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# December 2023 – how do we round off 4 difficult years and look ahead to steadying ourselves?

## Hello everyone

We've been so used to looking back at 2020 – 2021 – 2022 and this year that sometimes we forget to actually look forward. In 2020 we were told what to do and not to do, and couldn't really make definite plans. It made many of us wonder just what we value most. The following years were living on an almost week to week basis with a string of distressing news from across the world. So, what better time than now, to make changes that would help your life and those around you. If every household in this Parish made one or two positive changes, think of how you can actually improve your life and that of family – friends – neighbours – and people you don't know.

The graphic below shows Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and demonstrates the varying levels of awareness of what can make us surer of what we need. A New Year is the opportunity to consider how to achieve some of each level and move up the triangle. The more aware and stronger we are, then we are more able to make better choices and look ahead to live with them, improving our daily lives and that of others. A few starters to help you -



Time for you and others

What 3 things are you grateful for?

Make your own goals achievable.

Note any positives from a difficult situation you've faced.

Make time for a friend who may have problems you can relate to

Thank you to everyone who has a part in the TBC: advertisers, article contributors, the 'behind the scene / screen work', delivery volunteers, finance, invoicing, printing, in the preparation of your newsletter.

Best wishes for 2024

**Ruth**

TBC Editor

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**We'll be back in March 2024 and I'll be sending out 'first reminder' emails at the beginning of February 2024. A full list of dates and advertising costs will be published in the March 2024 newsletter**



December 2023

Dear Friends

A couple of weeks ago, amidst great excitement, the Beatles released their “final” single entitled “Now and Then”. It immediately became the fastest selling vinyl single this century and became a number one hit 60 years after the Beatles produced their first UK chart-topper.

That this new song exists at all is amazing. “Now and Then” was written by John Lennon in the late 1970s, and the new release uses his original demo recording. Thanks to the latest technology this has been combined with guitar lines recorded by the late George Harrison in 1994. Then added to that are new parts recorded more recently by Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr. Despite the modern technology it would appear that the Beatles’ magic is still there! Like so many of the earlier hits of the Fab Four, “Now and Then” is a love song with its refrain

*I know it's true  
It's all because of you  
And, if I make it through  
It's all because of you.*

Some have suggested that the words were written by John Lennon as an attempt to repair his broken relationship with Paul McCartney after the Beatles acrimonious split. Whether that is the case or whether Lennon was thinking of another relationship we will never know for sure. However, the words of this new hit, “Now and Then”, remind us of the power and impact that true love can have on our lives.

At this time of year, we reflect on the power of another love – God’s love for us shown in Jesus Christ. As we hear and tell and sing the Christmas story in the words of the bible, or through nativity plays or in the music of Christmas carols we are reminded that Jesus is God’s gift of love to the world. Through the baby of Bethlehem who grows up to be the Christ of Calvary, God in love for the world has woven a way of restoring and renewing a relationship that is as significant for us now as it was for the people then.

One verse of that beautiful Christmas carol, “It came upon the midnight clear”, puts it this way

*But with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angels' hymn have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And warring human-kind hears not  
The love-song which they bring;  
Oh hush the noise and still the strife  
To hear the angels sing.*

How I wonder will you be celebrating Christmas this year? Will you take time out to listen for God’s love song that is the Christmas story – God with us, helping us to make it through all the changes and chances of life?

You are welcome to come along and find out more at any of the Christmas services or other events, details of which are published in this TBC.

Wishing you every blessing  
Alison I Swindells, your friend and Minister

## **Tarves Kirk News**

### **Barthol Chapel and Tarves united Sunday Worship**

**\* 10.00am in Tarves Kirk** followed by refreshments

Join on Zoom if you wish – large print orders of service are available each Sunday. Let me know if you would like one.

We hold Holy Communion on the last Sunday of most months. The church is set out café style and at each place an individual glass of non-alcoholic wine and a piece of gluten free bread are set out. I encourage you to join with us as this replaces the twice yearly Communion service.

### **Advent, Christmas and New Year**

Please see the dates of services printed in this issue. The one I draw your attention to is the Service of Union which will be held on Sunday 7th January at 3.00pm in Pitmedden Church. This is a Presbytery service at which we become one congregation of Formartine Parish Church. There will be no service in Tarves that morning. This marks a significant change for us and one that will provide some opportunities for positive change. Please put the date in your diary for 2024.

As part of this process each person on the communion roll will receive information explaining the practical steps involved. Look out for this in your email inbox or through your letterbox. It is with gratitude that I acknowledge the recent retirement of one of our Elders. David Presly was ordained on 24 March 1968 and served faithfully and unobtrusively for all those years. I am sure you will want to join with Session in wishing David every blessing in his 'retirement'. It is strange to think that by January next year the Tarves Kirk Session will no longer exist, our congregation will grow to include Barthol Chapel and Udney Pitmedden and we will become Formartine Parish Church. However, we will still worship regularly in Tarves Kirk and the elders from all three sessions will come together as one. Hopefully there will be more folk to share their gifts and talents. Much as we would like to retire there is still work to be done!

In the meantime, I want to say a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who has worked so hard to support Tarves Kirk over the years. We have achieved an incredible amount considering the size and, dare I say it, the age of the workers. I am excited at the prospect of moving forward in the union. I ask for your prayers as we travel together on this new part of our journey of faith. There will still be an article in the TBC to keep you informed about what is happening in Formartine Parish Church.

There is a lot going on as you will see in other articles. Up-to-date news and information can always be found at [www.tarveschurch.org](http://www.tarveschurch.org) and the facebook page.

We are still here for everyone in the parish, not just members, so please get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you or someone you know...

