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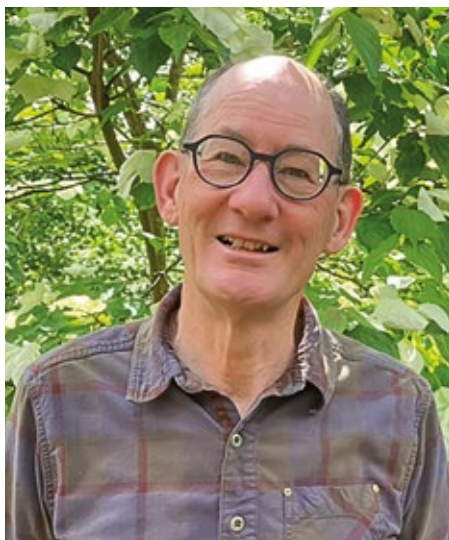


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CCC Chair, Andy Roberts

Culter Community Council – from the Chair

Welcome to this edition of the Culter Courier.

Lovers Walk

Many of you have now used the new concrete path along Lovers Walk – and thank you to all who have let us know how much you are enjoying the new path. By the time you read this, the upper section from St Peter’s car park along to the concrete section should be tarmac, making the river walk much more accessible.

More on what’s been done is in Peter Brawley’s Roads and Paths report following this article.

Post Office and Banking Services

The Post Office counter in the Tesco at Culter, is well-used – as expected. There is currently no news about any possible provision in Culter.

Our neighbours Culter Bieldside & Milltimber Community Council (CBMCC) made a request – which we supported – for a banking hub in Lower Deeside. Cash Access UK did a frankly trivial assessment which ignored all local data, so CBMCC,

supported by us, put in a complaint to Link (the senior organisation for these things). Link’s response was little better than Cash Access UK’s. We have supported CBMCC’s request for an Independent Assessment of Link’s decision. We expect a response before the end of the year.

‘Green energy’ Proposals

SSEN have now submitted their planning application for the proposed 400kV overhead line to run through the Shire not far from us, and some of the parts further north. These applications go direct to Scottish Government, and not through the local planning process.

The Public Local Inquiry (PLI) on the Hill of Fare windfarm application took place in September; at the time of writing we had not heard the outcome.

Finally

If there is anything troubling you, or you want to know who to contact about something, do please get in touch.

Andy Roberts

Chair, CCC

Planning

Recent planning applications

Planning applications have increased a bit recently, with a few in September.

There have been three applications for new houses, two to replace redundant farm buildings, and the other to replace an existing house in the village. There are applications at The Ploughman for an extension at the rear to expand its catering offer, and at Oldtown Farm for a facility for free-range poultry.

We continue to see applications for tree works along the Culter Burn. Storm Floris and the other episodes of high wind we are seeing will no doubt result in further applications.

Developments on existing proposals

We continue to await confirmation that two enforcement cases about breaches of planning control at the same location have been closed out. Planning are allowing the one other case in our area

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- Andy Roberts, CCC Chair

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CCC Meetings:

Meetings are currently held either in the Village Hall or using Zoom.

If you wish to attend a meeting please contact the secretary in advance at secretary@cultercc.org.uk

Meeting Dates: 11 Nov, 10 Dec
Minutes can be found online at www.cultercc.org.uk or accessed from any library.

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to continue, pending completion of a separate development on the same site.

Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan(LDP)

Work is underway on compiling the next LDP, proposed for 2028. Planning have said they will welcome Community Councils providing 'informal' feedback instead, which sounds like the type of feedback we could previously provide on the now-defunct Main Issues Report. We intend to put in a submission.

We continue to expect news of proposed sites developers would like to build out towards the end of this year.

And finally

Do get in touch if you want to know more about anything I have mentioned above, whether local to Culter or further afield.

Andy Roberts

Planning Officer, CCC Roads and Paths

Lovers Walk Repaired Western End

Update on Lovers Walk

The work by Aberdeen City Council to remove the large trees above Lovers Walk left the Walk in poor condition. In the last edition of the Courier we showed how Culter Community Council repaired the eastern end of Lovers Walk. We are now happy to show (see photos) how Aberdeen City Council has repaired the western end, including the reinstatement of the memorial benches. Thanks are due to Stan Reid for liaising with Aberdeen City Council to make this happen.

We also hope to tarmac the narrow path from the Heritage Hall to Lovers Walk, which will make it much easier for wheeled access.

Please take the opportunity to go down to the river and enjoy the beauty and peace of Lovers Walk.

Peter Brawley

For Culter Community Council



Councillors Boulton and Massey

We are now moving quickly into Winter and the season of possible snow, ice, winds and flooding.

