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## Lady MacBeth and the WPR

Unlike so many things these days, our MBC News is just a conventional publication which is local to our area. All our contributors appreciate the opportunity to let us know what they are doing and the sheer variety of community based activities in the area is very impressive. Milltimber, Bielside and Cults are really full of people who understand the oldest adage, 'If you want a thing done, do it yourself!' The results are obvious and we have many thriving organisations that depend on MBC News to 'spread the word'.

There is, of course, another use for our local magazine and that is as a soap box for some of the important decisions which affect us all. Speaking personally, I had thought that after 'Roadsense' had lost comprehensively in the Court of Session, we would all accept that decision and the WPR would proceed after years of delay. We have had all this time to consider how this massive project will affect us all and those of us who have decided to stay in the area are prepared for the inevitable upheaval the road works will cause. Personally, I am not really in favour of the road, but I will accept a democratic and judicial decision, provided I am happy all the avenues have been properly explored. So, it is sad to see that this fight is going to continue with a further appeal in the courts with the inevitable delay and uncertainty.

As Lady MacBeth so memorably said, 'If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly'. Perhaps I am stretching the meaning of 'quickly', but perhaps we should substitute 'now'.

**Maureen McLennan**



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## Letters

They say 'act in haste, repent at leisure'; however even after a wee while to cool down I still felt sufficiently angered to drop you a quick line. In a nutshell I'm getting on my soap box about the amount of litter left scattered about down at the river. Worst affected areas were the pebble beaches and path along the bank accessed via Beaconhill Road or the railway line.

As a local resident we see and hear lots of teenagers heading to these areas on summer nights complete with BBQ's and carry outs. Sadly by morning all this debris and rubbish is simply abandoned, left for others to clean up. Having just picked up another two large black sacks of rubbish (all I could carry) this morning, I think it's time some folk are reminded that if they are to enjoy the beauty of this part of the city, they need to start acting responsibly and clean up after themselves.

Please if you do picnic or BBQ down at the river TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME. Notwithstanding the obvious blot on the landscape left by all this rubbish, it also is a considerable hazard to wildlife. Indeed the armfuls of glass beer bottles and cans apparent are just accidents waiting to happen.

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- Rosalind Barker (Blacktop, Foggieton etc.)

These local heroes then pass bundles of magazines to their teams in the various local areas.

Peter Coutts has been managing MBC News delivery for some years, but is now taking a well earned rest and has passed the baton to Peter Roberts. The handover was well timed, because we were able to invite our "new" Peter to the Deliverer's party on Sat 17th September, giving us a chance to get to know him and introduce him to some of his team.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the party - we hope you enjoyed the event and took the opportunity to meet some new (and old) friends. We gave Peter Coutts a gift to thank him for his time and petrol over the last few years - it's been great fun working with him.

If you are interested in taking on a delivery round in the area, please contact Peter Roberts directly (telephone number on page 2).



# News from the Cults Bieldside and Milltimber Community Council



## Housing Developments in Cults and Milltimber

### Oldfold Farm

Following the public consultation meetings at the Waterwheel Inn on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June 2011, CALA organised a further meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011, by invitation, to community council members, some local residents, local authority officials and representatives from various government agencies. The focus of the discussion was on the development of the site including:-

- density of the housing
- provision of affordable housing
- access and movement within the site and connection to the rest of Milltimber
- road junction(s) with the North Deeside Road
- landscaping and green spaces
- core path network
- location of a new primary school
- requirements, if any, for retail, commercial and community facilities

In addition, concerns were raised with the City Council's Education and Roads Departments who were present at the meeting, about the capacity of Cults Academy to absorb new pupils and the impact of new housing on the North Deeside Road.

The views of the community council members and the local residents can be summarised as follows.

- **There was a desire to reduce the density of the housing more in line with the norms used by CALA elsewhere of 20 homes per hectare.**
- **In order to reduce the density of housing, there is the opportunity to release land identified for retail and commercial use which we see as inappropriate for this development.**
- **To encourage the affordable housing to be designed to the same standards as the rest of the housing with the expectation that all affordable housing on site will require owners to take some stake in the properties through shared ownership type arrangements.**
- **To relocate the new primary school to a more northerly position in the development.**
- **To ensure that footpaths and cycle paths are linked into the core network with the aim of having a connection to the aspirational path at the north end of the site to Peterculter, Bieldside and Cults.**

Further discussions are required with CALA on the roads within the site, the use of buses, landscaping and green spaces, and the enhancement of community facilities within Milltimber.



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A meeting has been arranged with CALA and Fairhurst (transport consultants) on the traffic assessment being undertaken on the North Deeside Road involving Richard Spalding (Murtle Den Group), Peter Reiss and Guus Glass (CBMCC) and Lavina Massie (Culter Community Council). The purpose is to understand and to provide input into the methodology and assumptions being made.

The capacity of the schools, particularly Cults Academy, remains a significant issue. Marie Boulton (Councillor) is looking to hold a meeting with the City's Education Department involving CBMCC members, Christine McKay, Gillian Buchanan and Anne Rae. We need greater clarity on the provision of schooling in the area at both primary and secondary levels.

CALA are working towards presenting a masterplan to the City Council by the end of the year. They have committed to make further presentations to the community before they submit their masterplan to explain how they have addressed the issues raised by local residents.

### **Friarsfield, Craigbank and Sunnyside Developments In Cults**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September Stewart Milne Homes and CALA made joint presentations at the Cults Hotel on the proposed developments of sites around Friarsfield. It was anticipated that the masterplan for these site would also include the 10 houses proposed by Scotia Homes. However, we understand that this planning application was approved by the city council before the meeting on 8/09/2011 for reasons we do not understand. In any event the presentation was well attended and a number of local residents came to the community council meeting in September to express their concerns about the developments. It is important to emphasise that these sites were included in the previous local plan and are not required to follow the same consultation processes required under the new local development plan. Nevertheless, a masterplan will be prepared and we understand that a planning application is likely to be submitted before the end of the year.

There was a general consensus amongst all those at the community council meeting who had been to the presentation at the Cults Hotel that most of the concerns were in relation to the infrastructure. As with the development of Oldfold Farm, the state of the schools was a major issue including the need for a significant refurbishing of Cults primary school. We hope that the proposed meeting with the Education Department will address these issues.

We understand that the transport assessment being undertaken by Fairhurst on the North Deeside Road will look at the junctions along the road from Peterculter to Cults including the impact of Friarsfield on Kirk Brae. The roads around the site are a major concern with the proposal to close Jacobs Ladder and put a new road through the site. It is understood that the developers need to build and sell some houses first to fund the new roads. The alignment and timing of the house building to the delivery of the roads is very unclear. We need far greater transparency and detail on all the road issues. The promise that the infrastructure will be 'alright on the night' is not good enough.

Finally there are issues about the drainage of the site. The developers are aware of these problems and assure us they are being addressed.

Like many local residents we remain very sceptical about the ability of the local authority to deliver the infrastructure at the right time, the right place and to the necessary standards. We will endeavour to work with the City Council and Developers on these issues but if local residents have points they wish to raise please contact a community council representative or me at [p.reiss@btinternet.com](mailto:p.reiss@btinternet.com) or 01224-734592.

### **AWPR**

Many local residents will have concerns about the decision of William Walton and Road Sense to continue their legal challenge. The CBMCC shares those concerns, mainly that the continuation of the legal process will merely increase the costs.

However, in August 2008 the CBMCC made a written submission to the public inquiry. Although we were raising questions on the road we were classified as objectors/protestors. In particular, we highlighted issues on the cost of the road, how it was going to be paid for, the integration with public transport projects, the impact on reducing congestion in the city, the quality of the environmental assessments and a number of additional local matters. Frankly we did not receive satisfactory answers to our questions. Indeed many were deemed to be outside the narrow scope of the public inquiry. We do not think that the restricted remit did anything for the integrity of the public inquiry process.

At the inquiry it was announced that the road would cost £348m based on 2003 prices. The Scottish Government knew five years ago that the road was never going to cost £295m - £395 and that by the time the road might get built (2013) the costs would be 10 years out of date. Since that time the true cost of the road has been constantly hidden. We are now at a stage where we still do not know how much the road is going to cost, or how it is going to be paid for, particularly the 9.5% from the city council. One must question what, if anything, the decision makers will hold themselves accountable for in reducing congestion in Aberdeen. These issues remain as relevant today as they were five years ago. We need a much greater focus on accountability and transparency from our politicians.

**Peter Reiss - Chairman**

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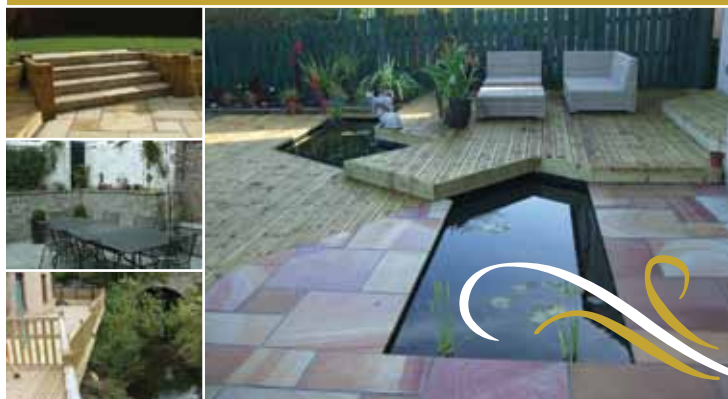
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## News from Coucillors Boulton & Milne

With the summer now behind us, autumn upon us and winter fast approaching, our various departments across the council are either clearing up or gearing up for the next bout of weather.

