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#### **HOW TO CONTACT US**

If you have a group or event coming up and want this added into the next newsletter email

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At the time of print all facts were correct as far as we could verify.

#### INTRODUCING THE NEWSLETTER

The aim of this newsletter is to promote what is going on in the Bennachie Community Council area and also inform people within the area what's happening.

# The Bennachie Community Area covers Insch Chapel of Garioch Culsalmond Leslie Oyne Premnay Meikle Wartle Rayne Durno Pitcaple Duncanstone

We would like to say a massive thank you to the Glens of Foudland Community Windfarm Trust for the grant they gave us. This grant has enabled us to continue bringing our newsletter to you. Thank you very much.

#### YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

Have you ever thought about volunteering? The majority of the groups mentioned in the newsletter are run by volunteers and are always looking for people to join them. As there are more and more cut backs on budgets it is going to be up to people within communities to work together to get things done. Volunteering and helping our community is rewarding. See the newsletter for groups who are looking for people to help out. Why don't you give it a go?



#### WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

OCTOBER	What	Where
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 10am – 4pm	Art and Craft Fair	The Bennachie Visitor Centre,
		Pitcaple, Inverurie, AB51 5HY
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October Food from 4pm	Pop up pub with The Big Orange	Old Rayne Village Hall, Old Rayne
in hall car park.	Street Food Van	
6pm – 11.30pm for pub		
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 10am	Table Top Sale	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Insch
Starts Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October Email	Harvest Scarecrow Trail	Durno, Pitcaple, Whiteford + Logie
<u>logiedurnopc@gmail.com</u> for details		area
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 6.30 for 7pm	Family Quiz	Insch Church Hall, Western Road,
Ab -		Insch
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Bingo starts	Insch Golf Club, Golf Terrace, Insch
12th October 10.30 to 4pm	Free entry to Grampian Gathering	Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen
Grampian Gathering Tickets, Sat 12	Aimed at over 50's looking at	
Oct 2024 at 10:30   Eventbrite	retiring well.	Luceb Calf Club Calf Tagge as Joseph
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Quiz night	Insch Golf Club, Golf Terrace, Insch
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> - starts 10am daily	Quiet Wizarding School	Leith Hall, Kennethmont, AB54 4NQ
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wizarding School	Loith Hall Konnothment AREA ANO
Saturday 26 - Sunday 27 -	Wizarding School	Leith Hall, Kennethmont, AB54 4NQ
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bennachie Visitor Centre closes	The Bennachie Visitor Centre,
		Pitcaple,
NOVEMBER	What	Where
Saturday 2nd November 10 –	Craft, Makers and Artists Fair	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Insch
3.30pm		
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sports Lunch	Insch Golf Club, Golf Terrace, Insch
4th to 10th November	Aberdeenshire Restaurant week	Aberdeenshire Restaurant Week - 4-
		<u>10 November, 2024</u>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Insch Christmas Shopping night	Insch
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 18.30	Garlands and Stars Workshop	Leith Hall, Kennethmont, AB54 4NQ
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Pop up pub.	Chapel of Garioch Village Hall, Chapel
The Bay Fish and Chip van will be	Pub will run from 7 to 11pm.	of Garioch,
serving food from 5 onwards.	CL A sides as CVIII dle	Decree Attleton Hall Decree
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrews Cèilidh	Premnay Village Hall, Premnay
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 9.30am	Wreath Making Workshop	Leith Hall, Kennethmont, AB54 4NQ
DECEMBER	What	Where
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Festives Teas	Insch Golf Club, Golf Terrace, Insch
Weekends starting 7 <sup>th</sup> + 8 <sup>th</sup>	Santa's Bothy	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Insch
31st December	Hogmanay at Chapel of Garioch	Chapel of Garioch Hall
31 <sup>st</sup> December	Hogmanay at Insch Golf Club	Insch Golf Club, Golf Terrace, Insch

#### **NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY**



The Bennachie Community Council (BCC) is a group of elected local volunteers who liaise with Aberdeenshire Council and other groups to represent the views of the area. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month and our next meeting is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October. We are still looking for new members especially from the Meikle Wartle, Durno, Pitcaple, Insch and Premnay area. If you want to help your community, please let us know at <a href="mailto:bennachieCC@outlook.com">bennachieCC@outlook.com</a>

So who are we: - Chairperson: Andy Miller (Oyne), Vice Chair: Kevin Shand (Culsalmond and Colpy), Treasurer: Wally Rhodes (Leslie), Secretary: Lynda Bain (Chapel of Garioch) Alan Simpson (Leslie), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Mark Worsley and Duncan Thow (Chapel of Garioch, Durno and Pitcaple), Gill Walker and Diana Muriel (Rayne and Meikle Wartle), David Wylie (Premnay) Janette Taylor and Gordon Hood (Insch)

We are supported by our 3 Councillors: - Moray Grant, Sam Payne and Hazel Smith.

If you want to contact us our email is bennachiecc@outlook.com or see our Facebook page

The four main topics we are looking at just now are

- Insch Hospital and health care within our area.
   On May 9<sup>th</sup> the BCC hosted a meeting with Interested parties to talk about the health care in the BCC area as a result of the closure or Insch hospital.
- 2. Resilience Planning. Work is ongoing at looking at village hall resilience.
- 3. Community Action Plans and Local Place plans.
- 4. Developments within the area i.e. Coreen Windfarm.

# Local Development Plans and Community Action Plans

We now have set up a meeting with stakeholders to discuss actions coming out of the community action plan. This will happen in early November and we will put more information on Facebook about this. We have been working behind the scenes with some groups to try and get some of the points actioned. Grants have been applied for and thanks to the Friends of Insch Hospital and Community we will have some Christmas lights in Insch. We are applying for a grant to create a local development plan and will be consulting with you soon on that.