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# Local Church Services and Activities this Christmas



## **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**4.00pm** Methlick Church – Gingerbread Village Lights switch on

**6.30pm** Pitmedden Church – Gingerbread Village Lights switch on

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am** Methlick Church Nativity Service & tableau with live donkey

**10.00am** Tarves Church Morning Worship

**4.00pm** Tarves Church - Gingerbread Village Lights switch on with carols

## **Christmas Eve Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am** Methlick Church Morning Worship

**11.00pm** Methlick Church Watchnight Service

**6.30pm** Tarves Church – Joint Family Service with Udney/Pitmedden

**11.30pm** Pitmedden Church Joint Watchnight Service with Tarves

## **Christmas Day – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am** Haddo Chapel Morning Worship

**10.30am** Pitmedden Church Joint Service with Tarves



## **Hogmanay Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

**10.00am** Methlick Church Morning Worship

**10.00 am** Tarves Church Morning Worship

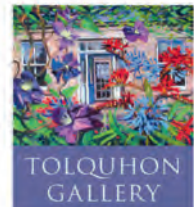
**10.00am** Pitmedden Church – Worship Service with Rev Gillean McLean followed by soup and sweet lunch marking the end of Udney Pitmedden Parish and formation of Formartine Parish from Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**3.00pm** Pitmedden Kirk – Service of Union for the new Formartine Parish Church



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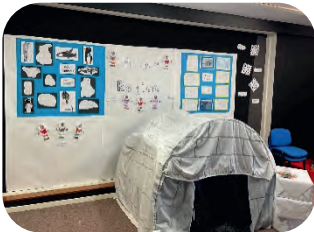
## Head Teacher Appointment

I am delighted and privileged to have been appointed permanently as the Head Teacher of Barthol Chapel School. I will endeavor to continue the running of Barthol Chapel School with the high standards and dedication we are all accustomed to. However, I could not do this without the parents / carers, wider family, community and my staff and I would like to thank you all for your support over the last 11 months while I have been Acting Head Teacher. I am looking forward to our continued collaboration to drive our school forward.

## Far Wi Gan?

Last term our whole school Context for Learning was Far Wi Gan? Our learners explored climate zones around the world, being able to compare and describe how climate affects living things.

With this in mind we held an Open Evening where pupils took ownership of their learning and created different climate zones using lots of skills for Learning, Life and work such as Teamwork, Critical Thinking and Creativity so parents and carers could journey through all of the Ecosystems that the pupils created and get their passports stamped.



As always, we have linked our learning to the 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". Our Global Goal of the month last term was Global Goal 15 – Life on Land.



## Outdoor Learning Classroom and Play



I am delighted that we have started our official Outdoor Learning Classroom and Play. Pupils take part in this every week as a whole school approach which will be linked to our Skills Framework for Learning, Life and Work. We





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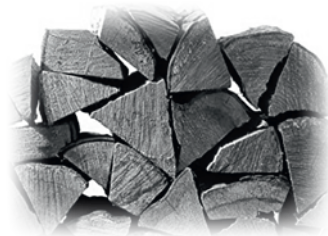
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started with some teambuilding and risk assessments where pupils had to identify any hazards in the area.



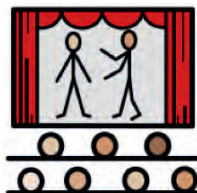
As part of our outdoor learning, we had a visit from the Haddo Ranger Laurie Malster where pupils learned about The Grow for Haddo school tree planting project. Pupils learned about Haddo trees and



forests and will help to replant an area that was blown over during storm Arwen. Our pupils planted some saplings which we have adopted for the year and will then be returned to the park once they have grown. Senior pupils (P5-7) will be working towards their Junior Forester Award which will hopefully then lead to the John Muir Award. I have also secured trees from the Woodland Trust and our pupils will be planting them in our school grounds to create a more sheltered area in the coming years. All pupils will be able to reflect on their learning and what skills they will be developing during this time.

### School Show – Lights, Camera, Action!

The excitement is building and the countdown is on as it is that time of year again where Barthol Chapel School is gearing up to our school show. This year our senior pupils chose ‘**Peter Pan The Musical**’ for our whole school learning context “Lights, Camera, Action!”



*Join Peter Pan, the Lost Boys, and Wendy, Michael and John Darling as they encounter predatory pirates, wild warriors, shimmering but shallow mermaids and a crocodile with an insatiable appetite for Captain Hook! Let your imagination loose - set it free and lose yourself in a million miles of wonder with this magical musical.*

Our whole school production will be linked to Global Goal 3 – Good Health & Wellbeing. The pupils have again been developing the skill of Leadership and Enterprise from our Barthol Chapel Skills Framework by managing the entire

production. Pupils have been involved in publicising the event, selling and costing tickets and written letters to Mike Rodgers to kindly ask him to provide lighting, sound effects and a sound system to enhance the performance. Also, through the Drama and Music Curriculum, pupils have been showcasing their Creativity skills through acting, singing,

playing musical instruments, planning costumes, scenery and props. This is a real highlight in the Barthol Chapel Community and it is amazing to be able to have the whole community come together to enjoy this event.





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We would also like to thank the local businesses who responded to the pupils' letters and donated gifts and prizes for our Christmas Raffle.

Performances dates are Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm. Tickets cost £3.

### **Soup & Sweet**

A huge thank you to all who came along to our soup & sweet. With your support we managed to raise a MASSIVE £475!

This could not have been done without our fantastic Parent Council and all those who gave up their time and contributed to making scrumptious soups, delicious desserts and beautiful bakes! Thank you for being so supportive to our school it is massively appreciated.



### **Remembrance Day**



We discussed the Importance of Remembrance Day and pupils explored what it means to them and from that they produced poetry. The children also recognised that the poppy is a sign of hope, inspired by the poppy fields where the flowers grew on the land that had been the battlegrounds during the First World War. From the sale of poppies, we raise £16.50 for the Poppy Appeal. One of the Charities we are supporting linked to our Rights Respecting School Award.

### **Rag Bag Recycling Scheme**

A reminder that we have a Rag Bag Container in our school playground. The 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in Scotland. The scheme increases awareness about textile recycling. Please think of us if you are having a clear out. We can accept clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts etc. *Just pop them into a bag and deposit in the container.*

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## Barthol Chapel Community Hub News November 2023

### Charitable Status Granted

On 9 November, the Scottish charity regulator OSCR approved the application from Barthol Chapel Community Hub to create and a Two Tier\* **SCIO** (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

\*See what this means below.