The summer was busy with planning applications coming through from the adopted Local Development Plan and the prospective plan which is currently sitting with the Scottish Government. A development at the back of Earlsells for nine large houses caused concern amongst residents but with a combined effort by all parties to find compromises, an acceptable development was achieved, accepting that not all concerns were overcome for everyone. A further meeting has been held regarding the proposed 550 housing development at Oldfold Farm in Milltimber. The meeting was attended by invited guests and was run by a third party; participants were from groups representing the community and individual residents, Aberdeen City Council officers representing education, roads, environment and planning and of course CALA. The meeting allowed views to be expressed and foundations to be laid for further discussions and negotiations between all parties. This has been the first meeting of its kind in the new master planning process which has been designed to engage the community in having an input/impact on what will hopefully be delivered on the development site. Another development has come through from the adopted Local Development Plan for a site at Friarsfield in Cults for approximately 280 houses. A meeting/exhibition was held at the Cults Hotel in September hosted by Stewart Milne Group and Cala showing an outline proposal for the development. The meeting was attended by many local residents who raised concerns over the capacity of the local schools, as well as the local road networks ability to facilitate additional traffic. It is important to engage in the process and express your views both in terms of concerns and support.

Capacities at local schools are still giving cause for concern, certain years are full and children who have moved into the area have to go onto a waiting list. The question that most people are asking is, are the schools full to their physical capacity or are they full to the staffed capacity? Looking at the rolls for the local schools suggests that the schools still have some physical

capacity but that certain year groups do not have the staffing capacity but certainly the forecast for the next few years is that the physical capacity will be breached too.

A community effort by residents, businesses and even a councillor saw the transformation of the shrub bed in front of the Cults Hotel. A small group of people, mainly ladies, chopped, dug and hauled at old shrubs and their very strong roots to make way for new plants (which were ordered and paid for by some of the local businesses); the Council removed the debris and provided the compost. We hope that the "new" shrub bed will be appreciated by all and provide a pleasant gateway into the retail area of Cults (see photo in last MBC News).

On the note of community involvement, the initial meeting was held with volunteers for the 'Community Task Force', where it was provisionally agreed that we would target the four shrub beds along the North Deeside Road from Cults to Milltimber. The first shrub bed has obviously been attended to and we will do our best to maintain it, the remaining three beds will not receive such dramatic transformations but the intention is to prune back the shrubs, clear out litter and hoe the ground and perhaps apply some compost. It is still not too late to volunteer; all you have to do is email [mboulton@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:mboulton@aberdeencity.gov.uk). The Council's environmental team has offered to "train" volunteers on which shrubs need to be pruned back, when and how hard.

On the subject of pruning we are still receiving complaints regarding protruding shrubs onto footpaths. Could we ask once again that people ensure that they cut back their shrubs.

As this is the last MBC of the year, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councillor Marie Boulton - Independent Alliance  
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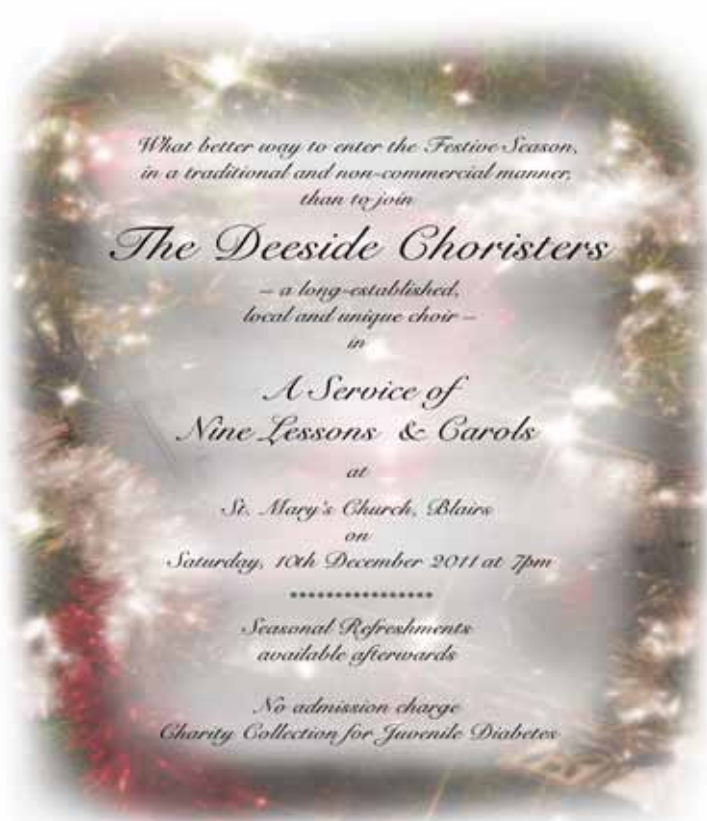


## Milltimber Gardening Club

At one of the meetings of Milltimber Gardening Club Mr Scott, of Aberdeen City Council Environmental Department, gave a talk on encouraging people to take part in Community projects..

The Club decided to plant climbing shrubs in the garden of Tor-Na-Dee Care Centre as their contribution to the Community. Pupils at Milltimber Primary School were asked to take part and Neil Paterson, of the Community Service Order Department of Aberdeen City, provided a team to dig over the area. Thanks to a bequest by a late resident of the Care Centre, Manager Maureen Barrett provided the funds to buy the shrubs.

Fortunately it was a dry day in May when members of the Gardening Club and primary school pupils congregated to do the planting watched by some of residents. The garden is a peaceful place and the long fence has been enhanced by the thriving shrubs.



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# News from Councillor Aileen Malone

## Local Plan – Friarsfield

On the 8th September CALA & Stewart Milne Homes held a combined public exhibition in the Cults Hotel on their proposed Friarsfield development. This is the first in what I hope will be many public consultations for the proposed 280 new homes. The Friarsfield development is currently scheduled to have a Development Framework, which is a step away from a masterplan. This site is part of the previously agreed but still current Local Plan.

The exhibition raised many concerns amongst residents. I have welcomed the considerable amount of correspondence from local people. There are queries and complaints about the following issues.

- \* Local road network capacity and need for improvements
- \* School Capacity
- \* Medical centre
- \* The proposal from the developers to close Jacob's Ladder
- \* Road safety in the Kirk Brae area

I will do all I can to have these issues addressed. Developers should hold further public consultations as residents need more information. Please keep in touch with your comments and I will continue to do what I can to help local residents.

**Scotia Homes**, submitted an early planning application for 10 private detached houses in the adjacent field at Friarsfield Road. A site visit took place on 26th August. Unfortunately, all discussions during the site visit regarding the road access to this development fell on 'deaf ears' and I am sorry to say that permission was granted.

## Oldfold Farm

I also attended the planning workshop held by CALA on the proposed development at Oldfold Farm. This is another proposal that is causing considerable local concern. This includes 550 mixed tenure housing, five hectares of land for employment opportunities and a new primary school. The workshop, held on 7th September, was the next stage of community engagement. Several invited groups and individuals were selected to offer opinions about various aspects of the development. There were many issues that need to be addressed by the developer. I am keen to hear from local people so that I can relay and represent local concerns.

## Development Management Sub Committee

To enable me to attend with voting rights I substituted for a colleague on the site visit for nine houses at Earlsparke, Bieldside, on the 26th August. I am pleased that the visiting committee agreed to my request to refer this back to the committee for further consideration. This gave officials the opportunity to work with the developer to amend the plans and to address problems about the impact on neighbouring properties on Earlsparke Circle. Residents also complained about road safety and speeding problems in the area and said that traffic calming is needed. I am delighted that Stewart Milne homes will fund traffic calming measures on Earlsparke Avenue.

This issue now goes to the Development Management Sub Committee on the 29th September for a decision.

## Winter Maintenance Plan

I know we are still only in October and we do not want to think about what may lie ahead of us during the next few months. However, the Council has given consideration to its Winter Service Plan. The information on routes etc is now online at: [http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/transport\\_streets/roads\\_pavements/roa\\_winter\\_main.asp](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/transport_streets/roads_pavements/roa_winter_main.asp)

This webpage includes a facility for reporting problems, weather, news updates etc. The aim is that residents will be able to find out exactly when a street will be cleared. Salt and sand have been stockpiled to levels exceeding that of last year. Hopefully this will see us through what by all accounts is likely to be another severe winter.....Roll on spring!

## Cults Square

As the city's Housing & Environment Convener, I have supported community involvement in local projects throughout the city through the "Community Gardens Scheme". Several areas have started residents groups and these are now running well. Though budgets are tight, the Council always needs to try and assist local people in any way possible. If you would like more information on running such an activity, the contact is Mr Steven Shaw, Environmental Manager on 01224 489273 email: [stevens@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:stevens@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

## Double Yellow Lines

Several residents raised concerns with me about traffic safety at the junctions of Quarry Road/North Deeside Road/ Manse Road and at the lay-by on Kirk Brae. The Council has investigated the situation and the result is a solution with "no waiting" restrictions at both locations. This is a compromise to try to find the best outcome to aid traffic safety. It is now vital to monitor these safety issues to see what more can be done.