#### Correen Hills Windfarm

This project is moving ahead and as we are here to voice the views of the community, we need to know how you feel about this project. To get your views we have decided to carry out a short survey. This will be carried out by an independent third party.

Can you please fill in the survey when it goes live on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. A link to the survey is here <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaSHWindfarmCC">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaSHWindfarmCC</a>

Please look at the websites to find out more information about the proposals.

- Home Force 9 Energy Correen Hills (correenhillswindfarm.co.uk)
- 2. <u>CaShWIG Home</u> (Correen and Suie Hills Windfarm Information Group Cashwig.org)





## Bennachie Leisure Centre

As many of you will

know, there's been quite a lot of change at Bennachie Leisure Centre recently. This has meant the charity has had to look for new leadership and new team members and so, in August, the board appointed, me, Fiona Heinonen as the charity's new CEO.

I was previously the CEO of another local charity, Kayleigh's Wee Stars, based in Oldmeldrum, a charity supporting families caring for a terminally ill child and founded by parents who had experienced the loss of their 2-year-old daughter Kayleigh to a brain tumour. My job there was to help the charity stabilise post COVID as the pandemic had impacted its funds significantly and it was at risk of closure. The task was to find ways to help them generate their own income to compliment funds from donations and grants,

making them more sustainable and less vulnerable to extreme events in the future. I enjoyed three happy years there and left the charity in a healthier situation and I was delighted to be able to pass on the leadership to the safe hands of one of its founders, Kayleigh's mummy, Anna, knowing they can continue their vital work supporting families facing hardship whilst caring for a terminally ill child.

But I'm delighted to now be part of the team here at BLC – and I'm not the only new face - we have a new chef for the café and some wonderful new community assistants. The team is already working hard to ensure the long-term future of BLC. This may mean more small changes as we progress, with the aim of reducing our running costs and increasing our ability to generate our own funds - to become more self-sustaining, efficient and stable.

In the short term, we cannot do this without the support of our local communities around Bennachie. We are extremely grateful for all that you do for our charity, but we need your support more than ever now. Times are tough for the charitable sector everywhere and Bennachie Leisure Centre is no different, feeling the impact of higher costs, fewer pots of funding and increased competition. But we can overcome these challenges and in the longer term, thrive and continue to serve our communities with our health and wellbeing services, community café, charity shop and community and social activities.

So, currently we need to focus on fundraising to help us meet our short term, immediate financial commitments to allow us to plan for the longer-term future. Our aim is to raise £25,000 in honour of our 25th year of operation in 2025. Anything you can do to help would be amazing and so much appreciated.

For example, we have lots of events coming up and we'd love to have as many of you attend as possible as well as spread the word to friends and family. All the details are on our Facebook page or available at BLC itself. We've also got our gym and fitness classes memberships which help us to generate our own income — and the gym is newly refurbished with new equipment arriving soon too. If we had just 50 new monthly members, we would be well on the way to ensuring the longer-term future of the centre. Or, you could simply visit the community café and sample some of the new and old items on the menu. The café also now stocks Stonyfield Free Range Eggs from

Drumblade, Fernlea Honey from Kennethmont and Bennachie Coffee from Banchory.

And lastly, pop along to our charity shop, have a browse and buy some of the clothes, toys or household items available. Our aim is to offer our stock at affordable prices for all and in particular for those living on lower incomes and to divert items from landfill and promote the repurposing of pre-loved goods. Our volunteers work so hard in the shop, sorting all the donations and keeping the shop going and I know they'd value your support too.

I know the Bennachie communities have done much over the years to support BLC, but we would be very grateful for your support again in the short term to help us become more self-sustaining and stable going forward so that we may not have to do campaigns like this in the future.

Please be reassured that we're working hard on making applications to other sources of funding too, but anything that you, our community can do to help would make a crucial difference to our future and would be very, very much appreciated. Our small team works incredibly hard to keep the doors open and we want to do all we can to serve you and offer you the facilities you'd like to see here.

Please do come along to meet me and the team and we'll be more than happy to chat and answer any questions you might have. It would be great to get to know as many of you as we can. And lastly, thank you for all your support from all of us at Bennachie Leisure Centre Charity

#### . Upcoming events:

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, Table Top De-Clutter sale. Book by emailing info@blcinsch.co.uk or calling 01464 821248

October holiday programme at Bennachie Leisure Centre Charity – 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October, programme will available be on our website www.blcinsch.scot Facebook page and at the centre, Largie Road, Insch. Includes yoga, Dinky Docs, Techfest, Active Schools, Family Wellbeing with Gillian Watt and much more. Book places by emailing info@blcinsch.co.uk or calling 01464 821248.

2<sup>nd</sup> November, Craft, Makers and Artists Fair. Book your stand by emailing <a href="mailto:info@blcinsch.co.uk">info@blcinsch.co.uk</a> or calling 01464 821248 or visit on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.00am to 3.30pm.





It's that time of year to cut the Meadows and lift the cuttings from the wildflowers. This

happens every year and has done since 2009. Even though this is a wildflower meadow with native wildflowers found in our area it still needs to be managed like any garden/field. The reason we cut it is to ensure that the flowers don't die back and enrich the soil with organic matter which is detrimental to the wildflowers which tend to thrive in impoverished soils. It also helps reduce some of the plants taking over. This is how any wildflower meadow is managed and is essential for the continuation of the Meadow.

We cut the Meadow just now as most of the plants will have flowered and their seeds will have been dispersed. If we wait until October the weather changes and as this is a natural flood plain area the soil gets too wet and the machinery used to cut the Meadow churns up the soil causing damage. The area around the pond and surrounding the Meadow is left uncut for insects/frogs/toads to overwinter.

