forum, the chairman of the Community Council drafted a critique on the overly optimistic planning forecasts used in the Local Plan. Regrettably the opportunity to present this matter to the full City Council before deciding on the Plan was denied by the Councillors on formal grounds.

City Square Project

A Community Council representative participated in the consultation meeting on this development.

Air Quality Action Plan and Low Emission Zone –

The Community Council participated in the consultation on this plan.

Waste Strategy –

The Community Council participated in the consultation on the City waste strategy 2010 – 2025.

Conclusion

The CBM Community Council has continued to benefit from the positive attitude of community councillors in the Council meetings and their willingness to undertake community tasks as and when required. The support and interest shown by the Elected Members has also been of great value. The councillors' task was facilitated by the successful communication with the local police and the City Council officers. The Community Council is grateful for the support given by local businesses



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Upcoming CBMCC Meetings

26 May - Cults Academy

All meetings are 7pm – 9pm

All are welcome to attend

Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route

The judicial review of the AWPR took place at the Outer House of the Court of Session in Edinburgh between the 22nd of February 2011 and 7th March 2011. No firm date for the judgement by Lord Tyne has been given. However, the best estimate is 3-4 months. It will not be before the Scottish Parliamentary Elections on the 5th May, so we should expect an announcement towards the end of May or sometime in June.

Hedge Trimming

We have received some complaints from local residents about overgrown hedges. Some pavements in our area are not accessible because of the state of some hedges. Indeed there are school signs and bus stops hidden from view. We can only ask local residents to take responsibility for their hedges. The Council does have the power to intervene and cut hedges but they charge a hefty fee for the privilege.

Top marks for new build programme



Aberdeen City Council's new build programme reached an important milestone with the topping out ceremony at Rorie Hall, Cults on Friday 14th January 2011.

Aberdeen City Council's commitment to a new build council housing programme will provide inspirational 21st century housing which is high quality, sustainable, energy efficient and incorporates a degree of flexibility to meet the future needs of tenants.

Stewart Milne Construction was awarded the contract to build the homes at Rorie Hall in Cults, in the first phase of the council's new-build programme.

Rorie Hall which was a former sheltered housing scheme is now being renamed as Rorie Court. This development will consist of 25 one bedroom flats and two two bedroom flats with balconies on all floors. Rorie Court will include communal and private outdoor space for the residents.

These have been developed in an individual manner which reflects the concept of many other properties in the area in that it will form an individual piece of architecture centrally located on the site focusing on south views across Deeside.

The properties will cater for tenants to an amenity standard whereby independent living is promoted but additional assistance is available when necessary.

The design is intended to be high quality and aspirational and should nest well within its existing surroundings.

The work started back in March 2010 and has progressed well and is on course for completion for the end of April 2011. Aberdeen City Council is looking forward to welcoming its first new tenants this summer.

When downsizing works

There will be many times in our lives when we sit back and take stock; leaving school, getting married, having children. Retirement is yet another. So what aspects of life do we re-evaluate when we finish our working lives? Overly-spacious houses, large gardens and high maintenance bills are concerns for many and one solution is to downsize to a more suitably sized home.

The most frequently cited reason for downsizing is to release equity. Money which was previously tied into large properties can be freed up for easier access. Sounds tempting perhaps but in reality, what are the pros and cons?

Standard Life recently found that the average weekly money provided through downsizing is £43.50. This was down from £53.40 in 2008. Andrew Tully, the senior pensions policy manager at Standard Life commented that "banking on downsizing to generate sufficient income is a potential retirement disaster unless you have also made provision elsewhere."

A few participants in research conducted by the RICS agreed that they had not found the financial aspect of downsizing advantageous. Many added that with increasing age, the importance of money had declined and been outweighed by other benefits of downsizing. The report concludes that although downsizers did consider money, "it was clear that...other concerns dominated moving decisions."

Pat and Alec Edwicker are an example of a couple whose decision to downsize was not determined purely by the need to release equity. After leaving their hectic life running a small building company in Coventry, the Edwickers found themselves "rattling about" their large family house. They had originally thought that when retired, they would stay and look after the house and large garden. But over time, they realised that they were not able to manage the maintenance of the property. They also worried about the burden increasing as they became older and less physically able. In 2000, they sold their family home of 17 years and moved to Aberdeen. They lived in a shared property with their daughter and family for eight years. Two years ago, they decided to move.

Pat and Alec chose an apartment at the Daily Telegraph's fourth 'Most Desirable Retirement Property', Woodland Grove in Milltimber. They had a long list of criteria for their new home. But after their first visit to Woodland Grove, they knew that the development "ticked all of their boxes." Their favourite features were the closeness of North Deeside Road and the fact that Roxy, their German Shepherd dog, could come along too. The Edwickers state that reducing the burdens and stress of owning a large property, eliminating large maintenance fees and increasing their amount of free time, not just freeing up equity, were key motivators.

And what a fantastic life they lead. They are extremely active. Pat attends keep fit classes at least three times a week and Alec is a keen member of a bowling club in Inverurie. The couple relax by walking Roxy round the grounds at least three times a day. Alec has even been able to continue his love of gardening, albeit on a more manageable scale. Socialising with other owners is also



a favourite activity of theirs. In fact, their daughter jokes that she has to make an appointment to see them. Pat says: "We have discovered a community atmosphere that we thought no longer existed."

Downsizing won't be everyone's choice. But for Alec and Pat, a move into purpose built apartments for the over 55s was the perfect decision. With time for socialising and activities, Alec is confident that retirement has been better than he had expected. He describes their life as "a brilliant contrast of busy and relaxing, but always enjoyable." In the future, many retirees will downsize with the hopes of releasing equity. Pat and Alec have shown that, for them, the associated quality of life that comes with downsizing outweighs the financial aspect.

Further information about Woodland Grove

Woodland Grove has been providing luxury living for active, independent, sophisticated over 55s in an exclusive country club environment since summer 2009. This format is unique to the north-east. The 14-acre site is nestled in a semi-rural location at Milltimber, a sought-after, affluent suburb close to Aberdeen's West End, providing ease of access routes to and from the city centre. The stylish, high quality apartments have either one or two-bedrooms and the majority boast a private balcony. The development is a unique joint venture between two long-established north-east developers, Bancon Homes and Chap Homes.

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News from Marie Boulton & Alan Milne

Spring has sprung and hopefully the snow is behind us.

The 2011/12 budget has been finalised and we have seen a raft of cuts across the board, some being implemented immediately after the budget in February, others being phased in from the 1st April. Two cuts, that appear to be causing the greatest concern to the largest number of people, are the reductions in Pupil Support Staff, Additional Support Needs Staff and Community Learning Teams.

The cuts in Pupil Support staff vary across the city; Head Teachers are going to have to manage what is left of this extremely valuable resource and decide which children have the greatest need and how to make the best use of what is left, whilst implementing the still relatively new Curriculum for Excellence. Further reviews are underway continuing to refine the roll of Pupil Support Assistants, the current work undertaken by them and how best they could be utilised in the future. Another review is looking into the City's current Inclusion Policy in schools; we will update you as and when the reviews are complete.

A decision to reduce the cost of the Community Learning Team by £1.4million in 2011/12 and provisionally by a further £1million in 2012/13 will have significant implications for staff. It will result in a reduction of the existing staffing resource by approximately 67%. The remaining budget available, to deliver front line adult learning and youth development activities through tutors and sessional staff, will be reduced by approximately 83%.

The actual picture is quite complicated but the following should illustrate the current action envisaged to achieve the proposed cuts.

There are 537 permanent staff (there are also a significant number of vacancies and fixed term staff). Of these, 395 have zero hour contracts, the intention is to retain these zero hours staff within the establishment, however the budget available for funding these staff will reduce by 83%. The remaining 142 staff have permanent full time or part time contracts (approximately 94 FTE). In the proposed new structure there are 37.5 FTE posts. Delivery of this will require a reduction of 56.5 FTE, or up to 104 members of existing permanent staff.

The reductions will be delivered through the implementation of the Council's Voluntary Severance/Early Retirement policy, in the first instance and at this stage it is not anticipated that a further Statutory Notice would be required. Any excess staff remaining after the restructure is complete, will be managed through the Council's Redeployment Procedure and if required, the Redundancy Assessment Procedure.

The impact on the groups that the Community Learning Teams work with, have caused concern. Some are those who have already experienced cuts to day care centres for the elderly or disabled, through the Social care and Well-being Service. These services were expected to be picked up by the Community Learning Teams; arrangements

are underway to accommodate some groups but it looks like there will be gaps. Other concerns raised were the expectation of the voluntary 'Management Committees' taking over responsibility for 'their' centres. Some of the items included in these additional responsibilities are personal liability, building repairs, employment of staff, setting up of courses etc. and understandably, many of these committees feel unable to take on these additional responsibilities, which could well result in the eventual closure of some centres.