Can I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hopefully we will not have severe a winter? If you need to get in touch with me regarding any issues, please contact me at the following. I look forward to hearing from you.

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# Cults Primary PTA Update

The start of the new school year seems like a long time ago now, because the PTA

has been so busy.

With help from a range of local employers, the PTA was able to fund the purchase of a Notebus (laptop) Trolley during the summer holiday. The equipment was finally put into use in September and is already making a huge difference to our children's access to IT. We are planning a "thank you" event for the organisations that contributed to the trolley and will report again on this in the next edition of MBC News.

The PTA was delighted to be able to provide three new TVs for the school (for each of the Green, Blue and Red units) at the start of the new school year. We are enormously grateful to Dick Karpinski & Partners, who installed the TVs and associated equipment quickly and efficiently and at a rock bottom price. All the TVs are in steady use and staff and children are delighted with their "new" AV rooms! Our AGM was well attended and gave us the opportunity to share a final summary of our 2010/11 activities. We've also secured a few new "committee members" (event co-ordinators) who will take charge of some of the new events that are planned - some are fundraisers, others are just for fun!

Our photography fundraiser with Joanna Stewart, in September raised £XXX. We were delighted with the service and quality of the pictures provided by Joanna, and will definitely run this fundraiser again. Our 200 Club also got off to a good start in September, yielding £72 in prizes for three lucky parents. The 200 Club is open to anyone connected with Cults Primary School and is a simple means for the PTA to raise funds, whilst offering "members" the chance to win cash prizes. New members are welcome and can join at any time; the membership fee is simply pro-rated to the number of months left in the school year.

November is set to be a rather manic month. Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will run throughout w/c 31st October. Last year, the book fair generated £2400 in book vouchers for the school, saving the PTA from having to provide cash, and allowing the school to purchase books as and when it chose throughout the year. We hope to raise a similar sum this year.

Our Christmas Fair will take place on Thursday 10th November (7-9pm) and will



**Cults Primary School**  
**Thursday 10th November 2011**  
**7pm - 9pm**

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## Christmas Fair

include loads of new sellers; various beauty treatments (hair, nails, henna tattoos, massage etc.) as well as some demo events including yoga and zumba! The price of the entrance ticket includes a complimentary glass of mulled wine or cider, and mince pies. We hope that the whole community will take the opportunity to come and see what fabulous goods and services are available locally, and that we can help you find new and interesting Christmas presents for loved ones!

Our next Bag2School drop-off is on Saturday 19th November (10am - 12noon). If you are having a pre-Christmas clearout, please consider bringing your unwanted clothes, belts, bags, shoes and soft furnishings to the school. The items will be collected by the Bag2School organisation and will be sold on in Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia or recycled for use in bed manufacture, socks, blankets and the industrial wiper trade. The school receives commission for each tonne collected.

We are introducing a new event at the end of November - our Family Ceilidh. On Saturday 26th November, we are set to enjoy a family afternoon out, (re-)learning our Scottish Country Dance steps! We plan to have singing, dancing and bagpipes - and celebrate our Scottish heritage. Judith Riddoch will be MC'ing the event and we are all really looking forward to it!

Cults Primary PTA is now on Facebook (search for Cults Primary PTA, and "Like" us, to receive regular updates via your newsfeed). Our meeting minutes, newsletters etc are all published on the school website at <http://www.cultsprimary.aberdeen.sch.uk/page15.html>.

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# Winter Tennis at Cults

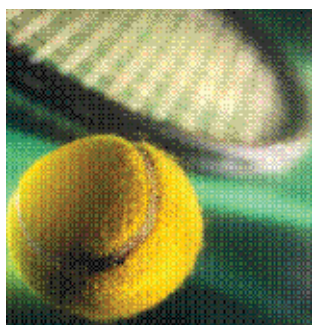
As November arrives, Cults Tennis Club members are looking out their thermal layers, fleeces, gloves and hats to combat the chill of the winter weather. Tennis continues in all seasons provided the courts are free of snow and ice. Coaching takes place after school and on Saturday mornings for children. Beginner coaching sessions for adults are on Tuesday mornings and Sunday evenings. Social activities are ongoing. The fireworks display for November 5<sup>th</sup> is followed in December by a members' Christmas meal. On the Saturday prior to Christmas there is a traditional afternoon with mulled wine and mincemeat pies in the clubhouse after tennis.

2011 has been a successful year for competitive Cults players. The Ladies Team won the North East Regional Finals in June and the Mixed Doubles Team retained the Fleming Trophy in September.

There are some brilliant junior players in the club and two in particular deserve a mention. Morven Duff and Adam Irvine have played in several tournaments including the local City of Aberdeen, North East Tournament and Cults Club Championships, winning many categories and trophies. Adam played in the Nairn and Moffat tournaments and reached the finals in both. In the Road to Wimbledon National Tournament Morven was successful in the preceding rounds and had the opportunity to play and played well at Wimbledon.

In the event of idyllic cold clear blue sky North East days, come and join us at 1.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays for a few sets of tennis.

For full information of activities go to the website at [www.cultstennisaberdeen.co.uk](http://www.cultstennisaberdeen.co.uk) Also search for 'Cults Tennis' on Facebook for the latest news.



  
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## Cults Cubs

Cults Cubs have 36 cubs in the pack which meets on a Thursday night in the Cults Scout Centre.

In the Autumn session we have been working on Challenge badges as well as having a great activity day at Templars park in mid-September. The Cubs have been developing compass and tracking skills as well as learning about aircraft.

Two pack teams took part in the District five-a-side competition and in late October the pack went on a visit to Transition Extreme to try out climbing, bmx'ing and skateboarding.

The Cults Cubs presented £600 to Iftikar Mian of Emergency Medical Aid Trust. The money was raised from a sponsored silence and has been used to build a home for a family who lost their house in the Pakistan floods.

We will end the year with a trip to Peterculter pantomime (if they'll sell us tickets!) and our legendary Christmas party.

We have a busy waiting list of both Beavers and young people new to Scouting but if you would like to add a name to the list then please e-mail [john\\_b\\_evans@me.com](mailto:john_b_evans@me.com).



## Cults Scouts

It came as a surprise to find no less than 18 brothers (see photograph) at the annual Scout adventure week held near Aviemore. The brothers were among the 47 Scouts who attended the week under canvas. The nine pairs of male siblings was the highest ever record in camp. One set of brothers even had their sister at camp as well. If all the brothers in Scouts had been in camp, the total would have reached 26 brothers. Amazing! Maybe all these brothers and three sisters will attend next year's adventure week at the National Scout Activity Centre, near Edinburgh.

Over the past few months, there has been a steady increase in the number of applications to join Scouts. Although it does sometimes take a long time due to the large number of scouts, we do eventually find a place. Demand for places far outstrips supply. The many activities, camps and other events attended by scouts have resulted in an increase in the number of awards gained and much progress through the scout programme, including nine Scouts gaining the Zodiac Bronze Award, one of the top camping challenge awards.





## What is happening with 'Cults Community Centre'?

It is wonderful to see the facilities at Cults Sports Centre up and running. On Saturday and Sunday mornings the 25 metre swimming pool welcomes individuals and families, from the very young to the very old. Other facilities include an Astroturf pitch, Fitness Studio, two sports halls and a dance studio. There are also meeting rooms currently used by local groups and classes. All this is run by Sport Aberdeen and for the moment, its future seems secure.

Many of you enjoying these newly available facilities may be wondering what is happening to 'Cults Community Centre' and what is going to happen in the future. In an effort to save money the Council recently reorganised community learning and shed a large number of staff. Those who are left have to cover large and disparate areas of the city. Capacity Building Officer Fiona Gray has been tasked with supporting various Management Committees and Steering Groups, including Cults, which are now becoming responsible for running community centres and community learning programmes.

My understanding is that 'Cults Community Centre' does not consist of a building but the programme of groups and activities which have been taking place at Cults Primary, Cults Academy, Cults Sports Centre and premises in Milltimber and Peterculter for many years. At present 'Cults Community Centre' has a steering group of approximately 15 people – representing the various groups and classes which use 'Cults Community Centre' and afterschool care for children - and is trying to become a management committee. This involves drafting a constitution and business plan which meet with Council approval and electing officers (chairman, secretary, treasurer etc.) so that they can take responsibility for the community education programme in Cults, Bielside, Milltimber and Peterculter. There is some clerical help available and funding for the transition period but it is hoped to be up and running by April 2012. In the meantime activities continue as usual.

One advantage of the Cults situation is that the Management Committee will not be responsible for the buildings used for classes and groups. Also the community reception area in Cults Primary will soon revert to school use. The Committee will be expected to organise the programme, recruit and pay staff and develop new opportunities for further education in the future. Fortunately there are many capable people in the area willing to give up their time to ensure that this valuable facility remains in our community.

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## Cults Academy PTA

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This year the PTA are organising a **Christmas Gift & Craft Fair** which is a wonderful, festive occasion where shoppers can buy unusual, hand crafted Christmas gifts in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy a complementary mulled wine and mince pie listening to music provided by the very talented pupils.

In the New Year, our annual **Ceilidh** has been organised at **Ardoe House Hotel** where guests can dance the night away to the music of the fabulous band Clachan Yell.

The Summer term will bring a **Car Boot Sale** held in the grounds of Cults Academy which will give everyone a chance to recycle their belongings and pick up a bargain at the same time!