Having charitable status is just the beginning, and much work will need to be done to raise funds and engage with and involve a wider group of local people to make the hub a reality. The broad aim is to provide a multi-use space for leisure, social and wellbeing activities. These activities will either be organised by the Hub committee or people can hire the space to run their own sessions or events. An initial survey of people living in the area led to many and various suggestion for the use of the hub and the hope is that the Kirk can remain a place that brings people together for years to come.

Anyone interesting in finding out more about Barthol Chapel Community Hub and or to get involved in any way can get in touch via [info@bartholchapel.com](mailto:info@bartholchapel.com)

**Tier 1 Membership** - Membership costs nothing (other than a bit of time filing in a form). It is open to anyone who supports the purposes of the hub and entitles them to have a say (through general or special meetings) on how the hub is run. It also provides a database of people who can be kept informed of events and activities in hub.

**Tier 2 Trustees** – Drawn from the membership, is a group of Trustees who are responsible for the governance of the SCIO. At the moment four people have put themselves forward as the initial Trustees, but we hope more people will want to join the Board.

### Find out More

For more information, or to get a membership form email [info@bartholchapel.com](mailto:info@bartholchapel.com)



Look out for the Barthol Chapel Community Hub Facebook page, which will be made publicly accessible in the next few days.

**Barthol Chapel Community Hub, Scottish Charity Register SC052937**

## News round-up from Barthol Chapel

- The Community Hub project has been working on a feasibility project to acquire the redundant Church building to provide a venue for village activities. An update can be found in this TBC and also on the BCCA website. ([www.bartholchapel.com](http://www.bartholchapel.com))
- Barthol Chapel School has confirmed that Mrs Gillian Newlands has been appointed as Head Teacher and you'll see her introductory school news in this newsletter.
- Indoor bowlers from Barthol Chapel meet in the school at 7.30pm during term time. All welcome.
- A Community Café is held on the second Saturday of every month in the Church. (please check for January and February).
- We are looking for volunteers to assist in the distribution of the TBC in the Barthol Chapel area. Please contact Peter Skinner on 01651 806888 or email [peterhazelskinner@gmail.com](mailto:peterhazelskinner@gmail.com)

It is always worth looking on the Barthol Chapel Facebook pages for updates as well.

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# Tarves Development Trust

## Showcase Event

The organisations in and around Tarves did a brilliant job on a gloriously sunny Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, showcasing what they do and giving folk the opportunity to learn more and get involved. We had music from the Folk Group, displays of work from Hanover Knitting, Barthol Chapel SWI and Ellon Photographic Club, activities from the Bowling Club and the Heritage and lots more. Not to mention the fine pieces



and wee cuppies! Thank you to everyone who came along – stall holders and visitors.

It was also a day to encourage and recognise volunteering. The facilities and activities that make Tarves such a great place to live are mainly down to the efforts of volunteers. For example:

- Our lovely tubs and hanging baskets are down to the amenities group
- The new paths were done by Tarves Development Trust and Tarves Heritage
- The village Hall is managed, maintained and upgraded by the Melvin Hall Committee
- The Christmas lights and the fabulous fireworks are thanks to the Tarves Peoples Party, and supported by the Community Council
- A wide range of activities for the youngsters of the village are led and supported by volunteers

To recognise some outstanding contributions, formal awards for long-service on the Tarves Community Council were presented to Bob Davidson, Colin Taylor & Ian Massie. And David Presly received a lifetime volunteering award for his 50+ years' service to the Melvin Hall and the Community.



The event was organised by the TDT and the Tarves and the Barthol Chapel newsletter with support from the Melvin Hall; and thanks go to Ruth Nisbet and Fiona Smith for pulling it all together.

**Fiona Smith**



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# Tarves Development Trust AGM

We held the AGM Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October in the Queens Room of the Melvin Hall. It was an opportunity to review the last 12 months and seek ideas for future projects.

2022/23 has been a positive year, with the new operator of the Murly Tuck café. Louise and her team continuing to deliver a great facility for the village and visitors. The funding and completion of the off-road path to Haddo, connecting Little Raxton to Bridge of Thornroan was a significant achievement and the outdoor gym and pétanque court continue to be well maintained.

The Trust are keen to hear from residents and organisations in Tarves about initiatives that they would like to see in and around the village, where the Trust may be able to help with either a small grant, making connections or practical support – get in touch via [tdt@tarves.org.uk](mailto:tdt@tarves.org.uk).

We are talking with the Church of Scotland about taking a lease over the Glebe for a 5 year period, for community uses. This seems like it will go ahead, hopefully starting on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. We would welcome views and thoughts as to what folk would like to see happen there; the Fireworks will certainly continue! It won't really be possible to make permanent changes to the land, like putting up structures, planting trees, due to the terms and length of the lease, so we are very open to ideas.

## News from the Square



As you can see I took part in the Heritage Scarecrow competition and attempted to look like “Darth Vader”. There were many brilliant entries so well done to everyone who took part.

All the summer bedding has been lifted and bulbs, polyanthus and pansies put in various tubs and beds. Hopefully they will brighten up the village when spring comes.

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.* In the meantime, stay warm and cosy.

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## **Knitting donations @ December 2023**

Hello to all the knitters who regularly contribute to the Parish donations – we have a wide spread across the Parish and the Shire and the City of Aberdeen too, who continue to share their enjoyment and skills in knitting/crocheting the blankets, hats, scarves, neck-warmers and of course, the lovely baby knitting.