The budget was agreed for major road and pavement repairs, drains and lighting. The following items were identified in our area to receive attention:

Footway Programme

Cairn Road south Side from Baillieswells Road to Manse Road - Renew sections of kerb, reinstate in channels and resurface 3 crossings in bitmac.
North Deeside Road South Side from Golf Road to Post Office - Resurface footway with bitmac.

Capital Works Resurfacing Programme

A93 North Deeside Road Golf Road to Baillieswells Road - Resurface Carriageway
Baillieswells Road Dalheby Court to Dalheby House 2m track - Structural Carriageway Repairs

Safer Streets

Deeview Road South - Implementation of safety barrier
Pitfodels Station Road - Improve existing Lighting

Proposed Street Lighting Capital Programme

Inchgarth Road - Column Replacements
Kirk Brae - Column Replacements

Capital Works Drainage Programme

Manse Road Cults At Rear of Cairn Gardens - Install New Drainage
Kirk Brae Cults At Craig bank - Install Overflow Pipe in Burn at Access

On the reserve list

Contlaw Brae North Deeside Road to Colthill Circle - Resurface Carriageway

The above repairs are in addition to the filling of potholes.

Some 'Pedestrian' residents have requested that we 'ask nicely' of the residents whose shrubs or tree branches are intruding onto the pavement space, to kindly prune them back.



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National Spring Clean, Scotland

14th March – 16th May 2011

Scotland's biggest annual clean up is back! And due to popular demand, the campaign period has been extended from one month to two, making it even easier to take part. Register your litter picks on the Keep Scotland Tidy website:
<http://springclean.keepsotlandtidy.org/register.asp>.

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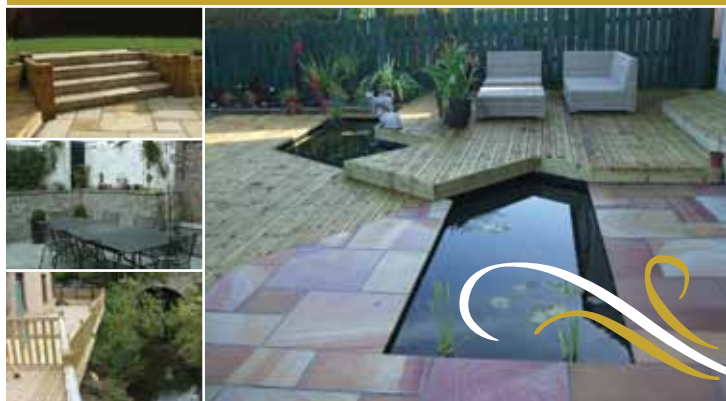


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News from Councillor Aileen Malone

Roads within Area

The state of our roads is a major concern, and recent severe winters have caused further deterioration in our infrastructure. I receive many complaints about individual problems and always try to have repairs auctioned. The Council has at last agreed some resurfacing work in our area including some of North Deeside Road.

- The North Deeside Road pavement on the south side of Golf Road to the shops in Bielside will be resurfaced.
- Baillieswells Road from Dalhebit Court – Dalhebit House will also be resurfaced.
- At long last the south side of Cairn Road in Bielside will have its kerbs reinstated. This has been a long-standing problem.
- The Council has also agreed future priorities when funding becomes available. On this "Reserve List" are Colthill Circle and various locations on Counresswells Road.

Unfortunately, Earlswells Road junction at Cults Primary School is not included. I see this section of road as a priority. I will not let this go until it is resurfaced.

Drainage Work upgrades at last

Residents on Kirk Brae and Manse Road complained about severe flooding. I have been trying to resolve this long-term problem and am pleased to report that new drainage works have at last been approved at both these areas.

Tackling Road Safety Problems in Our Area

Speeding traffic is a problem right across our area but Baillieswells Road and Craigton Road are two "hotspot" areas where irresponsible driving happens frequently. "Flashing traffic signs" have been set up and residents report that they are having the desired effect in slowing down traffic. I hope that this has a genuine and long term effect in improving safety.

Good News on School Pupil Bus Fares

Some residents in Milltimber have complained about the way their children are treated by the school transport policy. If they live outside the school transport zone and are over 16, they have to pay full fare travelling to and from Cults Academy. Currently the only concession for 16-18 year olds is through the young person's bus concession card.

However, this only provides a discount on single bus journeys. There is no discount on multi-journey or season tickets. As this is unfair, disadvantaging young people using the bus regularly, I followed up residents' complaints. I am pleased to say that from Monday 25th April 2011 young people between 16 and 18 will be able to purchase discounted student season tickets. They can also buy the full range of Monday to Friday Unilink tickets.

These will be weekly, 4-weekly and 12-weekly and will be available from First Bus Travel Shop, 47 Union Street. Proof of age will be needed at time of purchase.

I hope this will go some way towards assisting parents who have over 16s using daily public transport.

Would you like to be involved in community centre activities?

Community centres are important facilities around the city which the Council provides. Currently some centres are run by volunteers and some are run by the Council which has recently agreed that these should all be run by local volunteers because local people are in the best position to identify local needs and priorities for community centre activity. The role of volunteers is therefore extremely important and very much appreciated. The Lower Deeside area has a relatively modest provision of community facilities. For example, Cults Academy has its community area. Maximum benefit has to be made of these limited resources. If you would like more information or can contribute to community centre activity in the area, please let me know and I will provide more details.

Cults Swimming Pool - a Facility for Local People

I had hoped to provide you with an update on 'pilot' arrangements for the Cults Swimming Pool facility but little progress has been made on opening this public facility to members of the local community. When recently touring Cults Academy and the community facilities with the new Chief Executive of the Council, Valerie Watts, I explained the problems to her. I will continue to press for proper arrangements to be made that will open the facility up to residents. Please refer to the editor's article on this topic for further information. Thank you to everyone in the area who has been so patient.

As always, if you need to get in touch with me regarding any issues, please contact me at:

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St Devenick's Dancers in the Spotlight

Well done to the pupils of "St Devenick's Dancers" Scottish Country Dancing class, who came second in their section of the Scottish Country Dancing Festival held recently at the Music Hall in Aberdeen. The group performed "St Devenick's Jig" and "The Old Man of Storr", for which they earned an impressive 85 points, with the adjudicator commenting that she "enjoyed this team's dancing very much". Mission accomplished then, as enjoyment is what Scottish Country Dancing is all about!

Their success at the festival rounded off what has been a busy first year for the group, which began with performances at the MBC Festival and Culter Gala. Both events took place in glorious sunshine, which made for two lovely afternoons dancing and looking round the various stalls.

Then it was off to Deeside Steam & Vintage Fair at Milton of Crathes, in August, but alas the heavens opened just as the dancers were about to take the stage. The arena quickly emptied as the audience sought shelter in their cars and the event had to be abandoned! However, the organisers have very kindly invited the group to perform at this year's event on Sunday August 21st, so do look out for us if you are there.

There will be another chance to see the dancers in action at a "come and try" day which is being held at Cults Primary School on Saturday 20th August, to give young people the chance to try a wide range of after-school activities which are on offer in our local area. So, if you fancy giving Scottish Country Dancing a go, please do come and see us, either at the come and try session or come along to our class, for children of primary school age, in St Devenick's Church Hall on Tuesdays at 4pm.

Younger children might like to join in at our mother and toddler ceilidh dancing sessions held at Peterculter on Friday afternoons (further details of both classes in the what's on guide at the back).

Finally, everyone at St Devenick's Dancers would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our community, and further afield, who bought our fundraising quizzes. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated and went a long way towards purchasing the tartan to make the skirts the girls are wearing in the photograph.



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For further information on all church activities please visit our website. If you need support in prayer please contact either of our Pastors.

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Cults Primary School PTA Update

We've had a great start to 2011 at Cults Primary. We've introduced some social events to our calendar, and kicked this off with a trip to see Disney's "Tangled" at Cineworld. 290 of us (i.e. approx. 100 families) had a great time at the cinema on 29th January, with a screen all to ourselves; it was a wonderful family outing, with a relaxed atmosphere.

During February, we ran discos for our P3-7 classes. These were a huge success (as usual!). Sale of crisps and water meant that the whole event was self-funding.