### Event Details:

**Christmas Craft and Gift Fair – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>  
November 7-9pm**

**Clachan Yell Ceilidh Night- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
7.30pm**

**Summer Car Boot Sale – details to follow**

Please come and enjoy these events and help us raise much needed funds for our school.

The PTA is always open to new members and helpers. If you would like to get involved please contact Karen Hennigan for details – e-mail: [karenhennigan@live.co.uk](mailto:karenhennigan@live.co.uk)



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## People in Milltimber, Bielside and Cults can become community champions by helping ChildLine be there for children and young people.

A vital helpline is asking people in Milltimber, Bielside and Cults to be a community champion and help children in need of help and advice. The ChildLine service in Scotland needs more volunteer counsellors at its Aberdeen base.

The ChildLine base has already answered thousands of calls and online contacts from youngsters in need of help and advice.

Young people can contact the service by phone but they can also access help through the ChildLine website where they can have a 1-2-1 chat with a counsellor, send an email to ChildLine, post messages on the message boards and get lots of advice and information on any issue.

Elaine Chalmers, Head of ChildLine in Scotland, said: "We urgently need people from the Milltimber, Bielside and Cults community to become volunteer counsellors and counsel children and young people in need of advice and support.

"The great thing is anyone can volunteer - you just need to respect and value children and have a commitment to help. You don't need any experience of counselling or working with children as we will provide full training.

She added: "With more volunteers we can be there for more children whether they choose to contact us online or on the phone. Volunteers are at the heart of what we do and by joining us you can help make a difference to the lives of children and young people."

To find out more about becoming a ChildLine volunteer counsellor please get in contact with Kerri Stewart, ChildLine Aberdeen volunteer coordinator on 0844 892 0200 (in Aberdeen). Alternatively email [volunteering@childline.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@childline.org.uk) or visit [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

### Case study: Kelly aged 13

Kelly lives in a very rural area. She contacted ChildLine online as a result of being bullied on the school bus by a gang of girls from another village. She dreaded the journey to and from school and had persuaded her mum she was too ill to go on a few occasions.

It sounded quite nasty, Kelly had money taken from her, was constantly ridiculed and had been kicked and punched. On one occasion her mum had met her at the bus stop with her dog and the girls had said they were going to get the older brother of one of them to kill the dog.

What stood out was Kelly's isolation and vulnerability. She didn't have a mobile phone as there was no signal and the home phone only took incoming calls because there had been a problem paying the bill. Kelly used a computer at school to contact ChildLine.

Kelly talked to a counsellor about ideas as to how to make the journey safer. She decided she would sit near the driver whenever possible. Maybe if the girls knew someone was looking out for Kelly they would pick on her less.

Kelly decided to tell a teacher at school what was happening. This took a lot of courage as Kelly was afraid the bullying would get worse. The name calling continued but she was no longer attacked by the girls. Kelly and the counsellor found a way forward that she felt OK about and she knew she could contact ChildLine again if she needed to.

**"This sample case draws on what children tell ChildLine but, to protect confidentiality for young callers, it does not describe a specific case".**



## Cults Hillwalking Club

The August walk started at Glen Shee car park and first gear was used to make the stiff climb from the car park straight up the track to Glas Maol. The walk continued across Cairn of Claise, Tolmount and Fafernne until the group climbed to the summit of Carn an t-Sagairt Mor where the newly formed plane spotters group decided to search for the wreckage of the Canberra. We had great views all day and although the sun did not shine much, the visibility was good to the north and across to Lochnagar. The walk down and out along the Ballochbuie Burn was uneventful until a small group of walkers discovered some bee hives in the Ballochbuie Forest. One of the group members, who really should have known better, allowed his curiosity to get the better of him and approached the hives. This annoyed the residents who pursued the group angrily down the path at speed for some distance. Fortunately the only member stung was the chief culprit, and this event brought an unexpectedly energetic close to a great day's walk, finishing up at Invercauld.

New members are always welcome. Why not come along and see for yourself what a varied programme we offer. The club website <http://www.culthillwalkingclub.org.uk/> has details of the club walks and other activities or contact. Chairman, Andy Roberts on 01224 733710, [andyroberts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andyroberts@hotmail.co.uk) or Membership Secretary John Adams on 01224 868402. Email: [john@adamsnet.co.uk](mailto:john@adamsnet.co.uk)

Evening meeting Cults Community Centre 7.30 pm		Sunday Walk Various pick up points	
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25 Nov	<b>Quiz Night at Kippie Lodge 7.30 for 8.00 pm</b> Why not come with friends and enter a team		
1 Dec	<b>Wildlife Crime</b> Talk by Andy Turner	11 Dec	<b>Hill of Fare</b> 11 or 14 km
12 Jan 2012	<b>Explore Patagonia</b> Talk by Jackie Hatchwell	15 Jan 2012	<b>Kerloch</b> 15 km

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## Tor-na Dee through the years

Locally, it's better known as the Tor-na Dee Hospital. But the large granite building now called Woodland Grove has had many names, seen many faces and known many functions. Until its renovation into luxury apartments in 2010, its main purpose was health. Over the years, residents have included the Victorian elite, war veterans suffering from TB and local convalescents. Today, as Woodland Grove, it attracts affluent homeowners. Whilst its medical days are over, the beautiful Victorian granite structure and green grounds still echo its past days of health promotion and rejuvenation.



The story began in 1899. In Milltimber, a new development had been privately commissioned by Reverend Dr Alexander Stewart. Dubbed 'The Deeside Hydropathic', it was officially opened on 31 May 1900 by the Lord Provost of Aberdeen and became a centre for hydrotherapy, the healing of the body via a series of water-based treatments. Its function reflected a contemporary Victorian fashion for hydrotherapy which spread through England and Scotland during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

Guests to the Deeside Hydropathic could use a variety of baths and make use of the croquet lawn, the bowling green and tennis courts within the grounds. An early advertisement invites visitors to enjoy "the privilege of salmon and trout fishing in the River Dee" and the close proximity to "Balmoral Castle, Her Majesty's summer residence." Its location was undoubtedly a selling point for those wishing to improve their health. Residents were promised the experience of Deeside's climate, "the most healthy and bracing in Great Britain."

By the time of Dr Stewart's death in 1909, the Deeside Hydropathic was fully established as a retreat for healthy minds and healthy bodies. The site was a true blend of leisure and health, but sadly, this Victorian idyll was not to last.

World War I brought conflict on an unprecedented scale, and with it, a legacy in the form of disease. TB was endemic amongst returning troops, leading to an urgent demand for beds. Together with the British Red Cross Society, an Aberdeen consortium bought the Deeside Hydropathic. In 1918, following extensive refurbishment, it was converted into the Tor-na Dee Sanatorium. An additional wing was added in 1920 to cope with the high number of patients.

To the west, in Banchory, the Nordrach-on-Dee Sanatorium, later known as Glen O'Dee, also treated TB patients. It was slightly larger than its Milltimber counterpart. Somerset Maugham's 1938 story **The Sanatorium** is based on his own experiences as a patient there.

In 1945, after yet another war, the Scottish branch of the Red Cross acquired both the Tor-na Dee and Glen O'Dee sanatoria to provide treatment for TB sufferers returning from service. Both were transferred into the ownership of the NHS in 1955. As TB cases dwindled, the Tor-na Dee Sanatorium began to admit sufferers of any type of chest disease. In 1960, it became the Tor-na Dee Hospital and by 1988, it was a convalescent hospital.

In the years leading up to the Millennium, there were rumours of closure due to financial trouble. It had finally closed its doors to patients by December 2002 and no-one knew what would become of the old building.

In 2010, after falling into redundancy as a medical establishment, the Victorian building found a new lease of life as Woodland Grove, luxury housing for the over 55s, a joint venture between Bancon Homes and CHAP Homes. The main building was re-constructed and divided into apartments. The old hospital rooms and wards were transformed into living space for affluent older people wishing to downsize. The extensive grounds - with coniferous trees and grassy areas - have been retained and continue to benefit from that fresh and 'healthful' Deeside air.







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## Cults Playgroup News

In anticipation of the planned redevelopment of the site of the former Cults East Parish Church and its halls, during the late spring and summer months Cults Playgroup made the move along the road to the North Hall of Cults Parish Church on Quarry Road. Although the distance was physically only a matter of a few hundred yards, we had many years of accumulated toys and books to cope with in planning the move to a slightly smaller location. Through the tireless efforts of the playgroup staff, willing parent helpers and some severely put upon members of the church, the move was successfully completed between the end of the summer term in June and the beginning of the new term in August. We did require to fund a new outdoor shed and fence for the premises. If any supporters of the Playgroup wish to donate a £1 towards our fundraising, we now have in place a text donation service, simply text CPLA11£1 to 70070.

The playgroup is for children between 2½ and 5 years old. We are running very happily in our new location, with the children currently working on themes of colour, the sea and dinosaurs. We are open every morning of the school term, from 9.15am – 11.45am Monday to Friday with a lunch club until 1pm on a Tuesday. We also run a 2's Group (ages 18months to 2½yrs) on a Monday morning. The roll is not quite full so anyone interested should feel free to contact the Playgroup Manager Amanda Furrie on [cultsplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:cultsplaygroup@gmail.com).

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## MBC Festival – Kid's Come and Try

We are delighted to report that the 2011 MBC Festival's new event – Kid's Come and Try – was a complete success. Cults Primary School is an ideal location for an event such as this, with lots of discrete spaces for the various "groups" to set up camp. The weather stayed nice all afternoon; and the school and grounds were buzzing with lots of local families in search of new and interesting activities to participate in.