**Cyrenians** – The Cyrenians in Union Glen always welcome donations of knitted blankets, neck-warmers, and adult hat/scarf sets. In fact, a donation of blankets was ‘swapped’ for a bag of mixed wool, which in turn will make their way to Union Glen as finished hat/scarf/neck-warmers/blankets. Read more at [www.weareac.org](http://www.weareac.org);

**Malawi** – Fish/chip sets are passed to Meldrum Church via Jessie at Hanover Court and Meldrum volunteers then organise the delivery to the Banana Box transport team in Dundee. Thank-you Jessie. [www.bananaboxtrust.org](http://www.bananaboxtrust.org);

**Special Care Baby Unit in Aberdeen** – The knitters are always willing to help the Unit and dozens of hats and numerous baby blankets are regularly donated via Gemma at Ardlethen Quarry just outside Ellon. JK Shoes in Station Road, Ellon will also take knitting donations for the SCBU. Please note through, the Unit ask for **white or very pale coloured knitting** only.

**Our own village** – Bright hat and scarf sets are often seen locally, albeit in colder weather, and we have a box in Tarves Church Community Corner with sets in various sizes. Please let me or Jessie know if you’d like any and we can co-ordinate a look at our box.

**Woodend Hospital** – Donations are given to the management team who share the blankets with specific wards. We’ve just had another donation of twiddle-muffs in the photo above and they will go to Morningfield House where the staff are very aware which patients appreciate these.

Knitting and donations of wool can be handed to Jessie at Hanover (01651 851958) and at the Hanover Knitting Group in their lounge on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm, or dropped off at the Church on Tuesday mornings 10-11am, Sundays between 11-12noon, or collected via arrangement – please email me at [tbc.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:tbc.editor@btinternet.com) and also at [rmbn@btinternet.com](mailto:rmbn@btinternet.com) Thank you everyone – and if you know any organisations who would welcome some knitting, please let Jessie or myself know.

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On behalf of Tarves Church



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The Scottish Women's Institute was created over 100 years ago and Barthol Chapel WI was subsequently formed by a group of local ladies in June 1931 – yes, we are a long-established Institute.

Firstly meeting in the Old Hall (which is now a house), then The Old School where there are now houses, moving into the present school in May 1968. Now we meet in the Aberdeen Arms Hotel Lounge in Tarves.

Having been a member for over 50 years, I have enjoyed meeting other members from different areas of Scotland. I have looked at it as very much a learning curve with new skills, achieving success in various aspects of the organisation and of course lots of fun and laughter.

We meet in the afternoon now which we find suits the younger age group in the area with our meeting time of 1.00 to 3.00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, fitting in with school times.

Please do come along to the meetings after the New Year and hear about book binding on Wed 17 January, gardening on Wed 21 February and the story of knitting on Wed 20 March. We are giving our members a Challenge/Competition this Winter of using a ball of DK Wool to knit something of their choice - looking forward to seeing the end results.

Sadly, we had to cancel our Brew and Buttery coffee morning due to the terrible rain (*when is it going to stop!*) but we hope to have it in the new year so look out for posters & Face-book with full details.

If you've any questions at all, please contact us at -  
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## **Good news from the Melvin Hall**

The Trustees of the Melvin Hall have been advised that their planning application for the installation of an Emergency Generator enabling the hall to be classed as a Resilience Centre, with the installation of solar panels, air source heating and energy efficient windows forming the initial phases of our desired progress towards Net Zero, was recently approved by Aberdeenshire Council. Our thanks go to Vanessa & Julien of Studio Broom, their guidance ensured planning approval was forthcoming in a timely manner. External funding to assist with installing the generator and window replacement has been secured with work due to commence prior to the end of the year.



Discussions with other agencies continue with the aim of securing significant funding to assist with the costs of wall insulation, the new heating system and a solar panel array with battery storage.

**David Hekelaar**, [david.hekelaar@tarves.org.uk](mailto:david.hekelaar@tarves.org.uk)

<b><u>MELVIN HALL CHARGES</u></b> <b>Commercial Pricing</b>	<b>With effect from 01-Jan-2024</b>	
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## Mid – Formartine Guild

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Our final event of our summer session was a visit to the Ellon Men’s Shed where we were served tea and coffee before being shown round their various activities and equipment. Unfortunately, the model railway wasn’t running – probably didn’t want us amateurs getting our hands on it. But nevertheless, it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, and we learned a lot. Special thanks to the gentlemen who kindly served the tea etc and showed us around their excellent facilities.

We were invited to join Methlick Guild at the beginning of November when we were given a very interesting talk by Mark Stephen, who is a broadcaster with BBC Radio Scotland.

Although our official agenda is finished for the year, we are meeting up at the beginning of December for a pre-Christmas get-together. We will soon be thinking about our 2024 session and you can be sure we will have some very interesting speakers lined up, and would love you to come along and join us, so look out in the March edition of the TBC for more details.

Till then we hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and let us pray that the New Year brings a resolution to the World’s many conflicts.



For more information on the Guild, please contact: Jean 891081 or Doreen 851040



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# HANOVER SCOTLAND

## Hanover Court Social Committee update

We are very lucky to be getting some ladies from the village who regularly attend our weekly coffee mornings and it's nice seeing them come week by week.

The knitting ladies are kept busy with all their knitting challenges and we have been very lucky this year with donations of wool to keep us knitting a variety of donations, so thanks to everyone.

Lewis and Sue are coming along on Thursday 7th December at 7pm. They are entertaining with Christmas carols and songs and entry is by our donation box at the door. There will also be a raffle that evening so hope to see you all there.