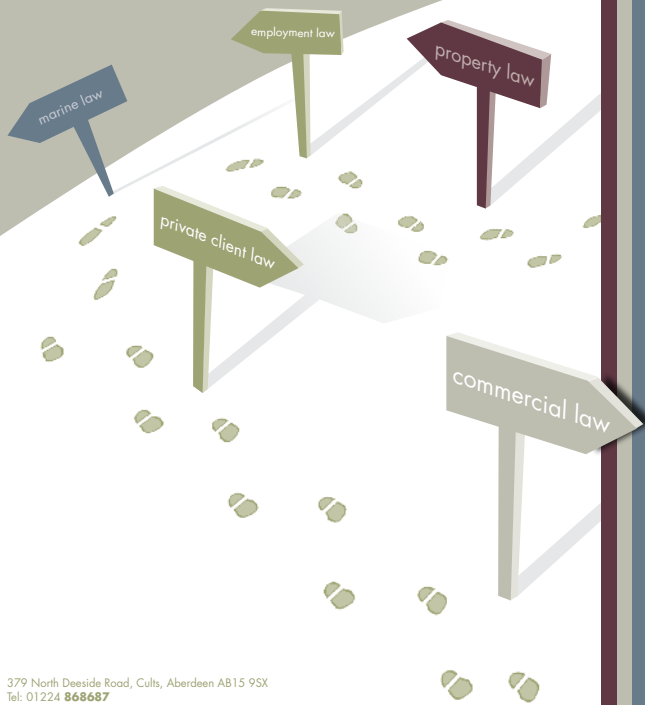
Scottish Opera has been working with the school for many years, and over this time, our P6 children have been involved in some fantastic shows. The PTA took over the funding of this year's event, entitled "Scotland, Our Scotland". Well done to all involved!

To round off the Spring term, we've assisted the teachers in running a Spring Party for the P1 and P2. This is the second year we've done this; it involves craft for the children, lots of party games with prizes etc. A lovely way to end the term...

In the run-up to summer, we've got a number of events planned – the main ones being our **Plant Sale** (date TBC – but look out for posters in the villages), **Bag2School** (7th May) and the **Summer Fair** (4th June). Each of these events/ fundraisers is open to the community – not just immediate families using the school. By the time we run the summer fair this year, we are hopeful that we will have generated sufficient profit to allow us to purchase a NoteBus. A NoteBus is a trolley containing 16 or 30 laptops that can be moved around school. Technology plays such a major role in education nowadays; we are finding that our computer suite is simply not enough to accommodate the needs of 17 classes!

It would be impossible to run all these events, or generate the money needed to support Cults Primary School, without the support of teachers, parents and the community. We are extremely lucky to have such a wonderful band of grown-ups ready to get involved. Thank you all!

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107 (Aberdeen) Squadron Clear Gorse at Kincorth Hill Nature Reserve

(Left to right) Cadets Mellis, Coutts and Ede



Cadets and Staff from 107 (Aberdeen) Squadron joined the "Dirty Weekenders" group from Aberdeen University and other members of the public to help the Aberdeen Park Ranger Service control the gorse and broom which was encroaching on areas of heather in the Kincorth Hill Nature Reserve.

Following a briefing by Park Ranger Rob Rowe on how important the heather was in maintaining a healthy variety of insects and birds in the area, the group picked up their gloves, loppers and saws and went to work to cut down the gorse and broom.



Cadet Mellis

The cuttings were disposed of on a bonfire which was later used to heat marshmallows and bake potatoes which were a welcome snack. All of the cadets thoroughly enjoyed the day and will hopefully encourage more cadets to join in the community involvement with the Park Ranger Service.

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Grampian Decorative & Fine Arts Society



Grampian DFAS always has a very successful fundraiser but this year the event was given a more exciting edge because GDFAS was celebrating its 21st birthday. The main attraction was the raffle of a stunning pendant, designed specifically for GDFAS by Edward Slater, a graduate of Gray's School of Art, Aberdeen, who now works for the Queen's jewellers, Garrards. While buying their raffle and lucky dip tickets members enjoyed a glass of bubbly and a piece of the 21st birthday cake. Thanks to their great generosity on the night over £800 was raised, much of which will go to a local charity.



The pictures show the stunning pendant, designed by Edward Slater of Garrards and the GDFAS birthday cake with (l to r) President of GDFAS, Anne Wolrige, Gordon; a founder member of GDFAS, Janet Brinsden modelling the pendant; Publicity Secretary, Alison Bruce



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Surprise Birthday Party with a Charitable Outcome

A request from Ian Thomson, my ex 21st (Cults) Rover Scout leader, to restore a damaged photograph of the 21st Rover Scout Crew gave me the idea of trying to contact members of 21st Scouts and Rovers from that era for a re-union. Knowing that Ian's (a.k.a. Tam/Tammy) 75th was coming up, it occurred to me that this would provide an ideal opportunity to combine a surprise birthday party for Tam with a re-union of our scouting buddies.



the original members of the 21st Rover Scouts (1964).

By co-incidence, Sandy Law, another of the 'Rover originals', had taken over the Lairhillock Inn & Restaurant and as this was the scene of many of our earlier celebrations, that made choice of location easy.

At the behest of Mrs T., rather than give presents for Tam, a collection box was placed in the dining room with the proceeds going towards research into Parkinson's disease. Over £400 was raised on the night, subsequently increased to over £500 by those unable to attend, which has duly been passed on to Professor Carl Counsell, Neurological Consultant and Clinical Senior Lecturer in Neurology at Aberdeen University who assures us that it will be put to good use locally.

It is a tribute to the high regard and gratitude that we all felt towards Tam for his time and the effort that he put in for our benefit as Scout and Rover Crew leader in the 50's & 60's that there was no difficulty in reaching the maximum numbers that could be accommodated by Lairdie's (and apologies to any who may have felt excluded).

Alastair McKinnon



Ex 21st Scouts & Rovers at the re-union at the Lairhillock Inn (Nov 2011).

Cults Scouts

Cooking has featured a lot in recent scout activities and so has eating the food produced, which is probably the reason why it's so popular. Innes tried American waffles – very nice. All good practice for forthcoming camps at Braemar in June, Aviemore in August, and at the Haddo House Estate near Tarves in September. Apart from cooking, other activities have included snowboarding and scuba diving. Over the next two months, scouts can try orienteering, archery, crate climbing and a cycle observation run. The steady trickle of applications to join scouts reached a peak recently. Although it is not always possible to offer places immediately to all who apply, (there are a lot of scouts), eventually we do manage to find them a place.

On the international front, our scout friends in Norway and Belarus sent many Easter cards and greetings. The international scout projects with these two countries offer



scouts the chance to gain the Global Challenge Award and the International Partnership Award and even to learn some Norwegian and Russian. The Join-In-Jamboree projects are also offered in the run up to the World Scout Jamboree, being held in Sweden in July/August 2011.





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The bus campaign is sponsored by IMCORE which stands for Innovative Management for Europe's Changing Coastal Resource. Funded by a €6million EU grant, the project involves 15 partners from across north-west Europe including the University of Aberdeen. It is being led by Dr David R Green of the University's Institute for Coastal Science and Management based in the Department of Geography and Environment, and working closely with Aberdeen City Council.

Last November scientists from across the globe gathered in Aberdeen to examine the potential impacts of climate change on north-east Scotland's coastline, and measures which could reduce changes to the area's coastlines and the consequences for local communities. This forms part of the development of a coastal adaptation strategy for the City. Its aim is to develop a unified approach to safeguard the future of our coasts from the ecological, social and economic impacts of climate change. This includes developing approaches to defend coastal communities from flooding and erosion and protect coastal sectors such as fisheries and aquaculture, ports and shipping, and marine recreation. For more details go to: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/details-9362.php>

Around Scotland in Nine Days...

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A one-man cycle tour of Scotland this summer is attempting to raise up to £8k for Aberdeen's Friends of Roxburghe House. Graeme Rennie, will combine his passions for road cycling and Scotland's countryside to complete the 1000+ mile trek between 16 and 24 July, supported by friends and family. The tour comprises cycling the four extreme points on the Scottish mainland. It starts and finishes at Keith Inch in Peterhead and takes in Mull of Galloway, Ardnamurchan Point and Dunnet Head.



Graeme, (48) a PE teacher from Aboyne Academy and former Cults Academy pupil, is determined to fulfil his 'Tour d'Ecosse' after losing his father, Rev Donald Rennie, to cancer in 2008. Rev Rennie was a well known personality in Deeside as Minister at Cults East Church Aberdeen and subsequently as the North East of Scotland Industrial Chaplain before retiring to Auchenblae.

Graeme explains: "It's a huge personal challenge, as well as an opportunity to get cycling supporters involved in a great cause. Cancer is something that will inevitably touch us all in our lives one way or another. Roxburghe House provided sensitive and personal care to my father over his last weeks and this is my way of acknowledging the work that they, and all other similar bodies, carry out on our behalf."