We can hope for a milder Winter but as always we need to prepare for the worst case situation which sees the distribution of one tonne salt/grit bags on request and a Winter Maintenance Programme. A community scheme of gritting areas identified by the NHS where there were a high number of falls resulting in attendance at A&E is continuing this year.

School Rolls

As you may have seen in the press, Aberdeen council and also the Scottish Government issued their current and forecast school rolls for the city, see table, for the Cults Academy ASG (Associated Schools Group). Several factors influence the capacity of a school, but mainly the building size, number of classrooms and the staff resource. To some extent schools can manage higher rolls by having additional staff and or using alternative classrooms to go above the regular capacity. The knock on affect of increasing capacity by using alternative classrooms or multi-purpose spaces is that the schools may struggle to provide the curriculum effectively particularly for our ASN learners and even simple things like having enough

space for lunches.

There is often concern about the capacity at the academy, but the Head Teacher has managed to accommodate additional pupils despite the capacity challenge. Whilst the capacity is showing under 100%, we are seeing several years groups with waiting lists. The council is currently forecasting a significant reduction in the school roll at the academy over the next 5 years, however proven by previous forecasts that indicated lower numbers never materialised so we are sceptical of this latest roll forecast. Our local schools are still under pressure for spaces and as your councillors we are continuing to meet with senior officers to safe guard places and quality spaces for the children of our area. The full school roll information for Aberdeen City can be found by googling - Aberdeen city school roll forecasts.



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- Councillor Marie Boulton

The broken down fence on Malcolm Road which is due to be replaced is still proving challenging in terms of getting a date from the council team due to high demand on resources. The same high demand on resources has delayed in getting road marking repainted which has exacerbated parking issues particularly around the Village Hall in the centre of Culter. There has been improvements on parent parking inappropriately around Culter School so thanks must go to the parent council, the community wardens and of the parents for making

these improvements happen. Illegal parking and inconsiderate parking is still a major problem, we would appeal

School Name	School Type	School Roll	School Capacity	% Capacity
Culter School	Primary	260	459	57%
Cults School	Primary	629	559	113%
Milltimber School	Primary	330	434	76%
Cults Academy	Secondary	1,316	1,337	98%

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Your Elected Representatives

For every edition of the Courier we ask each of our directly elected representatives at each level of government to take the opportunity to submit an article.

This includes your local councillors, your Member of Parliament and Member of the Scottish Parliament.

While we always ask if the content could focus on local issues, the choice of subject is entirely up to the author.

Also, the views expressed in these, and all other articles in the Courier, are entirely those of the writer and do not in any way reflect those of the Editor or Culter Community Council.

Contact details are included for each should you wish to comment on the content of their articles.

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to drivers to think about where they park and remember that it is now illegal to park on the pavements unless exempted pavement. We are still receiving a number of complaints on people not picking up their dogs poo and whilst we appreciate the majority of owners are responsible we would encourage those who don't currently pick up do so going forward, making it a nicer and healthy community for all.

A final point we would raise is there has been a spike in anti-social behaviour, which some people may see as a bit of high jinks by youngsters, however, some of the behaviour has left some residents feeling scared and vulnerable. In some cases there has been a singling out of certain families and older residents for the anti-social behaviour, this is not high jinks it is intimidation and could have serious consequences for those carrying it out if they were caught. We don't want to see residents feeling scared, and we don't want to see young people damaging their own futures, we would urge parents to talk to their children explaining the impact of anti-social behaviour for the recipients and the possible impact for them if they were involved and caught. We acknowledge the vast majority of our young people are very responsible and contribute to the community in a positive way.

We will soon be starting the budget process and will of course keep our community appraised of things as we learn the implications of decisions which will affect them.



Cllr Duncan Massey

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Councillor Malik

I wanted to take a moment to update you on some key matters affecting our community here in Peterculter.

Culter Burn Works

Many of you have asked me about the works taking place at the Millside Bridge. Aberdeen City Council is removing the build-up of sediment and rubble in the Culter Burn upstream of the bridge. This work is a temporary solution, but it will make a real difference by improving flood storage capacity locally and reducing the impact of flooding on homes.

We are working to a tight time frame: the in-river work must be completed before 15th October, in line with the River Dee Fisheries constraints for salmon migration under SEPA's licence. I'm pleased to confirm that affected residents have already been notified, and the work is expected to be completed on time.