We are also cutting back the Willow trees next to the path which were hanging over it. These will be coppiced which means that you will see a big change in the trees as they are cut back. This will keep the willows back from the path and allow clear access for folks with buggies etc. The brush from the coppiced willow is going to be left in small habitat piles within the woodland and will rot down over time. Willow coppices really well and it will quicky re-grow from the cut sections. We waited to do this now rather than through the summer as the birds will have finished nesting. The other trees in The Meadows are not being cut back which will leave cover for birds during the winter.

We would be grateful if you could please use other paths while the work is going on.



Bennachie in a different light

The Bennachie Centre Trust are delighted to have on sale a special charity calendar for 2025. Titled "In a different light" the calendar is a unique collaborative

art project involving ten local artists and the nearby Chapel of Garioch Primary School. It showcases a year of the



Bennachie landscape through the eyes of different artists: using a variety of mediums and artistic perspectives. From painting to pottery, poetry, textiles and photography each month is special.

Nicola Cameron-McDonald, Head Teacher, Chapel of Garioch School said "At Chapel of Garioch School, we have a great connection with Bennachie. We regularly visit for outdoor learning with Alison the Ranger and the children often contribute to festivals and displays at the centre with their writing and art work. When Jan told us about the plan for a calendar, we were delighted to be able to be part of it all. The children used chalk pastels to create pictures of the landscape at Bennachie in Autumn and their finished work was judged by staff and although it was really tricky to pick out a winner,

they finally settled on a piece by one of our Primary 4 pupils, Lewis Murray. His piece "Colourful Skies" can be found on November. We are really delighted to see the finished



calendar and we are proud to have been part of that process."

The calendar has been produced to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Bennachie Visitor Centre in 2025. Every purchase supports our local artists and the Bennachie Centre Trust (SCIO25431) – the registered charity responsible for the management, maintenance, and development of the Bennachie Visitor Centre.

The calendar is available from the Bennachie Visitor Centre Gift Shop, Orbs Bookshop in Huntly and The Studio in Insch.

For further information

Email: bennachie.warden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/bennachievisitorcentre

Visit the website <u>www.bennachievisitorcentre.org.uk</u> Tel 01467 681470



Art and Craft
Fair on
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>
October
10am to 4pm

Come along and support your local artists and

makers at our autumn / early Christmas craft day.

If you're looking for something fabulous and inspired by Bennachie, nature or our local landscape, then this is the Craft Fair for you.

#### **End of season**

The Bennachie Visitor Centre closes for the winter on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Until we're back in the spring please contact

Forestry and Land Scotland for any issues relating to the hill, trails or car parks

https://forestryandland.gov.scot/visit/bennachievisitor-centre

Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service
<a href="https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/ranger-service/">https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/ranger-service/</a>

For anything relating to the Bennachie Visitor Centre email bennachie.warden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk



September saw the second edition of the club's Audax. Many thanks to Stuart and Ingrid for their sterling work in running the Audax Control and to all those who helped in the planning and

organisation to make this another successful event. For those interested, 2 events had the following stats:

100km Entries 47; DNS 15; DNF 0; Note 48% of the field was female

200km Entries 30; DNS 14; DNF 2 Completed 14

Congratulations must go to Sue O'Brien who completed her 1<sup>st</sup> 200km ride though her method was to ride the 100km audax twice! Come on Sue enter the 200 next time! Seriously though well done for smashing your distance record

September also saw the Alps Trip planned by Jayne hopefully everyone behaved but as we know what goes on tour.....



September also brought the end of this season's beginners rides on Thursday nights, these will re-start next spring.

#### **Upcoming Events**

22 October – AGM 1900-2100 – Bennachie Leisure Centre

24-27 October - Away Weekend to Torridon

29 November - Annual Xmas Party, this year at Insch Golf Club

19 January 2025 1300-1400 – Track session at the Chris Hoy Velodrome Glasgow

6 September 2025 – Provisional date for the 2025 club audax



#### Other News/Non-Club Events for your diary

A listing of up-to-date events is available on the club calendar on the website

5 October <u>Kayleigh's Wee Stars Cycle Challenge</u> 3 routes from Newmachar – registration from 0800 for 0900 start

5 Oct from Newport on Tay the Moulin Muirs <u>Edradour</u> <u>Edition</u> 200km Audax

9 November Moray Poppy Ride from Elgin

#### **Routine Rides see Website for more details**

**Sunday** – Departing from BLC at 0745/0800. Will be moving to 0845/0900 at the end of October / Early November check WhatsApp posts for latest

The Returners Sunday – Departing BLC at 0900

Tuesday - Departing BLC at 1900

Wednesday - Departing BLC at 1930

Thursday - Rides will re-start in the spring of 2025

# A Sunny Success: Vintage Vehicle Rally



We are thrilled to announce that our Vintage Vehicle Rally was a huge success! It proved to be a fantastic day out for all ages, with classic cars, great company, and



even a little sunshine to brighten the event. Thanks to the amazing turnout and generous support from the community, we raised just over £2,000, which will go towards important local initiatives.



We couldn't have done it without you!

#### **Christmas Lights Coming to Insch**

Earlier this year, we agreed to use some of the funds raised from our successful Strawberry Fair to bring new Christmas lights to the village. After consulting with experts, we have applied to the council for consent to install festive lights around the square, and, with the support of Insch Medical Practice, plan to light up the hospital and health centre grounds.

We are excited to help make this year's holiday season even more magical for everyone in Insch. Keep an eye out for updates as we await approval and plan for this festive project.

#### **Cycling Without Age Trishaw Demonstration**



Last week, we had the pleasure of hosting demonstration of "Cycling the Without Age" trishaw at the Bennachie Leisure Centre. This incredible initiative aims to provide elderly and less mobile

members of our community the chance to enjoy the outdoors on specially designed trishaws, pedalled by trained volunteers, known as "pilots". We are enthusiastic about the possibility of launching this scheme in Insch and believe it will bring joy and connection to many.

\*\*We are now calling on anyone interested in getting involved to help make this happen.