**Jessie**, 01651 851958.

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## MENU

### STARTER

Soup of the Day	£7
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Duck liver parfait <i>orange &amp; mince meatloaf</i>	£8
Breaded Brie <i>redcurrant &amp; balsamic (v)</i>	£7
Baked Cheddar Mushrooms <i>garlic ciabatta (v)</i>	£7
Bon Bons <i>beef brisket maple smoked ham hock haggis &amp; black pudding</i>	£11

### MAIN

Traditional Roast Turkey Dinner <i>all the trimmings</i>	£17
Bordeaux Slow-Braised Cheek of Beef <i>roasted onion mash, squash, garlic mushrooms, crispy kale, rich beef sauce</i>	£17
Festive Cheeseburger <i>cranberry mayo, kilted chipolata, fries &amp; winter slaw</i>	£15
Honey & Garlic Baked Fillet of Salmon <i>baby potatoes &amp; sesame greens</i>	£15
Wild Mushroom & Blue Cheese Risotto <i>crispy onion, parmesan &amp; micro salad</i>	£14

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<i>roasted root vegetables</i>
<i>Brussel sprouts &amp; bacon</i>
<i>kilted chipolatas</i>
<i>cauliflower cheese gratin</i>

### DESSERT

Malteser Cheesecake <i>vanilla ice cream</i>	£8
Triple Chocolate Brownie <i>after eight ice cream</i>	£8
Mincemeat Custard Tart <i>clotted cream</i>	£7
Sticky Rum Pudding <i>ice cream</i>	£7
Selection of Cheeses	£11

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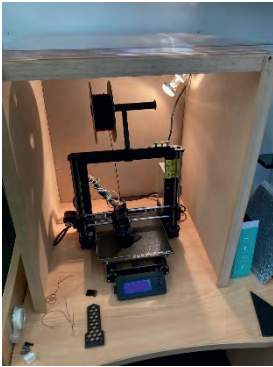


## Ellon and District Men's Shed

The glorious colours of autumn have faded and Christmas is rapidly approaching. Like most other things, the march of the seasons governs activities in the Shed.

Over the last few weeks, the men have been making Christmas items (Santas, tree decorations, reindeer, Christmas LED lights etc). By the time you read this we will, hopefully, have sold many of these at the Shed had Open Day on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If you missed the Open Day and are interested in Christmas items, please either drop in to the Shed or visit Annie's Tea Room in Ellon.

We continue to refurbish garden benches, tables and chairs. We are restoring other more unusual items including an antique children's metal pedal car. We continue to receive a good number of bikes which we repair, get back to good working order and sell for a modest price.



We have recently started a training programme for men wanting to use the CNC router. We are taking orders for signs, commemorative plaques etc. We have now got a 3D printer which is proving very useful for repairing equipment, making decorative and other 'handy' items.

The Shed was delighted to receive £500 from Age Scotland's Wee Grant scheme to help supply hard wood, metal (for metal forming) and workshop supplies.

We are often asked to repair or make bespoke items for people. One item this month was a wooden replica of a curling stone to be used as a presentation piece ).



The picture framers were asked if they could make a frame to fit a painting – the painting needed a white frame, no glass and to appear 'to float' in the frame.

The Tarves Guild visited the Shed on the 7<sup>th</sup> September to have a look around and see what we get up to. An enjoyable and successful visit for both the Shed and the Guild. The Shed, alongside the Ellon Photography Group, had a very good afternoon at the Tarves Showcase event on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October helping to raise awareness of the Shed, we also sold some items and took orders for others.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> November the Shed held one of its regular fund-raising quizzes at Ellon Golf Club. 21 teams had a fun evening raising funds to help support the Shed.

The IT training initiative with Aberdeenshire, Community Learning and Development (CLD) is continuing and proving to be very popular. IT/computer skills are needed for many important basic activities (eg booking NHS appointments, repeat prescriptions, shopping) and that many people struggle to master the skills. The drop-in sessions are on Thursdays at 1-2.30pm.

The pétanque piste is now complete. We will leave the surface to settle down over the winter before we make any tweaks to the surface before we starting using it in the spring.



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

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

If you are interested in visiting the Shed, becoming a member we would love to see you – we are open 10am-4pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. We also have a website ([www.ellonmensshed.org](http://www.ellonmensshed.org)) and a Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ellon.shed](https://www.facebook.com/ellon.shed)) where you can find further information.

## **Udny Station Indoor Bowling Club**

Due to ongoing work being carried out on the Youth Hall, the Club were unable to start the season as usual in September, and reports would indicate that it will be into the New Year before work has been completed. If this is the case, we might manage to get some bowling before April 2024 but might not have time to play club competitions.



The Club normally meets on a Monday and Thursday evening from 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Youth Hall, Tarves and when bowling re-starts new and existing members will be most welcome.

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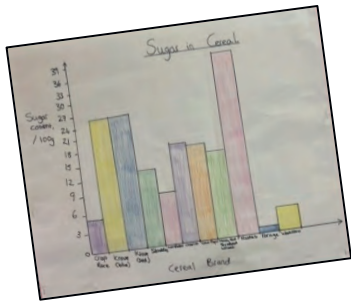
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Another action-packed term has been experienced by all at Tarves School. We started the session with our whole school learning context "You've Got a Friend in Me" where we looked at how we recognise and manage our emotions, how important friendship is and how we can help to improve our own resilience.



Recently, all classes learned through the context "Food, Glorious Food". We used this context for learning to investigate healthy eating, where our food comes from, information we can obtain from packaging and how these impacts on our healthy choices.



We have once again reached the time of year when the school is full of glitter, sparkle and excitement. Pupils are preparing for the School Concert and Nativity. Our Primary 1 and Primary 1/2 Class Nativity this year is called "Baarmy Bethlehem". Cheeky, Rascal and Scamp the sheep are real party animals! So, when they see Bethlehem filling up, they assume it's for a big celebration and they do not want to miss out! They escape from the flock and make their way into town, but although they find lots of things they love like noise and crowds of people, there is no party.

As they continue their search, they eventually come across a peaceful, quiet stable where they find one enormous reason to celebrate and party!

## Children in Need

Congratulations to our primary 6 class who organised our fundraising efforts for Children in Need. They planned a "Children in Need Swap Shop" where pupils recycled Children in Need merchandise. During their class assembly, Primary 6 shared the important messages from the charity. On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, the whole school participated in a range of fun activities from quizzes, Guess

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**Keep it Local!**

We recently held a Book Fair at our Parent Interview sessions. A huge thank you to all who supported our Book Fair, in particular our parent volunteers who ran the event on Parents Night and after school. We are delighted to announce that the school has made £959.20 in commission. This will be used to enhance the range of books in the school library so all pupils' benefit.