Graeme continues "We've all watched and wondered at the efforts of Eddie Izzard, and Dr Andrew Murray, who ran from John O'Groats to the Sahara, and the impact they can have – raising funds for good causes and encouraging people to become involved in sport and physical recreation in general". As a cyclist Graeme is inspired by the achievements of Lance Armstrong, a cancer survivor himself. As a teacher, he is always keen to encourage individuals to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle. Thus he wanted to do something that was different, that may not have been attempted in this way for some time, if at all! There is the risk of failure but as his dad, and many others before him, have said "You won't know if you don't try!"

Anyone interested in following the Tour d'Ecosse can do so by logging on to www.tourdecosse.co.uk. or on facebook and Twitter. Donations can be made through the 'Just Giving' site that can all be accessed via the web page. Also, tickets will be available shortly for a fundraising night as part of the campaign at Aberdeen Boat Club on June the 18th.



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The evening began with a reception which allowed guests to revive old friendships and begin to forge new ones. Judging by the noise generated this was a great evening.

If you are interested in finding out more about Rotary and the Aberdeen Deeside Club, then don't hesitate to contact President Mike Hedges at: michael.hedges@btinternet.com or go to our website - www.aberdeendeesiderotary.org.uk.

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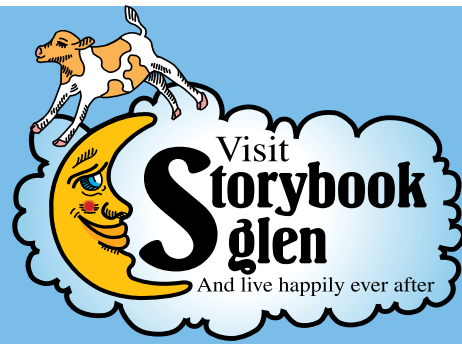
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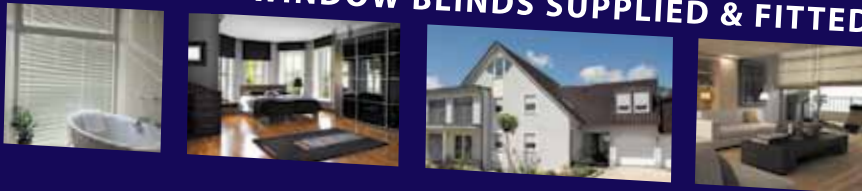
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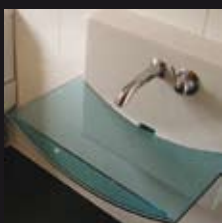
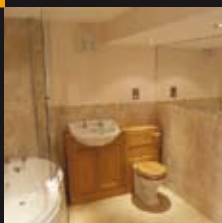
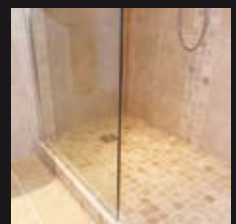
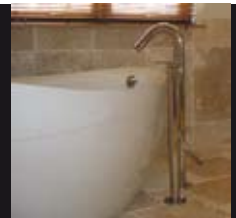
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Cults Community Centre: Why no 'Joined Up Thinking'?

So many of our readers have written to me and tackled me in the street about the continuing lack of community facilities in the MBC area, specifically the non-use of Cults Community Centre, that I determined to find out more. Tempers are becoming frayed as people wishing to improve their fitness and wellbeing are denied access to a virtually unused local pool and fitness suite. "Why can't we have more joined up thinking from the Council?" they are asking. "What are the costs to the community of looking after an increasingly obese and unhealthy population?"

This is ironic in view of the Scottish Government's report "Let's make Scotland more Active: A strategy for physical activity" published in 2003. Written by the National Physical Activity Task Force to address the population's tendency to become inactive, unfit and increasingly overweight, it acknowledges significant 'barriers' preventing us reaching suggested Government activity levels of 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity on most days of the week for adults and 60 minutes for children; activity levels that could protect against the onset of chronic diseases such as coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, colon cancer, Type II diabetes and osteoporosis.

I took up the issue of the unused facilities up with Councillor Malone, as she seemed the most actively involved of the councillors on this matter. After 'battling for nearly a year' to get the swimming pool and fitness suite facility open to the public who funded it, Councillor Malone sounded rather disillusioned as she described the problems and her continuing efforts. The problems are:

1. The Community Centre is not owned by Aberdeen City Council but leased from the developer Pihl. After 30 yrs of such leasing the council will pay a 'nominal' fee to own it and can then do what it wants with it. Although some of the information is sketchy, it appears that the procurement of the new school and its 'community' facilities were done under the Government's 'Private Finance Initiative'. There has been a great deal of criticism of this method of financing public projects, not least of which is that very often the original developer drops out at an early stage and sells its interest to a specialist investor. These transactions can generate millions of pounds, none of which are ploughed back in to the public assets financed in this way.

This project was done through the Council's ill-starred 'Aberdeen Schools 3Rs Project' which was a PPP/PFI initiative. Famously, the funding was provided by a (then) leading Icelandic bank and the demise of that bank caused enormous problems to the Council who then were forced to underwrite parts of the project. The Council to their credit made sure that Cults Academy was completed. However, this did not ensure that we got guaranteed access to our local facilities.

2. Robertsons, whose responsibility the pool is, is only willing to open the facility to the public if it is properly staffed. The council cannot afford to staff it because that would come out of the Education, Culture and Sport budget.
3. Sports facilities in Aberdeen are all run by Sports Aberdeen Trust (SAT) – a cheaper option than having council employees with their pensions, benefits etc.
4. When the agreement was negotiated with SAT – a lengthy and involved process - Cults CC, which was in the process of being built, was not included. As a result of this oversight on the part of the Community Learning team, SAT has not felt obliged to take on Cults CC and has refused to do so without further funding.



However after a meeting and site visit with the Chief Executive of Aberdeen City Council Valerie Watts and the Head Teacher of Cults Academy Anna Muirhead, Councillor

Malone was more upbeat and described herself as 'very hopeful'. The next step is a discussion with the director of Education about the prospects of opening the facilities after the Easter break.

You may not be aware that some language and other classes are being held in the classrooms at Cults CC. People come from near and wide to attend these classes but invariably find the tiny car park full by 9.30am. It appears that spaces are taken up by children attending Cults Academy – who must all live in the catchment area – who are not allowed to park in the staff car park and choose not to park on the surrounding streets. Notices have been put on the pupils' cars and they have been asked by the janitors not to use the car park but they continue to do so.

I would suggest that you keep up the pressure, not just on Mrs Malone but on the other councillors and the Director of Education. Remind them how important it is to keep fit and healthy and what good economic sense it makes. It has been suggested that our children will not live as long as us because of their unhealthy lifestyles – driving to school notwithstanding – but we can be part of the solution if we all put our minds to it. In her article, Councillor Malone suggests that the Council is open to members of the community 'manning' facilities themselves and that seems to me too good an opportunity to miss!

Maureen McLennan
Editor and Health Scientist



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Milltimber Playgroup Spring News



Milltimber Playgroup have had another busy fun filled term. With the weather improving (periodically!) we have been exploring the outdoors and nature. We are very lucky in having a lovely outdoor patio area which we

have been able to use twice already this year to have 'outdoor playgroup' where we can enjoy all our favourite activities in the fresh air when the weather allows. We particularly enjoyed building our own wormeries then digging for worms to put in them and our growing topic, where we planted beans, sunflowers and cress. We also planted mushroom spores, which are hopefully growing away in the nice dark cupboard to give us some juicy mushrooms to cook! On the subject of cooking, we have started a regular baking slot with a visiting expert, and have made Valentines cookies and red nose cakes for Comic Relief amongst other things. As part of our healthy snack we also made our own smoothies which were delicious. We have had some other visitors this term, one of our mums came in to do some science experiments for our volcano topic, and another brought a real live baby for us to help to bath!

After Easter, we are planning to start up a 'messy play' session on a Tuesday afternoon for children aged 18 months-3 years to attend with their parent or carer. This would be an hour and a half of the kind of messy activities which are great fun but often avoided at home due to the clear up involved! If this sounds like something you would be keen to attend, give our playleader Lyndsay a call or an email to note your interest (contact details at end of article).

Our playgroup is an excellent start to your child's education and provides a great opportunity for parents to get involved with the local community. We currently

have funded and non funded places in our three morning playgroup sessions (Mon, Tues, Thurs 9.30-12) for children aged 2 years 6 months-5 years and in our Rising 5's session on a Friday 1-3. We also have lunch club and transport options to and from Milltimber Nursery. For more information on our sessions or to arrange to drop in to the MCA hall for a taster of the fun we have, call our Playleader Lyndsay (07519902470) or drop us an email (milltimberplaygroup@hotmail.com) We would be delighted to hear from you!