Whether you're keen to train as a trishaw pilot, assist with organising, or offer storage space for a trishaw, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch if you'd like to be part of this exciting new chapter for our community.\*\*

# Moving Forward: Community Engagement and CAT Exploration

Those who attended our public meeting in May will know that we distributed a survey to determine the way forward for us, as a group. This survey was shared both online and throughout the community during May and June. While we received a reasonable response—76 forms returned—it didn't provide us with a strong enough mandate to make a firm decision. See the results on the opposite side of the page.

Following this, we made the decision to form a group with those who expressed interest in exploring a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for Insch Hospital. The

#### **INSCH HOSPITAL SURVEY REPORT - 2024** Which of the 4 options given were your first choice? Options by Preference Option D Option A 26.3% 11 3 Option A - Fight on 20 16 Option B - New 13 21 consultation Option C - Focus on q 28 8 13 Community Services Option B Option D - CAT 12 16 19 Option C 36.8% Should a CAT group be 30 formed? 25 No: 20 Don't 19 Overall Scoring

group has now met, and although potential services and a layout plan was discussed for the existing building, it was agreed that, initially, we would write to the Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) and local councillors to update them on the consultation efforts made by the Friends since the interested parties meeting on 9 May 2024. At the IJB meeting on 1 June 2022, it was recommended that further development and consultation on health and social care services in the community be carried out by AHSCP. Sadly, two years later, it's clear no progress has been made by the Partnership on this front.

Option C

Option D

Option B

The Friends, however, have taken action. We held a public meeting on 18 May 2024, distributed feedback forms about service provision in Insch, and collected further input during the Strawberry Fair. We believe these efforts should be considered as part of a broader consultation on the community's needs.

We are eager to meet with the Partnership to discuss how we can work together to address the needs identified through our consultations this year. While the group acknowledged that it's too early to draft a formal report on which services could be provided in Phase 1 of the current building, we are keen to explore the possibilities. Concern was raised about pursuing a CAT, given the level of commitment and resources it would require, and we are keen to collaborate with the Partnership to explore all options moving forward.

#### **Maud Resource Centre**

In the meantime, on Friday 13th September, we were invited to the Maud Resource Centre for a presentation by the Manager on their facility, what it offers and how it is funded. This proved an interesting visit, particularly regarding the staffing and how this is funded. This is another item we would like to discuss further with NHS Grampian and AHSCP executives. A meeting has been requested.



Henrietta's Tearoom is staying open at weekends over

Winter, in response to the demand shown this season. It will be open Saturday and Sunday, 10:30am – 3:30pm, apart from the 30<sup>th</sup> of November for the wreath making workshop. This is the first time we have tried this so continued opening will depend on usage... The plan is to be open until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2024 and open again the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2025, but please check the website for up-to-date opening times. Winter entry to the tearoom is via the courtyard.

https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/leith-hall

The Hall will reopen for guided tours in April.

#### October Opening Times

#### Hall & Tearoom

Friday – Sunday, 10:30am – 3:30pm

#### **Walled Garden**

Daily, 10am – 4pm



#### November / December Opening Times

Tearoom (Hall is closed enter Tearoom via courtyard)
Saturday & Sunday, 10:30am – 3:30pm

#### **Walled Garden**

Daily, 10am - 4pm

**Events** October 25<sup>th</sup> – Quiet Session Wizarding School

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Wizarding School November

29<sup>th</sup> – Garland & Stars Workshop 30<sup>th</sup> - Wreath Making Workshop



For more details and to book please visit the Eventbrite page. <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/leith-hall-garden-amp-estate-33806233645">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/leith-hall-garden-amp-estate-33806233645</a>

#### **Premnay Hall**

The hall is used by a variety of groups and has a Facebook page where you can see what we are up to premnay hall and community association - search results | Facebook. We have a coffee morning/tuck shop held every Monday in the hall between 9.30am to 11am. Every second Wednesday of the month the Premnay SWI meet there 7.30 to 9.30pm. Contact Anna on 07807 147096 for details. Will also have Akido which takes place between 7-9pm. Contact Paul 07985 341475 for details.

We are also holding a St Andrews Cèilidh on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. See our Facebook page for more details. If you want to book the hall email Premnayhall@outlook.com



# **Existing Member Update request**

Have you not heard from us in a while? With the best will in the world, when someone moves house, changes their name or their email address it is difficult to update all the places this information is held. You may have forgotten to tell us.

**Existing members** use the QR code or this link www.bailiesofbennachie.co.uk/news and if you can,

please help us reach those who may not have seen our posts on Facebook and our website news, thank you. If you need help with this, please email info@bailiesofbennachie.co.uk



Check out our website for recent and upcoming activities <u>Bailies of Bennachie - Voluntary Conservation</u>
<u>Society</u>

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Our 2025 Bailies of Bennachie Calendar will be available from early October in local retailers as usual and of course from us



online www.bailiesofbennachie.co.uk/shop

As of 17th September, work by RTS Forestry has begun on part of the forest at Bennachie covering East Bennachie, Bedehouse and Rowantree paths. The paths from and to ROWANTREE Car Park are CLOSED.



For your safety, please observe the notices in relation to this necessary work. RTS have provided a QR code to this very informative link which has an overview of work, maps, planning details and contact

information

https://spangle-trollius-7d9.notion.site/East-Bennachie...

# Aberdeenshire Lord Lieutenancy Update



The Lieutenancy team continue to have the honour and pleasure of participating in a number of memorable events and celebrations across Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy. Over the Summer I have had the privilege of attending many Highland Games and local shows, including Turriff Show. I have also visited many interesting and inspiring venue, these have include the Alford Transport Museum.