# It's Book Fair Time!

### **IBike Project - Sustrans**

We were delighted to have Sustrans in school to deliver the I Bike Project to all pupils. Time and time again, research shows that physical activity is important in the health, wellbeing and development of children and young people. Walking to school, cycling to work, or many other everyday journeys, active travel can offer a convenient, accessible and affordable way for people to move more. I Bike helps support these target areas.

Anna joined us over a number of days to engage the pupils in a walk around the village with a twist. Pupils learned about safe, active travel through a silent disco. Cycle Scotland also visited the school to provide a bike maintenance workshop and the opportunity to try electric bikes.



### **Rotary Shoebox Appeal**

Rotakids at Tarves School successfully organised the Rotary Shoebox Scheme where we filled shoeboxes with items to support disadvantaged families. The Rotakids were delighted to fill 45 boxes. Anne Forrester was delighted to collect the boxes from school which the pupils decorated. Thank you to all who supported this scheme.



### **Rag Bag Recycling Scheme**



A reminder that we have a Rag Bag Container in our school playground. The 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in Scotland. The scheme increases awareness about textile recycling. Please think of us if you are having a clear out. We can accept clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts etc. Just pop them into a bag and deposit in the container.

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# Tarves Heritage Project –

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That's another season finished at the Heritage Centre and what a season it has been! We opened in April with a 70s theme for most of the displays and this certainly brought lots of memories for our visitors. We then had a tremendous

display from September with a Star Wars collection from a local postie, this took us to another level/galaxy??? Many of the younger generation along with 40- to 50-year-olds enjoyed chatting about the displays. A huge thank you to Chris for allowing us to showcase his passion.

From the Star Wars collection, we decided our scarecrows would follow this theme and we had a wonderful trail all around the village and beyond. A big thank you to all who participated and to the winner Chewbacca.

Alison, our Chair, would like to say Thank You to all our dedicated volunteers who opened the doors of our Heritage Centre and entertained the guests. VisitScotland mentioned the lovely comments in our visitor's book about how friendly and knowledgeable our volunteers are.

**Facebook factoid - we have 1506 followers from all over the world.**

**Visitors this season reached over 820 plus 180 school children.**

Special visits recently were a group from Banff & Buchan entertained by folk singers, also an Enfield motorcycle group. If you would like a group visit, please contact us through Facebook, website or phone - 01651 851883 to arrange a suitable time.

Catherine has had a few school visits. Port Errol primary went the extra mile, arriving in very imaginative Victorian costumes. Janice was assisting that day and was reunited with a young boy she hadn't seen since he was born, (his Mum recognised Janice).

We attended the Outreach Volunteer Afternoon in October showcasing our variety of talents required to run the Heritage Centre and we are always on the lookout for new volunteers.

Winter Talks - January and February 2024, dates and speakers to be confirmed soon. Check FB and posters.

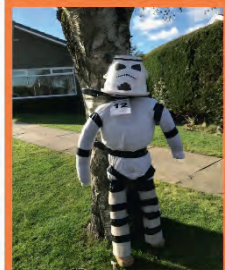
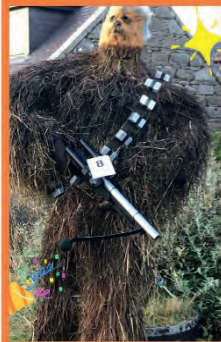
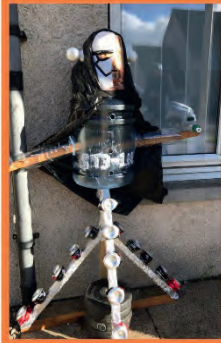
Our 2024 calendars are selling well but there are still some available at a cost of £10 each, again contact us through FB or a member of the Heritage will assist you.

Thank you to all who have visited and/or supported the Heritage Project over the year and wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## **100 Club draw – November 2023**

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**Formartine Youth Project** work alongside Barthol Chapel, Tarves, Methlick, Udny & Pitmedden churches to support young people in our communities: helping them to Be themselves, Believe in themselves and feel they Belong.

**The Cool Club** (Tarves School Lunch Club) continues to be popular on a Thursday lunch time: offering a dedicated time and informal space for the P7s to enjoy sociable activities, build relationships and discuss any issues that may be concerning them.

Our young people (P6 and over) from **Barthol Chapel Youth Club** meet on the last Friday of the month 7-9pm at Barthol Chapel Primary School for an evening of activities and games. We had a great time getting creative and making our 'Straw Trooper' for the Traves Scarecrow Heritage Trail and are busy drawing up designs to be part of the Gingerbread Village display at Christmas again this year.

Formartine Youth Project are looking forward to supporting the local schools with a walk-through nativity experience and assemblies on the run up to Christmas.

As a Thank-you treat to our dedicated team of young people who supported our **Summer holiday club** activities over the summer we enjoyed an afternoon at the Breakout games in Aberdeen. Congratulations to our one successful team who escaped with 8 seconds to spare!! (Thank-you to Lillian, Myles, Malvin, Maisy, Anika, Isabele, Kate and Aiden not pictured)



Following on from last year's success we will once again be hosting a **Gingerbread village display** in Tarves church. We invite everyone to get creative and get involved. Houses to measure a maximum of 12" in any direction. To reduce unnecessary food waste, we propose recreating traditional gingerbread style houses in brown cardboard, decorated as you please (templates available on request if required). Come and join us in Tarves church for our '**Gingerbread Village light switch**' on with carols and refreshments on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**.

Houses can also be dropped off at Tarves church on Tuesday mornings 10-11am, Thursday mornings 9.30-11am or Sunday



mornings 9.30 - 11.30am throughout December or by arrangement – please contact [carolinefyp@outlook.com](mailto:carolinefyp@outlook.com).

We are very grateful to **Udny Community Trust** for considering us as worthy recipients in their latest round of Grant applications: helping secure the future of Pitmedden Youth Café (Thursday afternoon 3.15 – 5.15 pm in Pitmedden Kirk) and supporting wider activities coordinated by Formartine Youth Project - THANKYOU.