Winter Maintenance & Flood Preparation

Last winter, we all experienced serious challenges, and I know many of you felt the Council did not listen to your concerns. I share your frustration. While I will continue pressing for a stronger winter maintenance plan, I would encourage everyone to be prepared now. One practical step is to apply for sandbags from Aberdeen City Council before 31st October. It is important we are ready and protecting our homes and families.

Community Investment – £20 Million for Aberdeen

Thanks to the UK Labour Government, Aberdeen has been allocated an additional £20 million for community use, on top



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Liam Kerr, MSP

As the season seems to have changed very suddenly from summer to autumn, it is good to see there are local events still happening outdoors.

Dust off your bike, grab your helmet, and join the Culter Social Bike Ride, hosted in partnership with Culter Community Council and the Cargo Bikes initiative. Whether you are a seasoned cyclist or haven't been on a bike since childhood, this is a relaxed and welcoming way to rediscover the joy of riding. You are welcome to bring your own bike, or borrow one, and the ride offers a chance to enjoy local scenery, chat with neighbours, and maybe stop for a coffee along the way.

Keep an eye on the Culter Community Council Facebook page for updates on the next ride.

Peterculter Parish Church has warmly welcomed its new Minister, Rev. Emma McDonald, this summer, who has joined the community after serving in Dundee. The church opens its doors every Thursday morning from 10 to 11:30am for Thursday Coffees, a friendly and informal gathering where you can enjoy a cuppa, good company, and maybe even some home baking!



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- Liam Kerr, MSP

Looking ahead, the next meeting of Culter Community Council will take place on Tuesday 11th November at 7pm in Culter Village Hall. These meetings are open to the public and offer a chance for residents to hear updates, raise any concerns, and help shape local decisions on everything

of the record £5.4 billion settlement for Scotland. This is a huge opportunity. I want to make sure Peterculter gets its fair share of this funding. If you have ideas, proposals, or projects that would benefit our area, please get in touch with me directly by phone or email. I am here to represent you, and I want to hear your voice in shaping how this money is spent!

Illegal Parking on North Deeside Road

Another recurring issue raised with me is illegal parking on North Deeside Road, especially at the Craigton Crescent junction. This is not just an inconvenience, but a safety hazard. I have been in constant discussions with the Council about finding a solution, but so far, we do not have a long-term answer. In the meantime, I will continue pushing for greater visibility of traffic wardens in the village to ensure safety is prioritised.

Brighton Place Bench

Now, a lighter matter that reflects the spirit of our community. Some of our senior residents asked for a bench at Brighton Place, similar to the Green Sittie at the top of School Road. I had arranged for a bench, but unfortunately, some residents opposed its installation. Thus, I donated the bench to Peterculter Football Club at Crombie, where it is already being put to good use. I will continue exploring options for seating that works for everyone.

Finally, I want to thank you all for continuing to raise your concerns and ideas with me. My job as your Councillor is to listen, act where I can, and keep fighting for our community's fair share. Please keep contacting me with your thoughts, and let's make sure Peterculter has the strong voice it deserves.

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from transport to community services. As always, if I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I'm often out and about in the village speaking with residents, but you can also email me.

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Culter & District Mens Shed

Reflections on the Summer of '25.

Hello from the Culter & District Mens Shed (CDMS). As our summer disappears over the horizon and autumn begins, what a summer it has been! Starting back in early spring when the sun arrived, it has not stopped since, making working in and around the Shed a pleasure for all who attend. 'Fly Cup Time' is a favourite time of day in the Shed. when everything stops and a wide range of topics are discussed, ranging from world issues to how to fix the current 'Dons' problems.

Over the summer we did a lot of outside work including making garden benches, repairing and painting all types of garden furniture and lawn mower repairs and sales. We were also asked to assist with a new large garden gate which we commissioned the workshop at Camphill Newton Dee to design and make with input from a couple of Sheddors who also erected it in situ. It was a good exercise for the residents at Newton Dee who were hands on in the construction of the gate. This summer our music group, The Woodsheddors, did a few gigs around the North East receiving donations – making

a valuable contribution to our finances. The Photography Group is doing well with 8 to 10 regular attendees with a selection of photos from near and far on display in the Shed.

We had a good day at Culter Gala selling lots of pieces made in our workshop or turned on the lathes. One of our members, Paul is still battling away on the old fashioned mangle which he is converting into a printing press. He is now at the finishing stages having sourced new rollers specially manufactured by a company in Westhill.

As usual our gardening guru Alex and some other Sheddors have had another successful year in the garden/greenhouse, producing sacks of tatties, lettuce, cauliflower, carrots, beetroot and onions, which were entered into the local flower show. This spectacular success was added to by a bumper crop of tomatoes.

As Autumn comes.....