One of the Lieutenancy's roles continues to be to ensure that messages of congratulations are delivered from Their Majesties, The King and Queen to those celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> or 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries and 100<sup>th</sup> and 105<sup>th</sup> Birthdays. Myself or one of my Deputies are also delighted to visit on the day of such special milestones and present a card and our personal congratulations. Information on how to arrange for a visit can be found on our website.

#### **Citizenship Ceremony**

I was delighted to attend the recent Citizenship Ceremony in Woodhill House, Aberdeen where I joined Provost Judy Whyte and Aberdeenshire Registrars Julie Barnes and Anna Reid. It was a very special occasion welcoming seven new citizens from five different

countries. They each gave either an Affirmation or Oath and a Pledge to be faithful subjects to the Sovereign and to be true and loyal citizens of the United Kingdom.



#### All abilities Boardwalk, Newburgh Beach

Vice Lord-Lieutenant Joanna, Lady Aberdeen was a guest of the Newburgh and Ythan Community Trust for the opening of the new all abilities boardwalk at Newburgh Beach. She joined Isobel Davidson (Chair), Ron Macdonald (Secretary), trustees Glen Douglas and Gail Henderson, as well as a great number of others involved in the Newburgh Seal Viewing Experience Project. Dawn Taylor, a local resident and wheelchair user cut the ribbon and led the way to the low-level viewpoint. For the first time in 19 years, she was able to look out over the estuary to Forvie's northern shore where the amazing colony of grey seals is located. The boardwalk extends to the newly enlarged high viewing point where, as well as the seal interpretive board, a

new board containing a James McBey print of the local landscape is located. This terrific project has been supported by Aberdeenshire Visit Council. Scotland, Visit Aberdeenshire. the UK and Scottish



Governments, NatureScot and the Barratt Foundation.

#### **Honours and Awards**

The Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy is keen to know of any individual or voluntary organisation who have made an exceptional contribution for the wider benefit of others in their community and assist in giving full consideration for appropriate recognition. Please contact us at the email address below, in confidence, should you have any suggestions. Please do look at our web site for further information:

www.lord-lieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk or contact us on info@lordlieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk

#### King's Award for Enterprise

I recently had the great pleasure of presenting The King's Award for Enterprise in International Trade to both Deep Casing Tools of Westhill and Maritime Developments, who originate from Peterhead. Deep Casing Tools have shown outstanding sales growth in recent years due to their focus on innovation and listening to their customer's needs. Maritime Developments' award reflects the "Outstanding Short-Term Growth" in overseas sales over three years. Many congratulations to both innovative and progressive companies who are showcasing the best of Aberdeenshire enterprise.

You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram – 'Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire'. Very best wishes to you all Sandy Manson, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire



While our summer golfing season is nearing an end we still play during the winter months, weather permitting. We have a popular winter league that always ends up with a very good celebration day!

We are very proud of the achievements of our golfing members, who have done very well with James Flett taking the title of Club Champion and Alison Stewart our Ladies Champion for the 27th time. Yes you read that right, 27 times! We were also delighted to have four of our members get through to the Champion of Champions event. This has never ever been achieved by a club in the District. This was huge for our club. With three of the four winning! Andy Burt, Diane McIntosh-Graham and Aileen Noble. Our past Champion Kevin Stuart fought a very hard game up the 1st again to just lose out at the last minute. Our Gents also worked hard after a slow start to get through to the finals of the Gordon District. So a very successful golf year.

As the golf course becomes quieter the golf club begins a busy winter programme.

Bingo starts again on Friday 11 th October, this is for members only and costs £9 for all your books.

Associate membership is only £25 for the year and allows you to sign in up to five guests and enjoy great food and discounts at the bar.

We have a quiz night on the 18 th October, this is open to members and their guests. £12 per team of four. Bookings have already started for dinner before hand. We have a Sports Lunch on Sunday 3rd November hosted by Ian Thain and afterdinner speech by Eric Davidson. Tickets are £45 per person with only a couple of tables left.

This year we are hosting Festive Afternoon Teas on 7th and 8th December. These are open to the public, not just our members and promise to be fun. With excellent Festive Food, Xmas Music and a glass of Prosecco. We even have a mini menu for your wee eleves. Only £25, £10 or £7 per head, depending if you're the Clauses age or the elves.

Email the club for more information administrator@inschgolfclub.co.uk.

We are also hosting Hogmanay, another event open to all in the community. Music with Julian, rounding off the evening with the pipes at midnight.

Dinner bookings have already started for this. We have a maximum capacity, dinner bookings will take precedence over folk just wanting to come for the music. Dinners available from 5pm to 9pm.



## STARTERS

Spiced Parsnip & Honey Soup gf
Served with brown or white bloomer bread & butter

Smoked Salmon & Prawn Marie Rose Parcels gf  $_{\text{Served with side salad}}$ 

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Chef's Homemade Chicken Liver Pate } gf \\ \textbf{Served with side salad, caramalised red onion chutney } \textit{\& oatcakes} \end{array}$ 

Crispy Breaded Brie Wedges v
Served with side salad & cranberry sauce

## MAIN COURSE

Traditional Roast Turkey gf
Served with all the trimmings

Roast Vegetable & Brie Wellington gf & v Served with boiled potatoes & seasonal vegetables

#### Pan Roasted Salmon gf

In a tarragon & white wine cream sauce Served with boiled potatoes & seasonal vegetables

Traditional Roast Beef gf
Served with all the trimmings

## DESSERTS

Traditional Christmas Pudding gf

Served with brandy sauce

#### Clubhouse Cheese Board gf

Cheddar, Brie & Stilton Served with grapes, chutney & oatcakes

Raspberry & White Chocolate Roulade gf

Salted Caramel & Chocolate Torte

Served with chantelle cream

Our Xmas menu is now available to book for December. 2 courses £26, 3 courses £30. If you have any queries on any event please call the office which is open every morning Monday to Friday on 01464 820363.

#### **Autumn Greetings from The Studio!**

What a fast flying year this is turning out to be. Blink and it will be Christmas... (more on that later!)