Lisa Wood, Chair



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It does not accept payments from advertising or publishing, but relies on its volunteers and donations from the public. Have a look at the website: aberdeenvoice.com and see if you feel inspired to read or write something interesting about the local area.

To give you a taste of the content, the current edition (April 1st) contains a poem entitled 'Anither bliddy hypcrite' by Bob Smith and an article entitled 'Garden wars: the latest in the city square debacle' by Mike Shepherd. Other items concern the education cuts brought in in Aberdeenshire and an animal rights group launching a campaign against the Tullos deer cull.

Inevitably people tend to write about what are for them the most upsetting and controversial issues but most are well written and informative. If only we could get the people of Cults, Milltimber and Bielside to be so prolific!

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A fantastic Self defence evening with the Burgesses of Aberdeen was held, headed by the Dean of Guild Fred Dalgarno and Senior Burgesses Colin Taylor, Garry Stevens, Peter Carry and Douglas Gallacher.

All really trained very hard and I was especially impressed by the Dean of Guild Fred Dalgarno who just came out of hospital to take part in the hard training! Very impressed.

I was assisted by Paddy Jamison 5th Dan Carole Kelman 3 Dan and Ian Kelman 2 Dan.

All the participants received a Level 1 self defence award. I can only say the Aberdeen Burgesses were a vibrant and exciting group to coach

The total money raised for the evening was £300 for the Consul General fund for the Japanese Red Cross.

Ronnie Watt OBE
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Has your local group done anything spectacular this last few month's?

An unusual way of fundraising...a good turn for the neighbourhood...just had a really good couple of months.

Let us know at MBC News as we'd love to publish it for you. Even better if you have some photographs to highlight it.

Send to Maureen the Editor before 01 July 2011 for our next issue.

Get thinking... Get writing... and send it.



Milltimber Primary School PTA

The purpose of the PTA is to provide support to the staff and pupils of the school and to assist in raising funds for extra curricular activities, outings and additional items needed by the school. We aim to encourage the involvement of children, staff and parents in our activities for the continuous improvement of the school environment and ultimately the children and their enjoyment of the school.

Over the past year, the money raised has gone towards the purchase of art and craft materials plus audio visual items as well as funding the Christmas pantomime, repairs to the playground and a £5000 donation to redevelop a utility room into a kitchen for the children.

THE PTA is continually open to new members and helpers ("Friends of the PTA"), so if you would like to get involved, please contact us via the school office.

Past Events

Bag2school – Nov. 2010

Thank you to everyone who donated. In total we raised £420.

Dons Day Out – Nov. 2010

A good time at Pittodrie was had by all (despite the weather and the result!). £484 raised and photo opportunities with Angus the Bull.

Quiz Night – Feb. 2011

2011 started off with an exceptional response to the Quiz Night resulting in £1576 raised!

Red Nose Day Disco – March 2011

£530 raised with £150 sent to the Comic Relief Appeal.

Future Events

Friday 3rd June 2011 –

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Congratulations to Dr John Mckeown on attaining his Great Britain vest at the European Masters Athletic Championships in Belgium in the 60m and 200m.

Finally, some of our GPs from Cults Medical Group have entered the Baker Hughes 10k on Sunday 22nd May. Dr Smith is raising money for Aberdeen Maternity Hospital and the Neonatal Unit. They are all training hard so please do support them.

Tracey Wilson
Practice Manager



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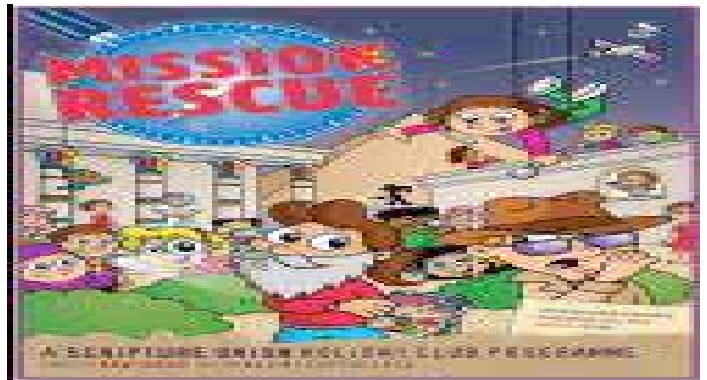
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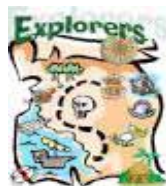
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Cults Playgroup News

Way back at the beginning of this year, Cults Playgroup enjoyed an evening of dancing, games, haggis and other refreshments at Cults Hotel in the name of fundraising for our group. All the adults who attended our annual Burns Supper had a great time and managed to raise a healthy sum of money for their children. With some of the money we bought art resources and also took the children and their parents to the Singing Kettle Show at the Music Hall. It was a super morning of singing and dancing and we even had one of our children on the stage with Cilla and friends.

Now that our weather has improved, the children and staff have been busy planting bulbs, fruit and herbs which we have displayed in various containers throughout the playgroup garden. Let's hope we can soon reap the benefits of our produce.

Recently we had our annual external fundraiser which we decided would be the Marie Curie Nurses appeal. The children and staff baked cakes and decorated the playgroup setting with vases of daffodils and old-fashioned crockery for the parents to enjoy. We also managed to present a wee show of familiar action songs to complete our Daffodil Tea.

On return from the Easter holidays the children had a fun time collecting chicks in our Easter Egg Hunt and some lucky family will have won a hamper of goodies in our popular Chocolate Quiz.



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Camphill School Aberdeen

In March we had the verbal feedback from the Autistic Society's Accreditation team who had completed their review which takes place every three years. We heard that we have done exceptionally well and can expect a very positive report when it is published in the summer. This is really good news and a timely boost as we seek to market our provision more aggressively over the next months.

Our new Business Plan is complete and can be accessed via our website www.camphillschool.org.uk or from the office. It has received positive feedback and we hope it will increase awareness of the breadth of provision we offer. On 30th March we had a quarter page advert in The Independent's Autism supplement in an attempt to reach out into England and Wales. We have recently redesigned our website and the way you can navigate through it.

In May, we will host a major national conference around the launch of a new book edited by Robin Jackson. Both the book and the conference carry the title 'Discovering Camphill'. The book examines and demystifies Camphill

and its strategy, which has proven so effective over the 70 years since Camphill first opened its doors to individuals with special needs.

The keynote speakers at the conference will critically examine the 'Camphill approach', share their findings and explore their relevance for today while at the same time asking whether they are in tune with current thinking and the requirement to achieve 'added value'. Invited participants include Chief Executives, Directors of local authority departments, Heads of Services, MSPs, Care Commission professionals, HMIe professionals, Academics and other key personnel in the field.

Locally we hosted a visit of Iain Nisbet from the Govan Law Centre. More than 60 people attended, the vast majority being parents new to Camphill. Touring Murtle, many visitors were simply amazed at what they saw; the breadth of our provision and our social pedagogical way of working. Iain gave an important contribution to the theme of parents' and children's rights. We are planning to host similar events on a regular basis.

This term saw Camphill engaging more fully than ever before in Red Nose Day. Children, young people and co-workers joined together to do something funny to raise money for children in need: each class dressed up for school that morning. Some came wearing something funny on their heads, some were dressed all in red and some came to school in their pyjamas. One youngster prepared a 'magic show' for the occasion and one co-worker ran from Culter to Banchory and back before

New local voice and speech practice

The Speech Studio at Camphill Wellbeing Trust is set to help local people speak better. Dedicated to the speaking voice, the Studio offers individuals an opportunity to develop, strengthen and train their speaking abilities to a higher standard.

Donald Phillips, founder of the Studio, says "Whether speaking in public, striving for that perfect wedding speech or preparing for a drama school audition or job interview, a person must rely on their voice to carry their words, message and confidence. For those whose livelihoods rest on their vocal strength, such as teachers, coaches, and boardroom bosses, speech training will prevent vocal downtime and enhance wellbeing."

The Studio also offers therapy for speech delay in children, speech and voice disorders and speech-related problems due to neurological health conditions such as Parkinson's disease.

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Murtle Estate, Bielside, Aberdeen

breakfast! It is fair to say that everyone made a good effort. Many asked for sponsorship and this was supported by families and friends as well as co-workers. We managed to raise more than £200 whilst doing something funny and enjoyable.

Much work has been undertaken by a small group to further extend our provision to those over 18. Named the Sapphire Project, the emphasis will be on providing individual programmes and opportunities to develop skills through engaging in crafts, land work, work experience, adult further education, arts, life skills and therapeutic activities, many of which will lead to completing SQA Access courses and other qualifications. Applications for this will be administered in the normal way through the Admissions Committee. The Project will run alongside and link with the services currently being provided by Cairnlee and the St Andrew's Project.