We are grateful to the following organisations who gave their time and expertise freely for a fantastic community event:

- Gary Smith and his team from Babibelz (Street Drummers)
- Ian Wilson Football
- Dave Cormack from Cults Cricket Club
- Lisa Taylor Dance staff and pupils
- Gareth Rennie from Cults Tennis Club
- Clare Haggart and the team from Phoenix Youth Theatre
- Juddith Riddoch's Scottish Country Dancing class
- Ronnie Watt's Karate Group
- Jilly Orr – for the French lessons
- Spanish presentation by Rosario MacLean
- Cults and Milltimber Brownies and Rainbows
- Jo Gibson and the team from Cults Otters
- Sally, who brought Holly the pony from Oldfold Stables



Cults Primary PTA provided refreshments, and raised £100+ towards school funds. We are sure to repeat this event in future Festivals; if you have ideas for improvements or want to get more involved – please contact Tracey Davidson via MBC News.



## Aberdeen Deeside Rotary Club events at the MBC Festival

As we have done in previous years, we had a Walk/Run along the old railway line starting at Cults and doing either five or 10 kilometres. It was held on Sunday 21st August and the weather was fine. We had over 60 people competing aged from 3 years to over 65. Most people were sponsored and the main beneficiary was Heart Chest and Stroke Association who will receive £1,000 and the rest of the money will be spent in Rotary charities both local and international. It was a fun day for all who attended.

On 26th August we ran for the first time a Car Treasure Hunt which again started in Station Road, Cults. This was in place of a fun morning at the Cults Outreach Centre where we previously had various games and a bouncy castle. We had a decent turn out from our club but unfortunately no other person was there. Again it was a lovely evening for a trip with a radius of around 20 miles ending up with an excellent supper at the Easter Anguston complex. We raised a little money and the Club will donate in total the sum of £400 to the local charity Befriend a Child.

## MBC Festival Art Exhibition

The 2011 MBC Festival Art Exhibition in August was held in Milltimber Community Hall and the items on display depicted many local scenes at different times of the year. Other subject matter demonstrated the interests and the varying artistic styles of the exhibitors who live, work, or participate in art groups in the MBC geographical area. The items submitted for display by 36 artists included framed paintings, mounted work, greetings cards and examples of wood turning.

Despite the modern day busy lives of local residents, art is alive and developing and the results were appreciated by non-painters at the exhibition. As in previous years, visitors were asked to identify the number of their favourite picture on display. The first four items were:

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|----|---------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | No. 54  | Winter Cruising        | by Dave Harkness    |
| 2. | No. 80  | Tree Frog              | by Fiona Emslie     |
| 3. | No. 43  | Port Scene             | by Sandie Youngson  |
| 4. | No. 135 | Cottages at Johnshaven | by Kathleen Bremner |

The Art Exhibition Committee members would like to thank the ladies who run the Toddlers' Group at the Community Centre for providing drinks and tasty food for the visitors, artists and helpers. The proceeds of this action will be used to extend the supply of toys and equipment for the toddlers. Thanks also go to pianists Bill Anderson, Margaret Black and Cath Johnston for kindly giving time to provide music throughout the exhibition.

Artists of Cults, Bieldside and Milltimber – NOW is the time to start preparing for the exhibition in 2012!



# MBC Festival Report 2011

The Art Exhibition in the Milltimber Community Hall was the opening event of the 2011 Festival. Mr Iain Smithers, Headmaster of Cults Primary School performed the official opening with an entertaining speech and music provided by Bill Anderson contributed to a very enjoyable social evening. The exhibition continued over the weekend and refreshments organised by the Milltimber Playgroup proved popular.

«Music in the Sanctuary» held in the Cults Parish Church was included in the Festival programme for the first time. The performance by Kay Ritchie (Flute) and Richard Bailey (Piano) provided a very entertaining end to the first weekend of the Festival. Following the Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th August another very successful new event this year was the «Kids Come and Try» afternoon at Cults Primary School. There was an exceptionally large attendance with children trying out the variety of extra-curricular activities available locally.

This was followed on Sunday by the «Fun Run/Walk» along the old railway line organised by the Rotary Club which as usual raised a considerable amount for charity. The «Car Treasure Hunt», another new event also organised by the Rotary Club, began the very busy final weekend on Friday 26th August. St. Devenick's «Family Fun Day» followed on Saturday, with Cults Bowling Club Open Day and «Songs of Praise with the Northfield Community Band» on Sunday. The Cults Tennis Club, Zumba Class and American Square Dance Class all held successful «Come and Try» sessions.

More details of some events are in the individual reports and the Festival Committee would like to express their thanks to the organisers of all the events and their helpers for their hard work in making the Festival so enjoyable for everyone who attended. The Aberdeen Deeside Rotary Club can be relied on to provide enjoyable activities while raising significant amounts for charities. Although the loss of the Outreach Centre grounds and halls meant that some of the old favourites such as the children's pet show, calligraphy exhibition and games taster day were missing this year, the Festival still attracted good attendances and we hope could be regarded as a success. The Committee wish again to thank those who provided the venues for the events, the ladies who provided the refreshments, the Community Council for their much needed financial support, the local businesses and press for help with publicity and again all those involved with the organisation of events. Finally, without the public support there would not be a Festival at all and so we thank all who attended the various events.

We would like to take this opportunity to appeal for help in organising any future Festivals. Your comments, criticisms and suggestions would be very welcome.

Please contact John Page, Chairman (tel. 867988) or Joyce Wright, Secretary (tel.867398).



## St Devenick's Church Family Fun Day 2011

The Family Fun Day took place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August during the MBC Festival fortnight and this year we further expanded our range of activities. Weather forecasts were for rain and high winds so provision was made for keeping visitors dry, utilising three large marquees in the main activity area in the top car park as well as music and dance programmes in the Church and teas and cakes in the Hall. In the event, the day was dry and calm and visitors came in similar numbers to previous years.

Thanks to a lot of hard work by all the volunteers who helped to get the facilities up and running, one o'clock saw festivities begin and an initially small crowd gradually expanded throughout the day. We had a varied programme in the church, including musical performances as well as a dance display by the Junior Scottish Country Dancing Group and this year we also had music in the main marquee, provided by a folk singer and a jazz ensemble, the latter being complemented by a couple of our members who gave solo trombone support later in the afternoon. Visitors had a choice of refreshments in the Hall, or waffles in the catering tent.

The Bouncy Castle and Beat the Goalie competition again took place in the Rectory Gardens and Messy Church was enjoyed by all in a marquee in the car park. This year a clown entertained the children as well as motorists and bus passengers on North Deeside road, to the delight of all. We also had visits from our local councillor, police representatives and our Community wardens.

The general conclusion was that there was a happy and lively buzz all afternoon with everyone enjoying themselves and being involved in a community activity. This year's surplus of £410 went towards victims of famine in Africa and a local charity, Riding for the Disabled.

Many thanks to all those involved in organising and running the event and also to those who supported it and came along to enjoy it. We look forward to welcoming you as our guests next year.

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### 2011

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### 2012

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# St Devenick's Playgroup and Rising Fives



A big hello from the children and staff at St Devenick's Playgroup and Rising Fives! This term we have been looking at health and wellbeing and the children have been full of ideas and suggestions about how to keep fit and healthy. We've even created a mini-gym at the Playgroup with an exercise bike and other equipment to keep us fit.



For snack one week the children all got creative and made delicious vegetable soup, which was a great success. As part of the topic we have also focused on healthy foods as well as looking at other foods that we should eat less often. After harvesting our wheat from the

Playgroup garden the children used it to make bread and our potato crop was used in the soup. It is fantastic for the children to see the end product of the seeds and vegetables that we planted earlier in the year.

The St Devenick's Playgroup vegetable shop has also been open for business although Kelly's of Cults shouldn't worry too much about the competition. The children played at being customers and shop keepers with some very interesting ideas about retail!

It has also been a busy year so far for fundraising including the famous St Devenick's Playgroup Race Night. The Playgroup Committee is also planning a Pamper evening and a family Ceilidh next year so please look out for details – all welcome!

Our Tots and Toddlers on a Wednesday afternoon from 2pm until 4pm is now being run by Karen, one of our playleaders. It's a warm and friendly group and a great way to meet other mums, babies and toddlers from the area. Call 07956 782805 for more information or just come along!

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

Our website address is <http://beehive.thisisnorthscotland.co.uk/stdevenicksplaygroup>

Finally, we'd like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas from St Devenick's Playgroup and Rising Fives!

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## Camphill School Aberdeen

Since I last wrote we have enjoyed one of our most successful Open Days with hundreds of visitors at the Estate. This year there were many new families with young children; they loved to play in the playground and enjoyed the many activities on offer, listening to the Culter Pipe Band and eating ice cream. The sun shone and all in all it was a wonderful family day out... it is good to have such strong links to our local community. Next year it will again take place on the Saturday afternoon of the September bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you then!

The start of the school year has again seen many new co-workers arriving from across the world. Troublesome however have been the new regulations from the UK Borders Agency which has put restrictions on the work/life balance for our non EEC students who wish to study the BA in Social Pedagogy which we run in partnership with the University of Aberdeen. This has resulted in there being no intake into the new first year, impacting on ourselves and our ability to train people here in Scotland who are then take what they have learnt back home, often to countries where there is little or no provision for those with special needs. On a more positive note we hope that our representations to the regulatory body will mean that the BA in Social Pedagogy will remain an accepted qualification for the kind of work we do in Camphill.