We have had a lovely few Summer months at the studio. Becky was busy taking inspiration from bees and flowers for her 'Blooming lovely' mugs and planners. Whilst Hayley's floral tweed cushions and flower stands proved very popular.

We celebrated with an 'End of Summer Shopping Event' where we welcomed 5 local makers to display their work in the studio, each offering something very different from ourselves. This was very well supported by the community and it was great to show off more local talent.

It was great to take part in NEOS (North East Open Studios) for the first time this year. We were delighted to have a real mix of local visitors and those from much further afield. We tried to find out where everyone had travelled from and think our furthest customer was a lovely couple who come up for NEOS every year all the way from Hull! Wow!

We're looking forward to changing our bright summery window display to something more mellow as we head into Autumn and are thinking some of the village's little red furry friends may have to feature!

Currently in the studio we're giving a nod to Halloween with wee ghostie hangers, tweed pumpkins, pumpkin cushions and an extra special family tree for all you magic lovers.

Last year's Christmas evening shopping event was so successful, it was wonderful to see so many people shopping local and enjoying themselves. This year we aim to do the same and the date for your diaries is November 14th. But don't worry if you can't make that, we'll be open every Saturday on the run up to Christmas with lots of great gift ideas.

Once again, we thank you so much for your ongoing support. Every purchase, big or small means the world to us. Much love, Becky and Hayley.



#### CHAPEL OF GARIOCH VILLAGE HALL

Chapel of Garioch Village Hall has been successful in its bid to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Vattenfall to install wall insulation and solar panels. The bid also includes 2 batteries to store the energy generated by the solar panels. The hall was built in the 1930s and is therefore dated and not energy efficient. This renovation will help the hall on its journey to becoming net zero. The hall is at the centre of a scattered rural community and is well used by a variety of local groups and for events such as plant sales, coffee mornings and parties.

The work will include installation of a generator funded by SSEN as the hall will be a resilience hub for the community.

The work will take place in September and early October which means that the Pop Up Pub date will be moved from the 4 October to 29 November. The Bay Fish and Chip van will be open on the 29th November from 5pm onwards and the pub will run from 7 till 11pm.

The hall will also be the venue for a Hogmanay Ceilidh with the band Iron Broo this year. Tickets have been in great demand and the event is already sold out.

#### RESILENCE - ARE YOU PREPARED?

#### **Personal Resilence**

When severe weather or a local crisis occurs, we can rely on the emergency services and their partners to do everything they can to support our communities. But how can we make sure that we're ready to react should we be affected by severe weather, or a household emergency where we need to act quickly? This is what we call 'personal resilience' and thankfully there's a wide range of advice and information that can help you ensure you are ready to deal with unforeseen challenges.

One of the simplest ways to check your personal resilience is by downloading the 30 days in 30 ways checklist <a href="https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/.../be-more-resilient-in...">https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/.../be-more-resilient-in...</a> From knowing where your stopcock is to having a torch to hand in case of power loss, the checklist can be followed day by day or at any time during the year.

If you want to explore your preparedness a bit further, you can download an emergency household plan template

https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/.../emergency-household... where you can keep a note of important contacts, how to turn your power, gas, and water on and off, and the steps you would take if you need to leave home in an hurry.

You'll always find the latest guidance for individuals, communities and businesses on the Ready Aberdeenshire webpages

https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/.../ready-aberdeenshire/ The site contains clear information around how to plan for an emergency, along with contact details for a range of organisations should an emergency occur.

At a Scotland-wide level, Ready Scotland <a href="https://ready.scot/">https://ready.scot/</a> opens in a new tab hosts a range of advice around emergencies in Scotland. The website provides guidance around how to prepare for an emergency, how to respond during an emergency, and how to get involved in helping your community become more resilient.

And for a national perspective, the UK Government's Prepare website <a href="https://prepare.campaign.gov.uk/">https://prepare.campaign.gov.uk/</a>

opens in a new tab provides information on a wide range of hazards that could affect the country, from storms to flooding right up to infectious disease outbreaks. The site contains advice specific to each of the four nations.

Whether it's a quick check of the essentials, or an opportunity to develop a household emergency plan, spending just a few minutes to check your personal resilience could make all the difference should a crisis occur.

As well as considering your own circumstances, please also think of friends and neighbours who may benefit from the advice and information, particularly if they have limited or no access to the internet.



### **Vulneralbe People**

The emergency services and their partners support people of all ages and abilities when an incident happens, but for those who require extra support several additional services are available. If you – or a friend or relative – may benefit from some extra support during a crisis, here are some resources that you may find helpful.

Age Scotland has produced the Building Resilience: Preparing for emergencies and beyond booklet, which is free to download <a href="https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/.../age-scotland...">https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/.../age-scotland...</a>

Aimed at those aged 50 and older, the booklet provides a range of information around preparing for emergencies, organising your paperwork, helping with finances, and reducing risk at home.

It also provides guidance on social connection for wellbeing, caring for your health, and planning for the future.

For immediate support when an issue arises, the Priority Services Register <a href="https://psrscotland.com/">https://psrscotland.com/</a> is a free, UK-wide service which provides extra help during power cuts or when there's an interruption to your electricity, gas or water supply.

The service is open to a wide range of people, including everybody over 60, those who use medical equipment reliant on electricity or water, and people with a disability.

This includes people who are blind or partially sighted, deaf or hard of hearing, or who have chronic illness. The register is also open to those with children under five, and people with a mental health condition. To find out more, and to register, visit <a href="https://psrscotland.com/">https://psrscotland.com/</a> And it's never too early to learn how to react when an emergency happens. For younger residents, the free 'Let's Get Ready for an Emergency!' children's activity book can be downloaded and viewed on screen, with individual pages printed out if desired.