Laurence Alfred



Fashion Show in Aid of Local Charity

The Friends of Camphill Wellbeing Trust are hosting a Blue Door Fashion Show. The evening will showcase clothing and accessories donated to their charity shop, The Blue Door. Proceeds of the event will help people on low income to access therapeutic services at Camphill Wellbeing Trust, Bielside.

Shop manager Pamela McBain explains, "The Blue Door is known for its high-end clothing at low, charity shop prices. This show will highlight articles of special interest as well as demonstrate how ordinary clothing can be stylish when worn in a right combination. Our local customers and other fashion conscious people throughout the city will find it a very worthwhile event."

The Blue Door Fashion Show takes place on Friday evening, 20th May, from 7.30-10pm at The Hub, North Deeside Road, Cults. Tickets for the event are on sale at The Blue Door, North Deeside Road., Bielside. The ticket price is £7.00, which includes a glass of wine, cheese and a variety of savouries. For further information or to reserve your tickets phone The Blue Door, Wednesday – Friday 10am-4pm, (01224) 861830.

Culter Hill Walking Club (Birse Church Walk)

A fresh layer of snow had fallen overnight and it was a small and gallant band of brothers who made their way to Birse Church Hall for the hill walk. We climbed progressively through the forest and saw dozens of deer and rabbit tracks in the snow. With the pine and fir trees, it was like a Christmas scene with the wind still and silence reigning supreme.

We climbed steadily onto the bare slopes of Carnberg (525m) and saw hare, cat and deer tracks along the way. The freezing wind whipped in our faces and froze our cheeks. It was a case of balaclavas on, hoods up and heads down. We stopped a couple of times to catch our breath and to admire the view over the Feugh Valley and the hills beyond.

At the top of Carnberg there is a memorial cairn to the laird of Birse Castle, Joseph Robert Heaven (Oct. 1911) and a stone circle built around a triangulation point. This was full of snow, so we settled behind the cairn, out of the wind, and ate our lunches. The views over the valleys were fantastic and we said that we were lucky to live in Scotland and have all this on our door steps.



After a couple of photo stops, we made our way down Carnberg and then turned northwards towards Birse. The snow veneer covered sheets of ice and after a little tumble by a couple of our team, we decided that it was better to put on our crampons and microspikes. These worked like magic and anchored our feet through the snow and ice.

At Newmill a pack of gun dogs gave us a rousing welcome but luckily, they were in their steel and brick enclosure. A little further on we were back on the main road and then at Birse Church. It was lovely to have got out for the day.

If you are interesting in joining a mixed group of sociable and very friendly folk we would be delighted to hear from you. Our website is: www.culterhillwalking.org.uk
Barry Hood

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is delighted to announce the opening of their new dental practice in Cults on Tuesday 3rd May. Chris Pumford BDS a long standing partner of Queens Road Dental Practice and his team have moved. Dr Pumford and his team are dedicated to providing the highest quality dentistry in a caring, relaxed and professional environment. The practice ethos is all about preventative dentistry, listening to our patients needs and helping them achieve their ultimate desire.

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UK is a charity based in Aberdeen whose aim is to provide practical assistance including food, clothing, furniture & furnishings, bedding, baby & child equipment & other essentials to the needy and marginalised in the

city of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. The needs are great and increasing. Curtailment and withdrawal of local/central government funding and benefits is increasing the pressure and demands on charities such as Somebody Cares.

We are supported almost entirely by donations of funds, furniture, household goods etc from individuals, churches, business' & voluntary organisations and are not in receipt of or reliant on any public sector funding..

From our warehouse in Summerhill Road we have the capability to fully or partially equip the homes or simply improve the situation of clients referred to us.

We have 2 vans which are constantly on the road uplifting furniture, child and baby equipment, clothes, food donations and generally any goods which people have no further need for or are replacing. We also assist in house clearances .All of these activities are necessary to sustain the warehouse stock of goods required by clients/ beneficiaries.

We work with over 70 agencies in the city and shire including Health visitors, Social workers, Family centres, Health professionals etc who identify the disadvantaged and assess their needs.

We provide food parcels as required to clients. Currently 20/25 parcels per week (Supermarket value approx £15 per parcel).

We aim to re-use or recycle the vast majority of goods, food donated to us. We estimate that over 90% of such donations are either re-used for the benefit of our clients or recycled which raises funds to sustain our service.

By the very nature of our service we respond to emergency situations to help those in crisis.

Any help given is provided free and based solely on need. No judgements are made on lifestyle/race/ religion or any other factor.

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CONTACT JENNY OR LORRAINE ON: 01224 200197 Email: jenny@somebodycaresuk.org

Festivals and Fun at St Devenick's Playgroup

This term we have been celebrating a wide variety of festivals, introducing the children to cultures near and far. Firstly we celebrated Scottish culture on Burns' Day. We were very pleased to welcome Abbie and Evie's grandmother, Aileen, who taught ceilidh dances to the children. We also learnt some Scottish songs and had a vegetarian Burns' Supper for our snack. Next we celebrated Chinese New Year with a full week of Chinese food to sample at snack time, including spring rolls and rice. We made Chinese lanterns, which was a great way to practise cutting skills. We also looked at the different animal names for each Chinese year, and learnt that this is the year of the rabbit. In February we celebrated St Valentine's Day by making cards and helping the children to put them into the post to their mum (or other special person). March began as usual with St David's Day, and the children helped to prepare leek and potato soup, which they then enjoyed at snack time. They took home a real daffodil at the end of the session. St David's Day was closely followed by Shrove Tuesday and we had pancakes for snack, sang a pancake song, and made pancake-shaped hats. For St Patrick's Day we made shamrock cards and mini Ireland flags, and the children sampled Irish soda bread at snack time. Just before the end of term we celebrated Easter with an Easter Egg hunt in a local garden where there are real chickens.

We had a very special visitor to the playgroup in February. Two-month old baby Joshua came in with his mum (Senior Playleader Michelle) for his bath time. The playgroup children were fascinated to watch all the stages

of Joshua's bath, and even had the chance to gently help with his nappy and clothes. Joshua was a very good boy throughout. This visit linked into the role-play that the children had been doing caring for their dolls in the nursery corner. We also thought about how much the playgroup children had



grown since they were babies, and illustrated this by helping the children to make full-length self-portrait posters.

We have an exciting mini-farming project underway. "Bake Your Lawn" is a scheme being run by the Real Bread Campaign. We will grow a square metre of wheat and take the children through the process "from seed to sandwich". We are hoping to harvest our wheat in August, and then we will thresh it and mill it before making bread with the flour.

We have been on two trips this term, both times travelling by public bus into the city centre. In January we went to the theatre for The Singing Kettle. In March we went to the central library for a storytelling session (part of the Aberdeen Arts Festival). We heard the story 'A New Home for a Pirate'.

On Saturday 26th February we held a fundraising Quiz Night at Milltimber Community Hall. It was a fun evening with lots of money raised. We are particularly grateful to Alan Millar (quiz master of Dizzy's charity quiz nights) for providing the quiz and being our quiz master.

If you have a baby or toddler, then why not try our Tots and Toddlers group for playing, crafts and songs? We meet on Wednesday afternoons, 2pm to 4pm. Just come along, or call Serena on 862115 for more details.

Please note that application forms for Playgroup and Rising 5s are now available on our website <http://beehive.thisisnorthscotland.co.uk/stdevenicksplaygroup>. You can find out more about the playgroup on our webpages too. In addition, we also have a new Facebook page.

We are based in the church hall at St Devenick's Church, Bieldside. Playgroup sessions are 9.20 – 11.50, Monday to Friday. Rising Fives sessions are 12.30 – 3.00, Tuesday and Thursday. If you would like to find out more about Playgroup or Rising 5s, please call Playgroup on 07931 223545 or phone Lyndsay on 07923 512633. Our email address is stdevenicksplaygroup@googlemail.com

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**Playgroup 07931 223 545
or Lyndsay 741251**

<http://beehive.thisisnorthscotland.co.uk/stdevenicksplaygroup>

Culter Youth Football Club News



CYFC was established in 1983 and presently has 17 teams, around 250 players and 33 coaches making it 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.

CYFC prides itself on providing football opportunities for many children with most age ranges having more than one team.

In addition to providing this opportunity we are also pleased to see how competitive we have become with four teams in their respective 'A' Leagues at U19, U17, U15 and U14 level, two of these teams currently sitting at the top of their 'A' Leagues. Congratulations to both the Under 19s and Under 14s boys teams on a fantastic achievement.