.... and winter draws near we will be embarking on more inside work. Garden tables in preparation for next years summer will be constructed and our ever popular kindling will be bagged ready for collection from the Shed.

The Peterculter CO-OP continues to be very supportive of the Shed and the photo shows CDMS Chairman Jim Greig receiving a cheque from Store Manager Paul Esposito.

As the nights grow longer we plan to have speakers visit the Shed to entertain and

[Jim Receiving a Donation from CO-OPs Paul Esposito.](#)





Fly Cup Time in the Mens Shed

enlighten members on their specialist subjects. In the near future a series of informal lunches will be held to explain the range of activities on offer to any men considering exploring what the Shed holds for them. Look out for the flyers with full details, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Jim Greig

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Deesiders Walking Group

We are a small group who enjoy a Tuesday walk in our beautiful Deeside.

We rely upon buses so we can travel anywhere between the village and Braemar. On other occasions we have been to Stonehaven, Newburgh, Bridge of Don and Seaton area. Yet we still have much more to discover.

We love the flora and fauna side of our walks and often see deer, buzzards, herons and red kites to name just a few. Let's face it who doesn't like picking and eating ripe berries!

The group are usually out all day so we take a packed lunch with us. Some of the places and views that we have eaten

our lunch have been absolutely stunning. This year the weather has been glorious but we know this won't last. This however does not deter us and we have planned walks to take us into next year.

If you feel that you would like to join us then you would be made very welcome.

Please contact Debbie, email below, for more information.

Deesiders Walking Group

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Culter Juniors FC

This summer has been a busy period as nine players left the club and nine new players have signed for the club. You can view all players movements and general Culter FC update on our social media sites.

We started of the season by winning the Jim McPherson Trophy beating Nairn St Ninian FC 3-1 at Rothienorman. We have made a decent start of the season, we have played 9 x league matches, won 6, drawn 2 and lost 1. Unfortunately we got

beat by Dundee North End FC on penalties after extra time in the SFA Scottish Cup tie in Dundee. Although it was a strong performance by the players against a very strong Dundee North End team. At the time of writing we have a 2nd Round

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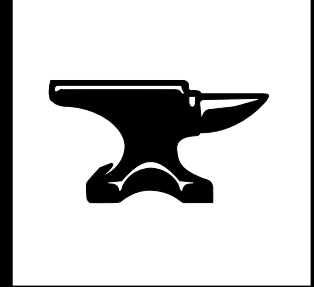
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Culter FC with 2025 Jim McPherson Trophy

Scottish Communities Cup this Saturday 20/09 against St Peters FC in Glasgow.

One of our younger players (Olisa Anyaebunam) has recently returned after being out of football for 12 months due to ankle injury. We have loaned out Olisa to Banchory St Ternan FC to get some game time.

On the 6th Sept we had a CFC Ladies Day for match hospitality which was a great success.

I would like to thank everyone including the numerous club sponsors and our loyal supporters for the fantastic support throughout last season. Please check fixtures in the Culter FC website Fixtures - Culter Football Club if you want to book a match day hospitality package in advance. The 2025/26 fixtures will be issued in 4 weeks.



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- Gordon Thomson

Please contact Martin Widerlechner commercialCFC@outlook.com or any other CFC committee member to book a date/match for match day hospitality.

Majority of all sports clubs are struggling in these difficult times and we welcome any support with regards sponsorship for the club. See below links for CFC Facebook site and website for more details what is happening in the club.

We welcome everyone to visit Crombie Park in 2025/26 to watch and support Culter FC.

Regards and take care.

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Peterculter Golf Club

It's hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the summer

season but what a cracking summer it has been!

The course has handled the dry weather well although the fairways were beginning to look pretty brown, however the rain came just in time and it's amazing how quickly the fairways recover.

The greens are looking great with very positive feedback from members and visitors - so many thanks to our green keeping team.

The Club has been busy over the summer with a steady number of new members joining us. We do monitor member numbers versus tee time availability but to date we have not had to start a waiting list.

There have been several charity events again this year including Archway, Charlie House, Friends of Anchor and Ovacom. These charities have benefited from the generosity of our social and club members and visitors so a huge thank you to them and to those organising the events.

The Club Championships, Friendly Competitions and Knockout matches have mostly all been played in glorious sunshine and many congratulations to all the winners!

Our chef Adam has also had a very busy summer catering for outings and Open competitions as well as the very popular Friday Fish and Chips nights. Do check out the Peterculter Golf Club (PGC) website



PGC Players Approach the 4th Green

where details of these nights can be found.

The website also has all the information on our current membership deals so again, if you are thinking of joining a club, please take a look at what we have to offer.