These, and other resources around resilience and emergencies, can be found at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/resilience-month

As well as considering your own circumstances, please also think of friends and neighbours who may benefit from the advice and information, particularly if they have limited or no access to the internet.

#### Weather warnings and flooding

While Aberdeenshire is known for its natural beauty and is a haven for tourists in the warmer months, residents know that weather in the north-east can be tough at times. When bad weather is forecast many of us will hear it mentioned on the radio or television

news, but what other steps can we take to react quickly before or during severe weather?

The Met Office provides up to date information on <u>weather warnings across the UK</u> and provides details of the type, expected severity, and expected duration of bad weather. It is worth bookmarking the site on your computer, laptop, or smartphone and checking for updates during bad weather.

And when bad weather leads to localised power cuts, <u>SSEN's Power Track service opens in a new tab</u> provides live updates on planned and unplanned power outages, as well as showing when engineers are onsite to resole an issue. You can also report a power cut via the site, or by calling 105. It's another good site to bookmark.

SSEN also has advice on what to do during a power cut opens in a new tab, including steps to take when the power goes out, along with free downloadable resources.

When it comes to flooding, another excellent resource is <u>SEPA's Floodline service opens in a new tab</u>. As well as providing live updates on flood alerts, flood warnings, and severe flood warnings, the site allows visits to report flooding incidents, and provides guidance on checking your flood risk. You can sign up for flood alerts, and can call the Floodline on 0345 988 1188.

Looking to take steps to protect your property from flooding? Aberdeenshire Council has information about various <u>flood protection products</u>, such as flood gates and vent guards, that can be purchased at cost price. It is worth noting down who to contact when flooding occurs, with details available on the <u>Aberdeenshire Council website</u>.

If you're not sure where to start when it comes to preparing for flooding, the <u>Scottish Flood Forum opens</u> in a new tab has excellent advice and resources to help you plan ahead. From preparing an emergency flood kit to protecting your property, you'll also find video clips from Aberdeenshire residents who have been affected by flooding.

As we head towards the colder months, please consider taking time to explore the steps you could take to make dealing with bad weather, power loss, or flooding that little bit more manageable.



The A2B bus service is a council operated minibus service providing travel for shopping or other local services or

facilities. The service is free to use and is available for people that have difficulty walking, people with other disabilities or residents who don't live near a regular bus route. This A2B bus service offers low floor and wheel-chair accessible transport.

You must book your journeys on this door-to-door service.

A2B services are supported by the European Regional Development Fund

#### How to book

You can book up to 7 days before travel or 14 days for health-related trips, but no later than the day before travel. To make a booking please email <a href="mailto:a2bdialabus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk">a2bdialabus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a> or call the A2B dial-a-bus hotline on

<u>01467 535 333</u> (option 1). The booking line is open Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 3:30pm.

#### Contact

For any queries, or to request an information leaflet including the operating days and times, please email <a href="mailto:a2bdialabus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk">a2bdialabus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a> or call the A2B dial-a-bus hotline on <a href="mailto:01467535333">01467535333</a> (option 3). The general enquiries line is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

There are 2 services in our area. One on a Thursday which goes to Inverurie and the other on a Friday which goes to Huntly. See the timetables. They don't run over the Christmas period 25<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

Please make use of this service. If you don't use it we will loose it.

Changes have also occurred in the timetables for the 41 bus which is Insch to Inverurie. It is only the watermill coaches which run. Stagecoach buses which were early in the morning have stopped as the depot in Insch has closed. To see the timetables for the Watermill coaches see:- 41 - Insch - Inverurie – Watermill Coaches – Bus Times

#### Oyne to Inverurie

Stop	Thursday
Oyne	1015
Auchleven	1025
Leslie	1035
Insch	1050
Old Rayne	1100
Durno	1105
Pitcaple	1115
Inverurie	1125

#### Inverurie to Insch

Stop	Thursday
Inverurie	1300
Pitcaple	1310
Durno	1320
Old Rayne	1325
Oyne	1335
Auchleven	1245
Leslie	1355
Insch	1410

#### Insch to Huntly

Stops	Friday
Insch	0925
Auchleven	0935
Leslie	0940
Kennethmont	0950
Gartly	1000
Huntly town	1010
Huntly (Tesco)	1030

#### **Huntly to Insch**

Stops	Friday
Huntly (Tesco)	1130
Huntly town	1140
Gartly	1150
Kennethmont	1200
Leslie	1210
Auchleven	1215
Insch	1225

Another change has been to the Number 10 bus which came through Insch. This is now the Number 9 bus and leaves Insch at 9:13. See the timetables

<u>9 - Inverurie - Union Square – Stagecoach Bluebird – Bus</u> Times

The other buses that run through our area is the <u>308</u>-Inverurie - New Deer - Watermill Coaches - Bus Times which goes via Meikle Wartle 3 times a day and also the Number 10 <u>10</u> - Huntly - Inverurie - Aberdeen (Bus Station) - Stagecoach Bluebird - Bus Times which stops at:-

#### Into Aberdeen

Colpy, at Bainshole
Colpy, opp St Sairs Cottages
Pitmachie, at Lawrence Road
Kirkton of Oyne Logie Woods (E-bound)
Pitcaple, adj Home Farm

#### Heading to Inverness

Pitcaple, opp Home Farm
Pitmachie, opp Lawrence Road
Colpy, at St Sairs Cottages
Skares, at Farm
Colpy, opp Bainshole