There are also a number of teams still involved in the local Cup competitions. Culter Deeside U17s are in the quarter finals of the Noskab Trophy and Culter United U15s are in the semi final of the Belmont Trophy. Culter Boys U14s are in the semi finals of the SR Wood Trophy and the quarter finals of the Eddie Mannall Trophy and Culter Colts U13s are in the quarter finals of the Colony Park Cup.

With great support from the players and parents, the U15s United team have now raised the money to take the boys to Holland to play in the Hanz Trophy. They are the only Scottish team taking part in an event with another 14 teams from other parts of Europe.

Recently the U15s did a bag pack at Sainsburys with 50% of the total going to charity. This was followed by a challenge game against a Sainsburys' team in aid of Comic Relief. The U15s have given almost £1000 pounds to charity this season.

Culter Teams

Most 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) regarding any of the items mentioned above. See Club website at: www.culteryouthfc.co.uk

Culter Pitch Project

The club is currently involved in a major building project, which will allow us to continue providing high quality coaching and football experiences to our youngsters, through building our own pitch and training facility on the Crombie park site off Malcolm Road in Peterculter. The project, which will also provide a very welcome addition for the community of Peterculter, is well underway in preparation for next season. McIntosh Plant Hire have been invaluable in helping the club progress the project to its current advanced state.

To date, our fundraising initiatives and a Sportscotland grant have enabled the Club to build our first-class pitchhowever we still have a long way to go to achieve our final goal of a floodlit venue with club-house and changing facilities. The latest fund raising effort is CYFC's First Annual Gala Dinner which will be held at the magnificent

newly refurbished Ballroom at the Hilton Tree Tops on Friday the 13th May. Along with a 3-course meal there will be some excellent entertainment and various fundraising activities taking place throughout the evening.

We hope the local community will take this opportunity to support our fundraising efforts as an ideal way to help our club and local children, boost lifelong health and fitness and provide a chance for children to take part in a fun and competitive activity.

Please contact Club Chairman, Gavin Fisher (07796 268815 or gavin@gfficesupplies.co.uk) regarding sponsorship or help for the CYFC Pitch Project.



COSALT Cults Cricket Club incorporating Artisans Cricket Club

Christmas has come and gone and the new year is up and running. The days are already noticeably longer and to cap it all, England have won the Ashes in one of the most remarkable series for a long time. Yes, it's time to dream about long summer days and the sound of leather on willow – cricket is coming back.

Nothing like a good winter series to get the juices flowing and the world cup is coming up in a few weeks!!

The club will be looking to build on a good season last year (2nd in Grade 1 and 2 plus the Bon Accord cup) but will have to replace one or two regulars who moved from the area.

The club is always looking for new players even if you can only play a few games.

Pre-season practice will commence in March down at Allan Park.

You can contact me at edcricket@sky.com or on 07790 635057 if interested.

Ed Spearman
Secretary
Cults Cricket Club incorporating Artisans Cricket Club



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reaching out to the community

SERVICES Family service every Sunday at 9.30pm in July and August in addition to the morning service at 10.30am.

HUB CAFÉ The Hub Café offers light lunches and home baking every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

CULTS O50 See either the O50 notice-board at the Hub or the Hobbies and Social page of the MBC News.

CALLING YOUNG PERSONS! Every Sunday at 10.30 am until the holidays you can go to JAM (Jesus and me) if you are in P1-P6 and SHED if you are in P7-S6. Rachel-Anne our youth worker, suggests that you to put these dates in your diary: Cosy Coffee House at the Hub on Sunday 8th May from 6.00-8.30pm and Holiday Bible Club 8th-12th of August from 10.00am-12.00 noon.

HUB DEVELOPMENT Plans for the new outreach centre and extra care living accommodation for the elderly were approved by Aberdeen City Council on 24th March 2011. The activities that are held on the Hub site will be transferred to the Sanctuary site at Quarry Road in June, while the site is developed. At this moment, it is not possible to be more specific, except to say that watch notice-boards and the web site www.cultsparishchurch.co.uk

MINISTER Ewen Gilchrist, 1, Cairnlee Terrace, Bieldside, Aberdeen, AB15 9AE. Tel: 861692.

CHURCH OFFICE Cults Parish Church Outreach Centre, 404, North Deeside Road, Cults, Aberdeen, AB15 9TD. Tel: 869028. Em: cultsparishchurch@btinternet.com.

SANCTUARY Cults Parish Church Worship Centre, 1, Quarry Road, Cults, Aberdeen, AB15 9EX.



Dutch After School

**The Rijnlands Lyceum offers Dutch lessons
 At Cults Primary School for children aged 4 to 15
 Tuesday Afternoon from 4.15pm-5.15pm**

**For more information please contact
 Ada Renwick 01224-866266
 Or email: rlaberdeen@gmail.com**

WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

In this edition I have added a Ceilidh Dancing class for Mothers and Toddlers in St. Devenick's Church Hall, as well as Pilates Classes at various venues in and around our area. How lucky we are to have so much going on!

Thanks to everyone who has sent me information about changes to contact details. 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.

Enjoy the summer, whatever the weather!

Eleanor Brennan, Tel 862262,
email: brennaneleanor@yahoo.co.uk

ABBREVIATIONS FOR THE VENUES

- CA** - Cults Academy
- CAP** - Cults Academy Pool
- CCC** - Cults Community Centre, Earlswells Road
- COC** - Cults Outreach Centre
- CSC** - Culter Sports Centre
- CWC** - Cults Worship Centre
- DCFC** - Deeside Christian Fellowship Church, Milltimber
- IBC** - International Baptist Church, Cults
- KCC** - Kingswells Community Centre
- KMCC** - Kaimhill Community Centre
- 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
- SWP** - Shell Woodbank, Pitfodels
- WRIH** - WRI Hall, Kirk Crescent, Cults
- WSC** - Waldorf School, Craigton Road, Cults

Cults Bowling Club

Cults Bowling Club opened for the outdoor season on 16th April when many members turned up looking forward to the many events which are part of the life of the club. This year a special event enlivened the Opening Day. The club had commissioned Bill Anderson, the well-known North-East artist, to paint a water colour showing the Club House with a foreground of players on the green. This painting is to form part of the celebrations which will mark the 125th anniversary of the club in 2012. It was felt it would be a good idea to unveil the painting in 2011 although it seems a tad premature! It was recognised that this would alert all our members to the coming festivities and members of the local community as well. The painting was much admired by all those who were present and Bill received many congratulations. Bill who is a club member donated the painting to the club for which generous gesture the club is very grateful. Bill has also produced a number of cards (printed from the painting) which will be available for sale. The profit from these cards will go to the British Heart Foundation.

Cults Bowling Club has for many years supported charities, both local and national. One event that has become a feature is our Cake Day which this year was held on Friday, May 6th. Members and friends come along, pay for cakes and then eat them! We also have a game of bowls! The charity that Cake Day supports is Multiple Sclerosis. Last season we also made donations to the RNLI (our standard charity) and to Breast Cancer (Aberdeen). Our view is that as we are part of the local community we like to play our part in that community.

This year too, we are making every endeavour to provide bowling classes for young people and we have had a very positive response from Cults Academy and the International School. We are also looking for adult members and we have a number of Open Days throughout the season to allow any potential members to taste and try the great game! Bowls is a very sociable game and so there is great camaraderie in all the games and at the social events. Come along. There are no age or gender barriers. If you wish to know more, please contact Findlay Baxter at 868263 or contact the club direct by visiting us at 293 North Deeside Road. You will be welcome!

As usual, there are internal competitions, friendly games against other clubs and competitive league games. Bowls is a very sociable game so that there is great camaraderie during all of these occasions. There are also social events organised throughout the season. On Friday, 23rd April the Club held what has become its customary Cake Day in aid of Multiple Sclerosis. As in previous years members and friends were invited to an informal game of bowls and then found themselves presented with an amazing array of home-made cakes where they could eat as many as they were able to cope with for an entry fee of £2. The fund raising event was also supported with a Bottle Stall, a Bric-a Brac stall and a raffle. As before, Cults Bowling Club was able to pass a sum approaching £500 to the MS charity. The festivities continued on Sunday, 25th April when new members were welcomed into the Club with a wine and cheese followed by a game of bowls. Further social events are planned throughout the season including the popular barbecue. We only hope the weather will be kind to us!

CULTS BOWLING CLUB

Come and join us.

Men and women, boys and girls.
Visit our friendly Club and try a game.
You will be very welcome.

There are also social occasions
throughout the year.