This term the Pupil Council has been busy in its efforts to promote Camphill School Aberdeen as an Eco School. Four topics have been chosen for the school to work at: Saving energy, Water usage, Litter and Waste minimisation. The pupils are working hard to achieve our goals and fly the flag! Last week the eco committee organised a healthy picnic as part of the national 'One Planet' day and we all enjoyed food only grown or prepared on the Estate. We are also hoping to build a greenhouse out of two litre plastic bottles; so please look out for collection points.

Looking towards the future Dr Olga Bogdashina, will return after the successful day last year and lead a day workshop on **Communication Issues in Autism and Asperger Syndrome** on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Contribution for the day will be £80 and tickets and more information are available via the school office [j.ferries@crss.org.uk](mailto:j.ferries@crss.org.uk)

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# Advice from Grampian Police

Over the last few weeks I have noticed a drop in temperature; it's raining more than ever and it is now dark when I drive home at the end of a night shift. Its official, autumn is upon us and winter is just around the corner. This article provides an opportunity to advise residents in the Cults, Bieldside and Milltimber areas to use the time to carry out an annual review of crime reduction and safety related issues.

**On the road:** We all remember the severity of last winter, so if your motor vehicle needs some maintenance, carry out early checks. This may spread the associated cost but more importantly, it will minimise the risk of you or members of your family being stranded in bad weather.

This is the best time to dust off the winter equipment that you should keep in your vehicle. A torch - a <wind up> type being the best option as there is no requirement to check the batteries; a spare blanket, small bag of salt or grit and a shovel or foldable spade. Having these items prepared well in advance and even placed in the boot of your vehicle now, will ensure you are fully prepared and improve your general safety on the winter roads.

Another important consideration is that of fitting winter tyres. A considerable number of motorists the police

encountered commented that tyre dealers had had trouble meeting the demand at short notice. If you intend to make use of them, then consider ordering them early.

**In the home:** As the nights draw in, use the time to fit that security light you were meaning to do all summer. Have your home alarm system serviced and if you are out in the evening, consider fitting a timer switch to a lamp in the house. If it looks like you are in, an opportunist thief is more likely to move on to easier prey.

A recent spate of break-ins to garden sheds and garages in several communities of Aberdeen including Culter and Cults highlights the need for good locks to be fitted. At present bicycles are the target of the thieves and with the approach of the festive period this increases the demand for them. Why allow others to make Christmas presents of your property?

**Other safety issues:** I would also like to highlight a number of important child related Road Safety and antisocial behaviour themes. If your child walks to school, ensure they wear something reflective. A flashing LED light attached to a school bag is ideal so that they can be seen from a distance by motorists.

It is equally important to ensure lights are fitted to bicycles and that brakes are working efficiently as many road accidents are caused by children being unaware of their surroundings when cycling on some of the busier sections of roads in unsavoury weather conditions.



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As we move towards November this introduces the annual sale of fireworks which are easily obtained. It is well known that about this time of year calls to Grampian Police increase from residents who have genuine concerns for their own personal safety and that of their property due to the irresponsible behaviour of some individuals who seek enjoyment of endangering others.

Although the first snowfall provides good fun for youngsters, Grampian Police urge all parents to speak with their children about irresponsibly throwing snowballs. A snowball thrown at a passing vehicle or pedestrian may could result in serious consequences should the motorist lose control or pedestrian be injured.

Finally returning to road safety, always allow additional time for travel purposes. If you drive in a hurried manner then you clearly increase the risk of being involved in or causing an accident. Please stay safe on the roads over the coming months. As a committed member of your Local Policing Team, I enjoy the opportunity to meet residents from my area, although preferably not at the scene of a road traffic accident or as the victim of crime.

**Constable Shaun Fowler**




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#### **CULTS O50:**

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## Culter Youth Football Club News

CYFC was established in 1983 and presently has 18 teams and over 300 players and qualified coaches and provides coaching and football opportunities to players in aged 5 to 19. CYFC prides itself on providing football opportunities for many children with most age ranges having more than one team.

### New Season

Continuing to grow, we welcome two new teams created this season at U10 and U11. This increases the total numbers of CYFC teams to 18. Even though the season is still early, CYFC already have some teams in the top positions. Good luck to all the teams for the 2011-2012 campaign. Jim Leighton, the Aberdeen goalie legend continues to coach the Culter keepers every week who have been improving in leaps & bounds.

### New Pitch

A large Mower has been purchased and put to good use on CYFC's new pitch at Crombie. David Whitson did a great job mobilising the U8s squad and their parents to help tidy up the pitch before the autumn application of fertilizer. The Club is looking to acquire a large Shipping Container to store all its football gear and equipment as the current container has started to leak water. Please contact Phil Bellis below, if you can help sponsor a container.

### Joining Culter Teams

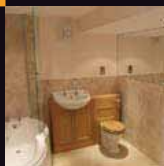
Most Culter teams hope to strengthen their squads so if anyone is interested in joining us they should contact Phil in the first instance.

**Please contact Club Secretary, Phil Bellis (07714 159419 or phil.bellis@virgin.net) regarding any of the items mentioned above.**

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## Alfie's story – Please help

We are a family in Peterculter trying to raise awareness of my son's rare condition. Alfie, aged 4, was diagnosed with Lymphangiomatosis at the age of 18 months by Great Ormond Street Hospital. We were told that very little was known about the disease because it was so rare. The disease affects mostly infants and young children but can affect adults. In Alfie's case the lymphatic cysts/tumours (benign) are in his right leg, pelvic area and are spreading into his spine. These cysts are capable of massive expansion, some of which may be life threatening because of the damage they do and the complications they cause. In some cases surgery can remove the cysts but in Alfie's case this cannot be done. The cysts in his leg cause it to be very swollen and because of this he has never been about to walk and may have to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair. Alfie is treated just now with steroids and chemotherapy to try and slow down the expansion of the cysts. This treatment can only be used for a short time. There is no support network or research

done in this country. About a year ago we came across a charity in America, The Lymphangiomatosis and Gorham's Disease Alliance 501(c)(3) which helps sufferers worldwide. Their aim is to give patients support and try to bring people together so they don't feel so alone, (We believe there are 10 families within the UK, two we have made contact with through the Alliance.), give access to information on the condition and put sufferers in touch with hospitals that have experience in the condition. They are working with some of the top children's hospitals in America and Europe to find a cure.

We nearly lost Alfie last year because he started to bleed internally and the leg became infected. After a four week stay in Great Ormond Street we decided that it was time to do something positive to help our son. Whilst Alfie's condition is stable we are trying to raise as much awareness as possible about the condition. We wanted our first fundraiser to go to a local charity and because Alfie has spent a lot of time in Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital we thought that the Archie Foundation was the perfect charity to donate our money to. As I run to keep fit I registered for the Crathes Half Marathon which took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. I asked a few friends if they wanted to do it and before I knew it I had 11 other people wanting to run to help raise awareness and funds for the Archie Foundation. The support and generosity we have had from friends, family and the local community has been overwhelming and we have raised a massive £8,000.

Our future fundraising efforts will go to the Lymphangiomatosis and Gorham's Disease Alliance 501(c)(3) to help them fund a tissue bank. Please take five minutes to check out our website [www.alfiemilne.org.uk](http://www.alfiemilne.org.uk) or our face book page Alfie Milne/Lymphangiomatosis. All future fundraising events will be advertised on our website. Please help us to help Alfie.

## Culter Hillwalking Club: Morven Walk

It was a slightly overcast, autumnal day. We parked at the junction of the A97 and the Migvie Road and climbed steadily through woods and across moorlands. An hour's walking took us to Badnagoach where we stopped for coffee under a tree and the rain began to fall gently. All togged up with waterproof gear, we set off once again and turned south and skirted a forest and crossed a burn full of foaming, peaty water. It stopped raining and the sun came out.

From Corbies Nest we left the footpath and waded into the heather, climbing towards the bealach, north-west of Morven. What do you need to climb a hill overgrown with heather? Gaiters and very long legs! Climbing uphill through a mile of heather was very hard, tiring work. At the bealach, the heather died away and we came to the ridge path. We saw several running hares and black grouse which flew away with their startled cries. We stopped for a well-earned lunch and then made our final ascent.

At the summit there is a tin box and a comment book. We stayed there for a bit, admiring the views and writing occasional comments, but a chill wind was blowing so we decided to move on along the plateau and then down through the heather. We startled a flock of ptarmigan and they disappeared over the crest. Before too long, we came across a line of shooting butts and a path of sorts which we followed as it wandered over rocks, sodden earth and bog. We passed several harebells, isolated on a mountain side of purple heather. At Preas Whin there is a small shooting hut and a metal sculpture of an eagle, seemingly about to launch itself off a rocky outcrop.

From Preas Whin, the path took us across a moor, through a forest and back to our cars. Familiar and well-trodden hills can take on a new lease of life when tackled from a different direction. It was a good day on the hills.

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Suzy Berstan  
On behalf of Culter Theatre Club



## Friends of Roxburghe House Grampian

The Friends of Roxburghe House Grampian here in Aberdeen have in recent months been involved in developing a web site. It aims to better inform patients, families and the wider public about the wonderful facilities and many activities that take place to support staff and patients.