# MONDAY TO FRIDAY NO 41

Insch - Inverurie											
Insch, at Beechcroft Avenue	07:45	09:11									
Insch Market Street (NW-bound)	07:46	09:12	10:12	11:12	12:12	13:12	14:12		16:49	17:49	
Insch, at Foudland Court	07:48	09:14	10:14	11:14	12:14	13:14	14:14		16:51	17:51	
Insch, opp Charles Street	07:50	09:16	10:16	11:16	12:16	13:16	14:16		16:53	17:53	
Insch, opp Rothney Court	07:52	09:18	10:18	11:18	12:18	13:18	14:18	15:18	16:55	17:55	18:52
Oyne, at School	07:58	09:24	10:24	11:24	12:24	13:24	14:24	15:24	17:01	18:01	18:58
Inverurie, at Conglass Cottages	08:10	09:36	10:36	11:36	12:36	13:36	14:36	15:36	17:13	18:13	19:10
Inverurie, at Tesco		09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	15:40	17:17		
Inverurie, at Town Hall	08:15	09:44	10:44	11:44	12:44	13:44	14:44	15:44	17:21	18:18	19:14
Oldmeldrum The Square (NE bound)											19:27
Oldmeldrum, opp Cairnbrogie Farm											19:33
Pitmedden, at Primary School											19:38
Tarves The Square (NE bound)											19:45

#### MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY NO

MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY NO	9
Huntly, at The Square	08:43
Gartly, at Road End	08:53
Inverurie, at Old Chapel Road	
Kennethmont Mansefield Cottages (o/s 14)	08:59
Inverurie, at Maitland Path	
Insch Market Street (SE-bound)	09:13
Oyne, at School	09:19
Inventin et Tour Hell	09:32
Inverurie, at Town Hall	09:34
Kintore, opp The Square	09:47
Blackburn, at Fechnie Brae	09:57
Bucksburn, opp Howes Road	10:09
Westburn Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (SW-bound)	10:19
Aberdeen Union Terrace Gardens (Stop D3)	10:29
Aberdeen Union Square Bus Station (Stance 6)	10:35

#### MONDAY TO FRIDAY NO 41

Inverurie - Insch											
Tarves The Square (NE bound)	06:47										
Pitmedden, at Bronie Crescent	06:54										
Oldmeldrum, at Cairnbrogie Farm	06:59										
Oldmeldrum The Square (SW bound)	07:05										
Inverurie, at Town Hall	07:18	08:16	09:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	16:22	17:22	18:19
Inverurie, at Burghmuir Circle	07:23	08:21	09:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	13:50	14:50	16:27	17:27	18:24
Inverurie, opp Conglass Cottages	07:27	08:25	09:54	10:54	11:54	12:54	13:54	14:52	16:31	17:31	18:28
Oyne, opp School	07:39	08:37	10:06	11:06	12:06	13:06	14:06	15:06	16:43	17:43	18:40
Insch, at Beechcroft Avenue	07:45	08:43	10:12	11:12	12:12	13:12	14:12	15:12	16:49	17:49	18:46
Insch Market Street (NW-bound)		08:43	10:12	11:12	12:12	13:12	14:12	15:12	16:49	17:49	18:46
Insch, at Foudland Court								15:14			18:48
Insch, opp Charles Street								15:16			18:50
Insch, opp Rothney Court								15:18			18:52

Union Square - Inverurie	
Aberdeen Union Square Bus Station (Stance 6)	13:40
Aberdeen Union Terrace Gardens (Stop D1)	13:4
Westburn Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (E-bound)	13:5
Bucksburn, at Howes Road	14:0
Blackburn, opp Benview Terrace	14:1
Kintore, at The Square	14:2
Inverurie Market Place (NW bound)	14:3
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Oyne, opp School	14:5
Insch Market Street (NW-bound)	15:0
Kennethmont Mansefield Cottages (Opp 14)	15:1
Gartly, opp Road End	15:2
Huntly, at The Square	15:3

#### **SATURDAY NO 41**

Insch - Inverurie									
Insch, at Beechcroft Avenue	09:11								
Insch Market Street (SE-bound)									17:58
Insch Market Street (NW-bound)	09:12	10:12	11:12	12:12	13:12	14:52	15:52	16:52	
Insch, at Foudland Court	09:14	10:14	11:14	12:14	13:14	14:54	15:54	16:54	
Insch, opp Charles Street	09:16	10:16	11:16	12:16	13:16	14:56	15:56	16:56	
Insch, opp Rothney Court	09:18	10:18	11:18	12:18	13:18	14:58	15:58	16:58	
Oyne, at School	09:24	10:24	11:24	12:24	13:24	15:04	16:04	17:04	18:04
Inverurie, at Conglass Cottages	09:36	10:36	11:36	12:36	13:36	15:16	16:16	17:16	18:16
Inverurie, at Tesco	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	15:20	16:20	17:20	18:21
Inverurie, at Town Hall	09:44	10:44	11:44	12:44	13:44	15:24	16:24	17:24	18:25
Oldmeldrum The Square (NE bound)									18:38
Oldmeldrum, opp Cairnbrogie Farm									18:44
Pitmedden, at Primary School									18:49
Tarves The Square (NE bound)									18:56

Inverurie - Insch									
Tarves The Square (NE bound)	08:13								
Pitmedden, at Bronie Crescent	08:20								
Oldmeldrum, at Cairnbrogie Farm	08:25								
Oldmeldrum The Square (SW bound)	08:31								
Inverurie, at Town Hall	08:44	09:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	15:25	16:25	17:25
Inverurie, at Burghmuir Circle	08:48	09:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	13:50	15:30	16:30	17:30
Inverurie, opp Conglass Cottages	08:52	09:54	10:54	11:54	12:54	13:54	15:34	16:34	17:34
Oyne, opp School	09:05	10:06	11:06	12:06	13:06	14:06	15:46	16:46	17:46
Insch, at Beechcroft Avenue	09:11	10:06	11:06	12:06	13:06	14:12	15:46	16:46	17:52
Insch Market Street (NW-bound)		10:12	11:12	12:12	13:12	14:12	15:52	16:52	17:52
Insch, at Foudland Court						14:14			17:53
Insch, opp Charles Street						14:16			17:55
Insch, opp Rothney Court						14:18			17:57