It's sad to see the dark nights again and summer seems a distant memory but I hope you all enjoyed your summer as much as I enjoyed mine!

With Best Wishes

Liz Davidson

Club Captain

www.petercultergolfclub.co.uk



Scottish Womens Institute - Maryculter

Maryculter SWI usually meet at the Corbie Hall, South Deeside Road, Maryculter on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

At our meetings we hope to provide a wide range of talks, activities and competitions

for our members to enjoy. With this aim in mind we have scheduled the following events for the end of 2025 and the start of 2026, all followed by teas and coffees:

12th November

David Oswald on Asylums and Psychiatric Hospitals of Aberdeen through time.

10th December

Pot Luck Supper and Christmas Party (Members Only)

14th January

Travels of a Teacher with Val Reid

11th February

Sarah Walker – Forensic Scientist

If you would like to come along to one of our meetings, you will be made very welcome. Our fee (per meeting) is £5 for non-members and £4 for members of other SWI Institutes.

See our Facebook page for additional information or any changes to the planned schedule.

Maryculter SWI

[Facebook - Maryculter SWI](#)

Culter in Bloom

We are sure you will agree that our summer displays this year have been exceptional!

Our plants have thrived in the warm weather and there has been a good harvest in the Community Orchard.

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- Culter in Bloom

Our motto is 'Planting care in the community' and we wish to thank all the folk who help us care....

.... thank you to those who allow us access

to their outside taps.

.... thank you to the many householders and business who regularly water our plants. Without this valuable and essential help our plants would soon perish.

.... thank you too for your donations with which we buy plants, fertiliser, compost, containers etc. and with which occasionally pay for additional help.

For information about offering much needed help or sending us a much needed donation, see contact details below. And, don't forget to check our Facebook for news and photographs.

Carol Page

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Please go to page 25



Audrey Nicoll, MSP

It's hard to believe it's Autumn! The water scarcity alerts extending into September are a sobering reminder of the impact of climate change.

It has been a busy few months in Aberdeen South and North Kincardine, a real highlight has been visiting our fantastic local businesses through my Local Business Summer Spotlight initiative. The constituency hosts a fabulous array of SMEs run by business owners who work tirelessly to supply local goods and services, supporting jobs and making a vital contribution to the local economy. I had some great discussions about Government support, funding opportunities and plans for growth.

However, the same concerns come up time and again: rising energy bills, increased National Insurance, and the ongoing impact of Brexit. Despite these challenges, our local businesses are incredibly resilient, and I encourage everyone to support them, they truly are the backbone of our communities.

The Scottish Government Pension Age Winter Heating Payment is designed to help older people with energy costs during the winter. More information, including eligibility and how payments are made, can be found at www.socialsecurity.gov.



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- Audrey Nicoll, MSP

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The annual adult vaccination programme is getting underway for flu and Covid-19. If you are eligible you will receive an NHS notification of your appointment, more information can be found at www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/immunisation/winter-vaccines.

I enjoyed a warm welcome at the Culter Mens Shed and discussed a range of issues including funding opportunities for their extension and encouraging more members. The men's shed is a welcoming and relaxed community space and new members will be made very welcome. Contact Secretary@culterdistrictmensshed.org.uk or pop along and see for yourself!

Looking ahead, the Scottish Government winter resilience planning for severe weather is also underway. Please do take weather warnings seriously and prepare where you can, you can find useful advice at <https://ready.scot>.

I will keep working on the issues that matter most to you, from supporting local services to ensuring our communities are well-prepared for the months ahead.

Please do get in touch if there is anything you'd like to raise with me. You can find me on social media if you wish to stay up to date with the work I am doing for you or contact me, see details below.

Audrey Nicoll, MSP

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St. Peter's Heritage Centre

Our 2025 season came to a close at the end of September. Thank you to everyone who supported us, either by coming for afternoon tea, by visiting the Heritage Centre and especially if you were one of our amazing volunteers!

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a big part of our income for the year and, together with hall lets, help keep both the Heritage Hall and the Heritage Centre running. We had a lot of visitors this season and if you were one, we hope you enjoyed your visit. If you have not been yet, we hope to see you next year.

The Heritage Centre has been visited by a few different groups this year. The Cults SWI enjoyed a private visit followed by afternoon tea in the Heritage Hall, as did the Cults Church Guild. Pupils from Culter School also visited to find out about the history of their village. We have received a number of new artefacts this year too, most notably the Culter Paper Mill clocking in machine, which we are delighted to have.