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Please visit the web site to view the wonderful photographs and read more about what the Friends of Roxburghe House Grampian do. There will be an official launch of the web site in due course but meantime do follow the link below to find out more.

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Liz Crisp, Friends of Roxburghe House web site coordinator



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## Rotary Club of Aberdeen Deeside

Eleven year old Rebecca Orr from Cults Primary School won the Primary School Public Speaking Competition run by the Rotary Club of Aberdeen Deeside with her topic of The Blue Whale. This was the first of such events run by the club but showed just how competent and confident our young folk are - and we don't often give them credit. This was a really splendid evening with topics (picked, researched and written by the primary 7 pupils themselves) ranging from Endangered Animals, to Tsunamis, Sailing, Environmental Issues, Rain Forests, Pets, the Harmonica, Westminster Abbey, Golf, Football and the Olympics - truly a mixed but extremely interesting and entertaining bag and delivered to a high standard. Fourteen pupils took part in the competition from Cults, Milltimber and Culter Primary Schools and Milltimber School was a very welcoming host for the event. The trophy of an open book was made by Rotarian Ian Connon and presented to Rebecca by President Mary Lennox.

Now if you want to prove how clever **you** are, come along to the club's next Quiz Night to be held on 28th October in Cults Hotel - it's always a really good fun night with just a little rivalry for the top prizes. Tickets are £10.00 inclusive of a stovies supper (let us know in advance if you wish vegetarian stovies) and can be had from [ros.rotary@btinternet.com](mailto:ros.rotary@btinternet.com). Look forward to seeing you there.

If the kind of events we organise or help with within the community or support on a wider scale interests you, then why not come along to one of our meetings and see if it's for you. If you'd like to know more about Rotary and how to join, then please contact President Mary Lennox ([mary\\_lennox@btinternet.com](mailto:mary_lennox@btinternet.com)) or any club member or check out our website [www.aberdeendeesiderotary.org.uk](http://www.aberdeendeesiderotary.org.uk). Our motto is "Service above Self" - I feel sure that yours is too - come and see if we can add your fellowship to the mix - you'll be made very welcome.



It seems that Summer has come and gone and we are once again into the flu season. If you are over 65 or have had a letter from us inviting you in, please contact the surgery and make an appointment for

your free influenza vaccination. This year we will be running clinics during the week so please get in touch as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

We would like to welcome two new members of staff who have joined us at the Practice recently. Angela Walker joins the reception team and Mairi Middleton joins our Admin team.

Before we know it Christmas will be here. Cults Medical Group will be closed from 6pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, re-opening again on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 8am and from 6pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December re-opening again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 8am. Please ensure that you order your repeat prescription in plenty time during this busy period.

It appears that the building work on the flats next to the surgery is nearly completed. Thankfully this will make it easier for staff and patients to get to the surgery.

In the last month we have had 130 people who have not attended an appointment at the practice. If you are unable to keep your appointment with either the nurse or the GP, please give us as much notice as you can to enable us to offer the slot to another patient.

Finally Anne Murray one of our Admin team retires after 20 years working at Cults Medical Group. We would like to wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

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## Aberdeen Air Cadets Impress at Annual Inspection

Cadets and staff at 107 (Aberdeen) Squadron impressed Wing Commander Joan Gilbert Stevens, OC North East Scotland Wing at this year's Annual Formal Inspection.

During the evening, the Wing Commander observed and joined in various classes including Radio Communications, First aid and Field craft skills such as identifying objects in a given terrain. Cadets also put on an outstanding show of Continuity Drill combining teamwork and co-ordination, a key element of their training. As well as giving the Wing Commander an opportunity to assess the Squadron's performance, the inspection is also a chance for her to meet new members of Staff and the Cadets themselves.

The Aberdeen Squadron is recruiting now. Anyone interested in joining the Air Cadets or in helping with their training can contact the Squadron for more information on (01224) 590679 (Mon & Wed evenings) or visit their website [www.107aircadets.com](http://www.107aircadets.com).



## WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

In September the Editorial Committee invited the Distributors of MBC News (those who take the magazine to each of the 4,500 homes we deliver to!) to a Thank You Party. Not all could come, but those who did seemed to enjoy themselves. If you could consider being a Distributor, please contact the Head Honcho of Distributors, Peter Roberts. We will then see you at the next Distributors' party!

If you live in the Milltimber area and are over 50, we now have more extensive information on the O50 club there.

By the way, if you are looking for the venue previously known as the International Baptist Church, Cults, it is now called the Hillview Community Church. Don't worry, the name may be different, but the welcome is still the same!

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 winter – remember to dress up warmly and get out there and have fun!!

Eleanor Brennan, Tel 862262,  
email: [brennaneleanor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brennaneleanor@yahoo.co.uk)



### An invitation from the Deeside Choristers

The Deeside Choristers would like to wish all readers of the MBC News an early but very merry Christmas!

This local youth choir, established over 35 years ago, continues to thrive and provide an excellent musical training for children who love to sing. Indeed, since moving recently to the International School in Cults for weekly rehearsals, there has been an influx of new recruits of primary school age. They are already practising hard for:

~ **The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** ~

**to be held on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2011**

**at St Mary's, Blairs, at 7 pm.**

**Followed by seasonal refreshments**

Admission is free but there will be a Charity collection for Juvenile Diabetes.

What better way can there be to enter into the spirit of Christmas in a traditional and non-commercial way, than to come along to this service and join in the communal singing? The Deeside Choristers look forward to seeing you.

The Choir always welcomes new singers. If you are a tenor or bass, or an enthusiastic youngster, aged seven or above, how about coming along on a Wednesday evening to give the Choir a try? And there are no auditions! For more information, just phone Nancy Paul on 01224 741378.

## ABBREVIATIONS FOR THE VENUES

- CA** - Cults Academy
- CAP** - Cults Academy Pool
- CCC** - Cults Community Centre, Earlsells Road
- CPC** - Cults Parish Church
- CSC** - Culter Sports Centre
- DCFC** - Deeside Christian Fellowship Church, Milltimber
- HCC** - Hillview Community Church
- 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



# Fitness, Sport and Dance

## **BADMINTON - JUNIOR, CA**

Saturdays, 1.30 - 5.30pm September to April  
Contact Dorothy Daldry, Tel : 865984

## **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, HCC**

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 meeting!  
Contact David Milne, Tel. 869643 or  
Paul Wilcox, Tel. 869276

## **FLEX'n STRETCH, CSC**

Thursdays 7.30-8.30pm  
Varied fitness levels  
Contact Anne Low, Tel : 868553

## **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

## **GRAMPIAN CARDIAC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION**

Exercise classes at Kippie Lodge, Milltimber, RGU  
Sports Garthdee and other venues in Aberdeen  
Contact Douglas Pacitti, Tel: 01569 763372  
e: d.pacitti@gcra.org.uk or speak to the Cardiac  
Nurse at Cults Surgery w: www.gcra.org.uk

## **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

## **FRISKIS & SVETTIS- SWEDISH STYLE KEEP FIT**

Mondays 7.30 p.m., HCC, medium (Rosey)  
Wednesdays 7.30 p.m., HCC, medium (Christine)  
Thursdays 9.30 a.m., HCC, basic (Gavin)  
Saturday 11.00 a.m., HCC, medium (Rota)  
For more information contact Christine, 861450,  
Gavin, 824722 or Rosey, 310380  
Just turn up - no need to sign up for a block -  
everybody welcome

## **PILATES (CALL SOLVEIG FOR EXACT TIMES)**

Peterculter Sports Centre  
Mon. afternoon, Tues afternoon/evening, Thurs.  
evening  
Camphill School, Murtle  
Wed. evenings  
Cults West Church Hall  
Fri. mornings  
All classes must be booked in advance.  
Contact Solveig Dahle Smith, Tel. 861421  
solveig@pilatesaberdeen.com  
www.pilatesaberdeen.com

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

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

## **CULTS OTTERS SWIMMING CLUB, CAP**

Open to children aged 4 to 13  
Learn to Swim Section & Junior Coaching Sections  
Contact Sonia, Tel : 316854 or  
email : lts@cultsotters.co.uk  
website : www.cultsotters.org.uk

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

Mondays 6.30-9.30pm  
Contact Anne Gwynne - Tel : 868846

## **WEEKEND SWIMMING AT CULTS ACADEMY POOL**

9.00-12noon, Sat and Sun Adults £3.45, Children Half Price, Free entry with an Accord card.  
Swimming will continue during school holidays.  
Contact Ron Wright, Tel: 867398

## **TAI CHI, CPC**

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

## **TAI CHI, SMH**

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

## **CULTS LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

32 Abbotshall Place, Cults  
See separate item in MBC News for full details  
Contact Maggie MacLennan (Sec), Tel. 861485 or  
Gareth Rennie, Mob. 07714-753607.