For more information about any of our activities follow us on social media: Facebook **Formartine Youth Project**, Instagram: **formartineyouthproject** and twitter **@FormartineYP** for regular updates or email [carolinefyp@outlook.com](mailto:carolinefyp@outlook.com)

## Tarves Allotments

All the plot holders at Tarves allotments had a good summer, with plenty of fruit and veg on the go (along with plenty of weeds, as ever!). Now it's quietening down for the winter but we're looking forward to getting going again next spring, hopefully with some more bumper harvests.

Congratulations to George Simpson for winning the best-kept allotment prize at the flower show this year.

There's currently a short waiting list for plots, but if you want to know any more about the allotments, or be added to the list, please contact Tamsin Morris by email at [tamsin\\_morris@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tamsin_morris@yahoo.co.uk).

## Tarves Flower Show

Next year, the 74th Annual Flower Show will be held on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August in the Melvin Hall, please save the date and let us hope that the weather in 2024 will be kind and that all your flowers/vegetables will flourish in time to enter into the show!



I would like, on behalf of the flower show committee, to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in August at this community event.

**Sheila Ewen**, Chairperson

## Tarves Folk Club

Following a successful Open Mic night in September, the club continues to meet on the last Friday of the month in the Aberdeen Arms Hotel, 8.00 for an 8.30pm start until about 11.00pm. The session is informal and all musicians, singers and listeners are very welcome.

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## Every Day - Udny Community Shelf, 9.15am – afternoon

The shelf is now open every Day (subject to donations), located in the trailer in our car park.



## Every Monday (Term Time) 1pm-3pm - Baby and Toddler Stay & Play

All welcome, kids can play, grown ups can have a cuppa and a blether. All children to be accompanied by an adult.



## Every Tuesday - Weekly Health Walk, 10am

All welcome, gentle guided walk. Don't fancy the walk? Pop in about 10.45am for the cuppa, cake and blether.



## Every Tuesday (Term Time), 2pm-4:30pm - Open Doors

Kettle on, games out, pop in for a cuppa, cake and blether. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note Open Doors will not be running Tuesday 5th December, apologies for any inconvenience.



## Every Wednesday - Saturday - Café 48, 9:15am - 3pm

For Sit in and Take Away, fresh local food and home bakes. Christmas Lunch available - booking essential.



## Every Thursday - Waist Watchers, 9.15am - 9.45am

Set up by local mums a support group for those looking to lose weight or simply improve their health.



## Every Friday - Peterhead Fish Company Van, 2:30pm – 2:45pm

Stephen will be here with the Fish Van in our carpark weekly on a Friday.

## Good Companions Christmas Lunch - 5/12

We look forward to hosting and welcoming the Good Companions in for their Christmas Lunch.



## Breakfast With Santa - 9/12 & 16/12



Booking is essential, spaces will fill up quickly, keep an eye on Facebook for details.



## Alternative Christmas Card Workshop - Creature Christmas Cards - 11/12, 3.30-5.30pm

Want to make Christmas Cards with a difference! Join local artist Steve Murison, come along and have some fun making Creature Christmas Cards, keep an eye on facebook and website to book your place.



## Dream Catcher Workshop - TBC

Pop along and make your own dream catcher. Keep an eye on Facebook and Website for details.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS



On behalf of everyone here in The Medan Centre we wish you all a very Merry Christmas. It's been a furious, fun filled journey and we cannot wait to see where 2024 takes us!

Our office will shut on Friday 22nd December and reopen on Monday 8th January, all of our staff and volunteers deserve a well deserved rest!

Please note when we start back in January we will be taking the time to plan for the year ahead. Our regular groups including Baby and Toddlers and Open Doors will start up in February.

To keep up-to-date on everything happening within The Medan Centre, please see our Facebook page 'Udny Community Trust Company Ltd'. Any questions or queries regarding any of the projects or activities taking place within The Medan Centre please contact: Vikki Jannetta, Community Engagement Officer, Tel: 01651 843 776 E: [engagement@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:engagement@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk)





Our Brownies were delighted to plan and host their fundraising Macmillan coffee evening on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks to the incredible generosity and support of friends and family we smashed previous totals and raised an amazing **£305.20** for a very worthwhile cause.

We had great fun getting creative and making our 'Baby Yoda' as part of Tarves Heritage 'Star Wars themed' Scarecrow Trail. Well done to everyone who took part.

Thank-you so much to residents of Murray, Pringle and Braiklay Avenue and Stuart Crescent for supporting our Halloween trick or treat with a twist again this year. Instead of sweets Tarves Brownies and Guides joined together to collect pre-arranged donations for Aberdeenshire north foodbank. On a wild night and in difficult times we were delighted to collect a fantastic **180.9kg** of food. THANKYOU.



We were proud to attend Tarves Remembrance Day service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November to show our respect to those who have died in the wars and had great fun learning about how Guides helped worked as secret messengers for MI5. Did you know Guides not only passed on important classified information during World War 1, but also helped bring about peace through the Treaty of Versailles. The initial plan was to have Scouts work at the MI5 headquarters, but they were deemed too noisy 😊. That's when they asked 90 Guides to







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do the job! They were found to be quick, cheerful, and more than willing to step up. By 1916, the Guides had become so valuable to MI5 that they were given their own company within the organisation!

We are looking forward to finishing the term with Christmas crafts and games. Making gingerbread houses for the church display and a much-anticipated trip to Inverurie pantomime with Brownie, Guides and Rangers from Haddo District to see Rapunzel.

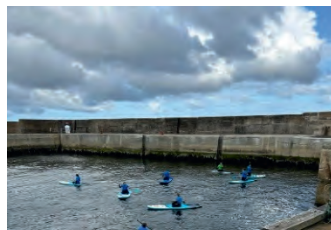
1st Tarves Brownies (for girls aged 7-10) meet on a Wednesday evening 6.15-7.30pm at Tarves Primary School. Please email [tarvesbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:tarvesbrownies@gmail.com) for further information or check out <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>



Tarves Guides had a fabulous weekend at Cullen in September. We went paddleboarding, played on the beach, ate fish and chips and enjoyed ice creams. Camps are such a great way to develop skills as well as strength friendships.