The Heritage Hall continues to be open to regular Lets throughout the winter months, and various groups use the facility. Knit and Natter are a group who meet there on Monday afternoons. They spent last winter knitting the amazing

array of teddies which decorated the Heritage Garden this summer.

On Sunday 7th December we host our popular 'Music and Mince Pies' afternoon at 2pm. We will be entertained Scotch Broth, a traditional music group who meet in the Heritage Hall on Sunday evenings. They will be joined by some guests who will entertain us with Christmas music both traditional and modern and, together with some mulled wine and mince pies, sounds like a great afternoon!

While the Heritage Centre is closed we will be busy planning the new exhibits for next year and sorting out our extensive archive. We are always on the look out for help, especially if you have a knowledge of Culter in bygone days. Please get in touch.

St Peter's Heritage Trust

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Pretend...

Pretend you're a tree and come with me.

I'll take you where the clouds were born before they melt into the sea, where all the Dolphins probably pee.

We'll climb a ladder to the sky and wonder how we got there.

Pretend you're a dog

just come out of the fog.

Throw off the clogs, the hooves and stand aloof, forsooth, forsooth.

I'll tell you a tale that's delved from stale hail.

Hail! We must prevail.

The pocket pretended she was a locket and put a silly hand into an electric socket.

I lost her locket and stole her keys when one day she pretended to be me.

Pretend you're a cat

Who had no mat upon she sat

Pretend you're a door who couldn't say more.

Encore, encore!

Pretend you're a head

gone slightly unsled.

Instead...instead of today

think twice for tomorrow and three times for yesterday

and when today comes think only of then.

Pretend you're a human, If just for one day,

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By Adam Parry

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Culter Theatre Club

As quickly as the sequins and spray tan from Seriously Ballroom were tidied away in May, our attention quickly moved on to preparations for this year's pantomime – 'Peter Pan and the Pirates'.

During the summer the Club was very grateful to hear that we had been awarded a grant from the Vattenfall Unlock our Future Fund, administered by Foundation Scotland, to upgrade our stage lighting. Our existing lighting which was nearing end of life, was environmentally unfriendly, costly to run, and - as many know - the heat was particularly uncomfortable during our summer productions. The Vattenfall grant

has allowed us to upgrade all lights to LED and introduce new equipment, making our system more environmentally friendly, cheaper to run, and give us the ability to be more creative in our lighting designs. It will be a great asset to the Village Hall and all groups who use it.

In August the production team were once again overwhelmed by the incredible turnout for this year's panto auditions. The level of talent was exceptional making the job of selecting the final casting all that more difficult.

Rehearsals are now well underway. While the cast are busy learning songs, dances, and lines, before expertly putting it all together on stage; our backstage team have been working hard making props and costumes, and building scenery.

Our telling of 'Peter Pan and the Pirates' - written by our very own Kerwin Robertson - brings a brand new story to the stage.



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'Peter Pan and the Pirates' will take place at Culter Village Hall from the 3rd to 6th December. For full details of performance times, and to book tickets, please visit our website.

We look forward to welcoming everyone then, and hope you enjoy the show!

Matt Howie

Chair – Culter Theatre Club

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Culter Hillwalking Club

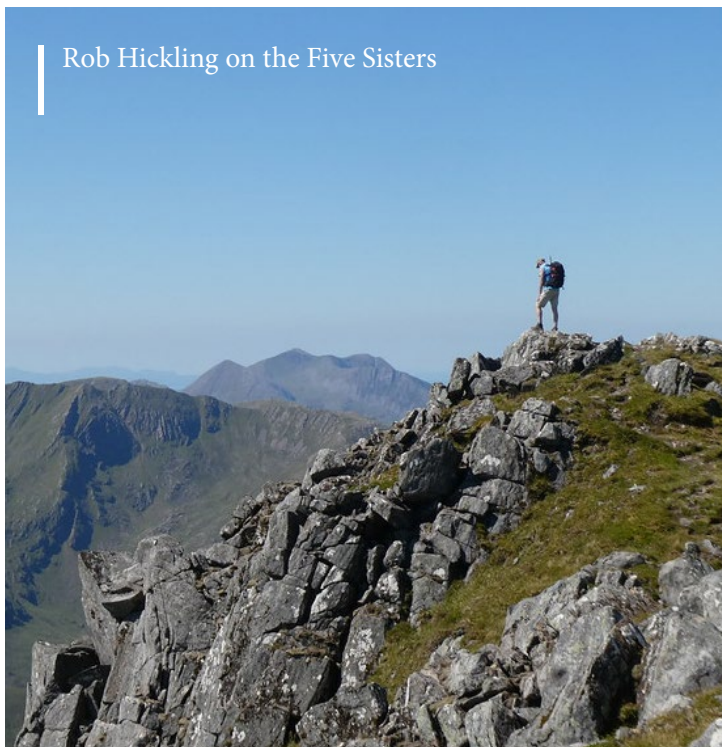
Well, this must be the first time I have ever reported on temperatures too high to hillwalk...