For further information contact:
Findlay Baxter 01224 868263

293 North Deeside Road, Cults
(near Westerton Road junction)

Fitness, Sport and Dance

BADMINTON - JUNIOR, CA

Saturdays, 1.30 - 5.30pm September to April
Contact Cults Community Centre, Tel : 868858

BADMINTON - ADULT, CA

Tuesdays, 7.30 - 10.00pm
Contact Rob Wheadon, Tel : 323711

BADMINTON - SOCIAL, MCAH

Mondays, 1.30 - 3.00pm
Wednesdays, 10.00am - 12.00noon
Contact Marion Anderson, Tel : 732505

CULTS BOWLING CLUB

All ages very welcome
Summer Bowling, Winter Activities
Contact David Steele, Tel : 868485

CANOE CLUB, CAP

Fridays, 7.50 - 10.00 p.m.
Saturdays 4.00-6.00 p.m.
Contact Jim Kinnear 313149 or
Kenny Brown, Tel. 07788-507275

CULTS CRICKET CLUB

Contact Ian Sutherland, Tel : 742833

CULTS FIT FOLK, IBC

For men and women over 55.
Wednesdays 10.00-11.00 am
Contact Ellie Whyte, Tel : 861204

CULTS HILLWALKING CLUB, CCC

Indoor session 1st Thursday of the month, 7.30 -
9.30 pm Walks on Sundays, 10 days after the meet-
ing! Contact David Milne, Tel. 869643 or
Paul Wilcox, Tel. 869276

FLEX 'n STRETCH, CSC

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BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB, CCC

Under 14s football.
Wednesdays, 7.30-9.00pm
Contact Gillies MacDonald, Tel 861097

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY, CSC

Wednesdays, CSC, 4.00-5.00pm 5-8 year olds
Contact Dons in the Community -
Tel : 650472 or 650432

PRE-SCHOOL FOOTBALL (KCC)

Mon, 1.00-1.30 p.m., 1.30-2.00 p.m., 2.00-2.30 p.m.
Fri, 9.30-10.00 a.m. 10.00-10.30 a.m. 1.30-2.00 p.m.
(Classes also available at Airyhall Community Centre)
Contact Alison McLeod Tel 314669

CULTER YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Boys' and Girls' Teams, aged 6 to 19 years
Training most days
Contact : Contact: Mick Thornton 734228 or Gavin
Fisher, 734332

KARATE, CCC

Thursdays 7.30 - 8.30pm
Fridays 4.30 - 5.30pm
Contact Ronnie Watt, Tel : 734607

KEEP FIT CLASS, CWC

Tuesdays, 10 - 11am
Gentle Exercise for the over 60s
Contact Pam Henderson, Tel 868862

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Wed (Christine) 7.30 p.m., IBC, medium
Thurs (Gavin) 9.30 a.m., IBC, medium
Thurs (Aileen) 7.30 p.m., MCAH, basic
Sat (Rota) 11.00 a.m., IBC, medium
For more information contact Aileen, 867204,
Christine, 861450, Gavin, 824722 or Rosey, 310380
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Contact Solveig Dahle Smith, Tel. 861421
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www.pilatesaberdeen.com

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Wednesday afternoons, term time only
3.30-4.15 Boys and Girls aged 5-7
4.15-5.00 Boys and Girls aged 8-10
5.00-6.00 Boys and Girls aged 5 and over
Contact Ian Wilson - Tel : 07770-996767

SOCCER FOR OVER 30'S, CCC

Thursdays, 8.30-10.00pm
Contact Alistair Brown - Tel : 861314

PETERCULTER SPORTS CENTRE

Coronation Road, Peterculter Tel : 732069
Fitness studio, aerobics classes, creche
Monthly membership or ad hoc prices

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SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING, SDCH

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Contact Judith Riddoch, Tel. 865909
Email judithriddoch@aol.com

CULTS WEST 2'S PARENTS & TODDLER GROUP, CWC

Mondays, 9.30-11.30 (Term Times)
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Contact Gillian - Tel : 864215 or Lindsey - Tel : 861663

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

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP, DCFC

Tuesdays 9.45 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Contact Pauline Cordiner, Tel. 730171

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP, MCAH

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

CULTS PLAYGROUP, COC

Mon - Fri, 9.15-11.45am (From 21/2 - 5 years)
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Rising 5's Fri 1.00 -3.00 (Tues Rising 5's coming soon)
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Contact Rhona Magowan Tel: 733350

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Rising 5s, Tuesday and Thursdays, 12.30 - 3.00 p.m.
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Playgroup, Tel. 07931 223545
Email - stdevenicksplaygroup@googlemail.com

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

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3rd Cults Rainbows, CWC

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, COC

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

3rd Cults Brownies, CCC

Tuesdays, 6.15 - 7.30 p.m.
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Tel: 865916

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Contact : Karen Pether, Tel 734527

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

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Contact Geoff Weighill, Tel: 869115

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Details of activities on the website
<http://www.cultsparishchurch.co.uk/O50/Index.htm>
or in the Information Centre of the Outreach Centre. Contact Lizzie Thomas, Tel. 869413 or Anne Wilcox, 869276

MILLTIMBER O50 CLUB, MCAH

Activities for men and women over 50.
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ADULT ART CLASSES, IBC

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BRIDGE GROUP, CCC

Tuesdays, 7.00-9.30pm
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CULTER BRIDGE CLUB, PVH

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

CALLIGRAPHY GROUP, COC

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Mondays 12.00-2.00pm (except for July)
Contact Jackie Hatchwell, Tel : 861736

MODEL CLUB - ADULT CCC

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

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Contact Elaine Anderson, Tel. 867736 or Rosalind Barker, Tel. 747802
or email pwcscotland@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

SALTIRE SOCIETY

Promotes all things Scottish. Meets monthly on Tuesdays, normally in Rubislaw Parish Church. (See article in magazine for details)
Contact D J Robertson, Tel. 484061

SCRABBLE CLUB, MCAH

Fridays, 2.00-4.00pm
Players at any level are very welcome
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CULTS STRATHSPEY & REEL SOCIETY, CWC

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Contact Matthew Mtumbuka - Tel : 861028
Email : matthews@mtumbuka.com

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S RURAL INSTITUTE, WRIH

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Adult Learning

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You will hopefully be inspired to sign up for a course when we issue the new programme in early August. The programme is offered by Aberdeen City Council in partnership with Aberdeen College Community and Lifelong Learning. Call into Cults Community Centre or Cults & Culter Libraries to pick up a copy of the programme or contact the Adult Learning Co-ordinator, Alison May, on 01224 868858/CultsAdultLearning@aberdeencity.gov.uk Information is also on our website, <http://beehive.thisisnorthscotland.co.uk/cultssc>

Spring into Summer with Cults Lawn Tennis Club

All things tennis are blossoming in Abbotshall Place, Cults these days! Membership seems likely to maintain and improve on last year's creditable 17% increase, with added interest from schools, the community and Robert Gordon University already noted.

Whatever your level and experience (or lack of either of these) there is something on the Club agenda to suit you, from talented juniors to adult beginners. And you wouldn't believe the age spectrum represented amongst those who turn up regularly to play. Pre-school to octogenarian, and that is no exaggeration!

It's no surprise, of course, to those of us already involved with the Club! There is a real buzz about the place and it's all down to our excellent coaching team and our hard-working and innovative committee who keep coming up with yet more great ideas. So it really is worthwhile to check us out.

After a spell when only ice tennis would have been possible, our Opening Day proved to be a riot of red noses, and fetching red outfits as we combined our first official day with raising some funds for those less fortunate, £477 in all.

On the competitive side, a full complement of ladies', men's and junior teams will be representing the Club in District Leagues and Scottish Cup matches in the coming months. Match practice is always open to new members.

Thursday night is Junior Night when fun, games and tennis too can be experienced on all six courts. Socially there is always much to savour, including our regular social/diner evenings, summer solstice celebrations and much more.

Something for everyone indeed so give tennis a go this summer! Keep in touch and pay us a visit at Abbotshall Place, Cults, or at our all-informing web site at

www.cultstennisaberdeen.co.uk

PS: **A date for the diary**, if you want to see the next crop of emerging talent, the weekend of 25/26 June when the AEGON British County Cup for 12 & Under players comes to Cults LTC. A bit of a scoop for the Club, and it will bring together the best players in this age group from the four Scottish Counties and some English ones too!

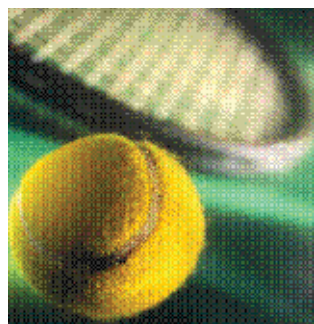
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