## **WOODBURN WALKERS - RAMBLING FOR 50+**

Meet alternate Tuesdays at Hazlehead Bus  
Terminus, Travel by hire bus  
Average walk +/- 7 miles  
Contact Eleanor - 317197 or Margaret - 319741

## **YOGA, WSC**

Beginners welcome  
Wednesdays, 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.,  
Contact Fiona Britee, Tel. 868732

## **YOGA, WSC**

For intermediate students  
Mondays, 7.40 - 9.30 p.m.,  
Contact Marian van Oorschot, Tel. 863985  
E-mail [marianoorschot@mac.com](mailto:marianoorschot@mac.com)

# Dancing

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

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

## **CEILIDH DANCING FOR MOTHER & TODDLERS, PCH**

Fridays, 2 - 2:30 p.m.  
Contact Judith Riddoch, Tel. 865909  
Email: [judithriddoch@aol.com](mailto:judithriddoch@aol.com)

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

Ladies of all ages and beginners especially welcome.

Meet Wednesdays 7.45 - 10.00 pm  
Contact Rosemary Crabbe-Wyke - Tel : 07950-086739 or Moira Skingley - Tel : 867801

## **DANCE CLASSES FOR BOYS & GIRLS (AGED 3+) MCAH**

Taylor School of Dance, MCAH  
Recreational, Vocational & Adult classes available  
Classical Ballet, Modern Theatre, Tap, Jazz, Street  
Jazz, Musical Theatre Dance, Boys Only Street  
Moves, Adult Tap,  
Contact Gael Thomson, Mob. 07531-811506  
E-Mail - [Gael@taylordance.com](mailto:Gael@taylordance.com)

## **KAREN BERRY SCHOOL OF DANCE**

Classes for children and adults available in  
Cults and Peterculter  
For details see the website  
[www.danscentre.com](http://www.danscentre.com) or  
contact Karen Berry, Tel. 647341

## **GENTLE EXERCISE, INCL DANCE, CPC**

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

## **LINE DANCING, WRIH**

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

## **MAINLY MUSIC, HCC**

Caregivers and Toddlers (0-4). Dance, rhyme  
and rhythm,  
Refreshments and toys.  
Thursdays, 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.  
Contact Laura Hayes, Tel. 744295

## **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING, MCAH**

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

## **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING, WRIH**

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

## **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING, SDCH**

Tuesdays, 4.00 - 5.00 p.m. for primary school  
children  
Contact Judith Riddoch, Tel. 865909  
Email [judithriddoch@aol.com](mailto:judithriddoch@aol.com)

# Children & Youth Groups

## **AIR TRAINING CORPS**

107( Aberdeen ) Squadron,  
Prince Charles Cadet Centre, Albury Road ,  
Ferryhill, AB11 6TL  
Parade Mon & Wed 19.00-21.30hrs. Open to  
Boys and Girls aged 13-17  
w: [www.107aircadets.org](http://www.107aircadets.org)  
e: [107@aircadets.org](mailto:107@aircadets.org) Tel. 590679

## **BOUYANCY SWIM, CAMPHILL SCHOOL, BIELDSIDE**

30 minute sessions, Tues.12.30 – 15.00  
Thurs. 12.30 – 14.00, Fri. 12.30-16.00  
Adult and Baby (3-12 months), Adult and Toddler (1-2 years), Adult and Child (2+ years),  
Pre school (4 years + without their parent in the pool).  
Contact Julie McQuillan, Tel. 318651, Mob. 07906 863246 or email: [buoyancy@btinternet.com](mailto:buoyancy@btinternet.com)

## **CASPER AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, CCC**

Contact Marion Skea - Tel : 07762-250550

## **MILLTIMBER AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, MPS**

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

## **PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP, CWC**

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

## **PARENT 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](mailto:paulronald@talktalk.net)

## **CULTS PLAYGROUP, CPC**

Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9.15-11.45am (From 2½ years)  
Rising 5's - Afternoon Sessions  
Contact Amanda - Tel : 861982

## **GAELIC PARENT & CHILD GROUP**

Mon, Wed. and Fri. 9.15a.m. - 11.30 a.m.  
Gilcomstoun Primary School, Lots of fun with the  
children while introducing and their parents to Gaelic.  
Complete beginners welcome. Contact Mairi Morley,  
Tel. 07900-337122, e: [gaelic@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:gaelic@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

## **MILLTIMBER PLAYGROUP & RISING 5'S, MCAH**

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri., 9.30 a.m.- 12.00 p.m.  
Lunch club Tues, Fri. 12 – 1300 pm (Term times only)  
Rising 5's Fri 1.00 -3.00 (Tues Rising 5's  
coming soon) Nursery transport options  
available. Contact Lyndsay Hay, 07519-  
902470, e: [milltimberplaygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:milltimberplaygroup@hotmail.com)

## **Rising 5s,**

Fri 1.00-3.00 (Tues Rising 5's coming soon)  
Nursery transport options available. Contact  
Lyndsay Hay, 07519 902 470  
Email [milltimberplaygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:milltimberplaygroup@hotmail.com)

## **PLAYGROUP AND RISING 5'S, DCFC**

Mon, Wed, Thurs. 9.15- 11.45 a.m. Mon. 1.00 - 3.30 pm  
Contact Rhona Magowan Tel: 733350

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

Playgroup: Monday – Friday, 9.20am – 11.50 a.m.  
Lunch club, Wednesday 11.50am – 1.00 p.m.  
Rising 5s, Tuesday and Thursdays, 12.30 – 3.00 p.m.  
Contact Julie, Tel. 868644 or Playgroup, Tel. 07931  
223545 e: [stdevenicksplaygroup@googlemail.com](mailto: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**

Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.  
Contact Luke Dale, Tel. 733979

## **ASCEND, HCC**

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

## **GUIDES, BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS**

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

## **3rd Cults Rainbows, CPC**

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

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

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

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

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

## **3rd Cults Brownies, CCC**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Milltimber Rainbows, MCAH**

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

## **Milltimber Brownies, MCAH**

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

## **District Commissioner for Cults**

- Jan Mackintosh, Tel. 865916

## **District Commissioner for Milltimber and Culter**

– Elaine McGuffie, Tel. 733636

## **Divisional Commissioner for Cults, Milltimber and Culter**

- - Dorothy Forbes, Tel. 486357

## **BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS**

### **Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, MCAH**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Deeside Explorer Scouts**

Every second Monday 8.00 -10.00 p.m.  
Open to boys and girls, aged 14 to 17  
Contact Richard Ames, Tel. 592342

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

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

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

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

### **Youth Hockey Coaching**

on Tuesday evenings for P4 to S4 by Gordonians  
Hockey Club at Robert Gordon's College astro turf  
pitches on Countesswells Road from 5.15pm to  
6.30pm. Children from all schools are welcome and  
sticks can be provided. Coaching resumes on 30th  
August 2011 for the season



phone us or visit our website  
**01224 647341**  
[enquiries@danscentre.com](mailto:enquiries@danscentre.com)

## Classes

@ Danscentre, Cults, Elrick, Westhill  
Kingswells, Culter, Craigiebuckler & Rubislaw

Ballet - Jazz - Tap

Contemporary - Boys Only

Hip-Hop - Adult Classes

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# Hobbies and Social

## CULTS O50 CLUB, CPC

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

## MILLTIMBER O50 CLUB, MCAH

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

## ADULT ART CLASSES, HCC

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

## ABERDEEN BRIDGE CLUB

14 Rubislaw Terrace, Tel : 644773  
Monday to Thursday - 7.00-10.00pm  
Adult Lessons Wed - 7.00pm Sept - April

## BRIDGE GROUP, CCC

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

## CULTER BRIDGE CLUB, PVH

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

## CALLIGRAPHY GROUP, CPC

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

## THE HUB COFFEE SHOP, COC

Tuesdays and Wednesdays - 10.00-3.00pm

## MILLTIMBER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, MCAH

Wide range of activities for all ages.  
Chair - Andrew Duthie, Tel : 739797  
Secretary - Sue Smedley Tel : 732172  
To hire the hall : Mob - 07502 040 619

## COMMUNITY LEARNING - VARIOUS VENUES

Day and evening courses in a wide variety of subjects including Italian, Spanish, German, Computing, Art and general interest classes. Contact Alison May, Adult Learning Coordinator, at Cults Community Centre on 868858 or e:[CultsAdultLearning@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:CultsAdultLearning@aberdeencity.gov.uk)  
<http://beehive.thisisnorthscotland.co.uk/cultscc> gives details of courses on offer.

## CRAFT AND NEEDLEWORK CLASS, NORTH HALL, CWC

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

## DEESIDE CHORISTERS, CCC

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

## DRESSMAKING GROUP, KMCC

Thursdays, 09.30-11.30 a.m.  
Couture trained tutor  
Beginners welcome  
Phone Kaimhill Community Centre, Tel. 311996

## FOLK EVENING, CPC

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

## ABERDEEN GAELIC CLUB

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

## CULTS LIBRARY

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

## CULTS LUNCH CLUB, CPC

Mondays 12.00-2.00pm (except for July) New members most welcome.  
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

## PETROLEUM WOMEN'S CLUB

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF ABERDEEN DEESIDE

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

## SALTIRE SOCIETY

Promotes all things Scottish. Meets monthly on Tuesdays, normally in Rubislaw Parish Church. (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  
Contact Joan Thomas - Tel : 733218

## CULTS STRATHSPEY & REEL SOCIETY, CPC

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

## ABERDEEN TOASTMASTERS (PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB)

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

## SCOTTISH WOMEN'S RURAL INSTITUTE, WRIH

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

## GRAMPIAN WOODTURNERS, SDCH

Meet last Sunday in the month, 2.00 p.m.  
New members are most welcome.  
Meetings consist of member participation, demonstrations etc.,  
Contact Bill Diack, Tel. 01467-622772

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