...of course I'm going back to the high days of this last summer, when, faced with 30 degrees or more in the glens, a number of us struggled to keep walking. An equally unusual lack of wind did not help. I could now tell you exactly how to cope with such conditions but, as it's now November, I'll wait til next Spring!

But I will just mention thanks to our weekend organisers for Coniston,

Crianlarich, Invermoriston, Aviemore and Arran- over the long years of the club history, we have primarily walked day walks within reach of Culter, but we have also gradually increased our weekends away from one to five, all in summer. Although we are not a huge club – about 70 members – it is still quite some work to get everyone there and doing the hills they want to do and generally having a good time...

And now we are in winter mode, each month we offer 2 walks on the 1st Sunday of the month, longer and shorter, and there is the monthly Monday walk too.



Rob Hickling on the Five Sisters

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Catherine Lacy

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Culter Primary School News

We've had an exciting start to the 2025-2026 school year at Culter School. The House Captain hustings were hectic, but congratulations to our new House Captains!

Well done to everyone who tried out, and keep working hard. We're excited to see how our House Captains will help us achieve our goals and lead us to victory!

The P7s are also doing their best to set a great example for their new P1 buddies, which isn't easy! This year, many exciting activities are starting up again, like Mandarin lessons with our new

teacher, May, from China. We also have new football reps, who will be in charge of active education during lunch and break times.

Many classes are diving into their new pupil voice groups. Across the school, classes like P7M, P6H, and P4D are focusing on communication. Meanwhile, classes such as P1R, P6P, and P1/2D are learning about community. P7F is tackling Rad Maths, and other classes are participating in outdoor groups to help our planet. P3I is doing Helping Hands, 2/3C is focused on eco projects, and 2R will be concentrating on outdoor activities.

Different classes are enjoying reading their class novels. P1R is reading Have You Filled a Bucket Today?, and P1/2D is exploring Mr. Men and Little Miss books. P2/3C and P2R are reading friendship books like Leo the Lion and The Enormous Crocodile. P3I is reading The Boy Who Drew Dragons, and P4D is enjoying The Wild Robot. P5D and P5M are reading The Boy at the Back of the Class, while P6P and P6H are exploring Wonder. The P7s have different books: P7F is enjoying

Culter School House Captains



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Holes, and P7M is delving into The London Eye Mystery.

Sadly, one of the P7 teachers is leaving Culter Primary, but we wish them all the best at their new school. Everyone at school is excited for the upcoming October holidays and Halloween. We hope everyone has a great holiday and is ready to work hard next term!

Thisali & Connie, 7M

Camphill Wellbeing Trust

North Point Opening – A great success!

Local charity, Camphill Wellbeing Trust (CWT) officially opened the multi-purpose North Point building at its flagship Compass Project site on Craighton Road, Culter on Saturday, 6th September following a £750,000 restoration project.

Over 200 people enjoyed family-friendly activities and refreshments at the event and saw the charity participate in the Aberdeen City Doors Open Days initiative for the first time.

As well as exploring the North Point building - an accessible and welcoming space for sports, physical activity and

connection - visitors to Compass enjoyed the extensive outdoor areas, including the no-dig organic garden, woodland areas, orchard and bee-keeping corner.

Iain Duguid - a Compass volunteer who has clocked up an incredible 610 volunteer hours cut a specially made nature ribbon, held by Dr. Stefan Geider, GP and clinical lead of CWT and Dr Aileen Primrose, CWT CEO, to mark the occasion.

Dr Primrose said "This moment marks an important step in our journey navigating healthy, sustainable living – a journey to bring the ethos and practices of Camphill to the wider public through hands on experiences.

Today we see what is possible when people come together with purpose. This building is more than just bricks and mortar - imbued with the care and vision of those have worked to bring it to this stage - it

provides a nurturing space where people of all ages and backgrounds can come together to grow stronger in body, mind and spirit.

None of this would have been possible without our incredible volunteers, who have given their time, skills, and passion to help bring this vision to life. You are the beating heart of Compass and make our work all worthwhile."

Emma King, Primary Care Lead at Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership, also participated in the opening ceremony saying "What Camphill Wellbeing Trust has nurtured and built at Compass is truly inspiring - a progressive, inclusive community model that not only uplifts

individuals but also brings people together through meaningful and healthy activities. It's clear that Compass is not just a place - but a living, growing community with

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None of this would have been possible without our incredible volunteers, who have given their time, skills, and passion to help bring this vision to life.