This autumn term we have been on hikes, had a beach party, cooked over fires as well as playing games. We are looking forward to a panto trip in December. We are grateful to the Aberdeen Arms for having us on Wednesday evenings while the Youth Hall is being renovated.

Tarves Guides meet on Wednesdays from 6.30 till 8.30pm. If your daughter would like to join us, or you would like to join the adult team, please email Kate and Sandie at [tarvesguides@gmail.com](mailto:tarvesguides@gmail.com) or visit the [girlguiding](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk) website and click the 'register you daughter to join Guides' link ([Guides \(10-14\)](#) | [Girlguiding](#)).



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Here's a flavour of what the Scout group has been up to from before and after Summer... Our Squirrel section (aged 4 – 6 yo) have been having lots of fun and adventure recently. Highlights include outdoor den building, designing and building houses out of Lego – some fabulous designs and builds were done, some incorporating swimming pools, trees, helipads, rocket launchers and even custard machines! Squirrels will be making the most of the nice weather to go out on hikes also. Finally, we have had a few of our now older Squirrels achieve their "Silver Acorn Award" – the highest award in the Squirrel section. This will stand them in good stead when they transition on their Scouting journey to the Beavers section. The Halloween dress up night was good fun!

Beavers section (aged 6 – 8 yo) have also been busy with a visit to Ellon Fire Station to learn about what goes on there and how to be safe. They have been doing some gardening behind our Hut, earning the first stage of their Navigator badges and going for a cycling visit around Haddo. They also planned to go for a hike up the Prop of Ythsie before the Summer break. Beavers work towards their Chief Scout's Bronze Award before moving up to the Cubs section.

Cubs section (aged 8 – 10.5 yo) had another successful weekend camp at Haddo in May. Thankfully the sun shined on them all weekend. Lots of tired (but happy!) faces when it was time to go home. Cubs have also been out and about in the good weather, with a visit and lesson at Peterhead Sailing Club. The Cubs were kitted out with wetsuits and buoyancy aids and learned how to sail a small boat in the bay and how to handle a capsized properly. They also had a sports night in the MUGA and a Coronation tea party to celebrate the crowning of our new King. Cubs work towards their Chief Scout's Silver Award before the move to Scouts.

Our Scouts section (aged 10.5 – 14 yo) held their annual week-long camp at Aden country park at the end of July. This is a great experience for the Scouts as they have more time to experience how a Scout camp operates and how to perform different tasks that need to be done while still having fun and learning skills for life. You may have seen the Scouts out and about doing a litter pick in the village for part of their badgework and they have also made good use of the lighter evenings with activities around the Haddo country park. Scouts work towards their Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Our oldest section, Explorers (aged 14 – 18 yrs) have had a packed programme also with tree planting, "lambing live" – a visit to a local farm to see lambs being born, hikes and activities around the Haddo country park and site visits to Peterhead Lifeboat Station and the new Aberdeen Harbour. The Explorers work towards their Chief Scout's Platinum Award and we are pleased to say that we recently had 2 such badges awarded to our Explorers by Lady Aberdeen with several other Explorers close to completing theirs.

After leaving the Explorers section, Scouts can still work towards their Queen's/King's Scout Award – the highest achievement available in Scouting. Presentation of this award includes

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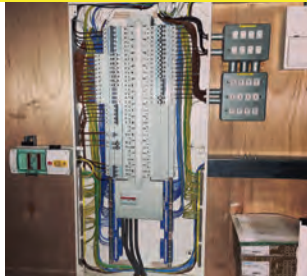


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an invitation to accept it in person at Windsor castle along with all the other recipients from the UK. Only Scouts and the military are allowed to parade at Windsor, so it is an even more special occasion. We are very happy to report that we had representation from Methlick at Windsor with awards being received.

We were well represented at the Methlick war memorial for Remembrance Sunday on what was a cold yet sunny day. After the ceremony, a few of us returned to Tarves to lay another wreath.

All of the above cannot be achieved without the skill and dedication of our volunteer leaders. We are very much in need of new/additional leaders for all sections listed above. If you are interested in helping please get in touch by emailing [methlickscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:methlickscoutgroup@gmail.com) or visiting [www.methlickscouts.org.uk/join-us](http://www.methlickscouts.org.uk/join-us)

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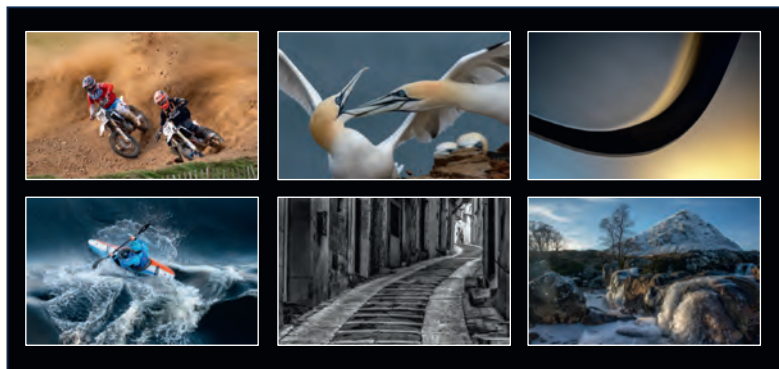
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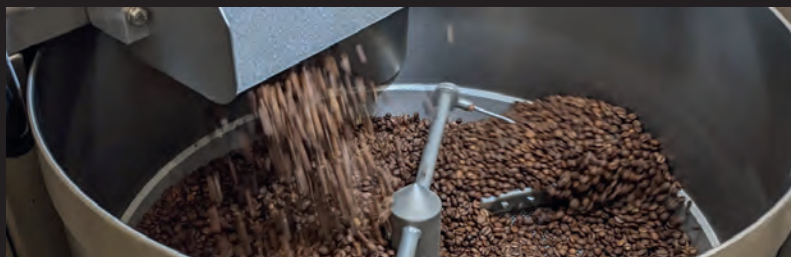
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