- Camphill Wellbeing Trust



Christmas Lights Donations Appeal

We very much hope you may be willing to make a donation towards the continued cost of the Christmas lights. Alternatively there is an option to sponsor a Christmas light for £70 and have a plaque in your name erected on the lamppost

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purpose at its heart.

We are proud to be working alongside Camphill Wellbeing Trust and look forward to continuing our collaboration - supporting them as they sustain and expand their vital services which make such a positive difference in people's lives."

The North Point opening is not the end of the story — but a chapter in an unfolding one. The next phase at Compass will focus on the sustainable refurbishment of two further buildings: the former science block and kindergarten. These will create an Enterprise and Health Hub with:

- a zero-waste training kitchen using organic, seasonal produce from the garden to supply a welcoming café,
- a play area for families,
- a dedicated therapeutic space.
- an upcycle and recycle charity shop.

Meanwhile the Compass site is open to all. Its garden shop, open Monday-Friday, sells seasonal fruit and vegetables grown organically onsite, as well as Compass honey and crafts. And, the North Point building hosts drop-in play sessions for under 5s with parents/carers on Friday mornings.

We are looking for more volunteers to help us expand our services - please get in touch to find out more.

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Culter Mills Social Club

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Upcoming Events / Activities

November

6th - Tea Dance 1.30 - 4pm

8th Saturday Dance - Gavin Piper 8 - 11pm

20th Tea Dance 1.30 - 4pm

28th Festive Prize Bingo - 7.30 pm

December

4th Tea Dance 1.30 - 4pm

6th Rita Riot Christmas Party

13th Saturday Dance - Johnny Duncan 8 - 11pm

18th Tea Dance 1.30 - 4pm

20th Festive Music Bingo 4pm

31st Hogmanay Party with Totico

January

8th Tea Dance 1.30 - 4pm

10th Saturday Dance - Gavin Piper 8 - 11pm

22nd Tea Dance 1.30 - 4pm

Outdoor Bowling 2025

Been hot on the Bowling Green lately, some great performances in the league for Culter and a tremendous win against fancied Kittybrewster in the Dunnottar Cup leading to a place in the semi-final. In the Jubilee Cup we lead by 10 shots

against Drumoak going into the return match, so much to play for.

The Ian Barclay Pairs competition 'our centrepiece event of the season' was won by Harry Hall and Karen Duthie. Congratulations to them on a great day of bowling by all the players, superb food and a big thank you especially go to the sponsors.

We are now getting down to the final stages of all the internal competitions for the silverware.

Finally thanks to our latest bowling club sponsor David Frith of Aberdeen Gas.

Regular Activities/ Events

Busy Fingers - Lounge every Thursday 1-4pm.

Knitting/crafting group with chat and tea/coffee.

Weekly Sunday Bingo 2-4pm

Bacon Bap and a Yap - every second Saturday of the month 10am-12noon

Membership is open to all. New members and guests welcome. For more details please see our Club Facebook page for events details.

Culter Mills Social Club

[Facebook - cultermillclub](https://www.facebook.com/cultermillclub)

Forecourt Art Group

Members of the art group have just finished a very successful 9 day exhibition and sale of art and crafts for NEOS across in Corbie Hall.

Many thanks to our very many visitors who came along to view, admire and in many cases, buy our artwork. Your support is much appreciated.

We will by this time also have taken down our annual exhibition in St. Peter's Heritage hall, which closed its doors to afternoon teas at the end of September. Again, many thanks to everyone who came and admired our artwork and who went away with their own unique piece of local art. A big thank you goes to the trustees of the Heritage hall for allowing us to exhibit there every year to coincide with the sale of teas through the summer months.

Several of our members are at this point preparing for an autumn exhibition in the Grassic Gibbon centre which will run from mid October to November. We then look forward to the quiet winter months when we can sit and paint and enjoy our art, preparing for the start of sales and



North Point Official Opening - Ribbon Cutting



NEOS Exhibitors

exhibitions in 2026. Membership will open in January for anyone wishing to join the group. We have a few places available at the moment, so do get in touch if you would like to be involved.

We continue with our rolling exhibitions in Cammies of Cammachmore, The Stack, Muchalls and the Tolbooth, Stonehaven, so still some places to see what our fabulous artists are painting.

For further details see contact and social media details below.

Paula Silvester

forecourtartgroup@outlook.com

Facebook - Forecourt art group

Peterculter Parish Church

Hello, my name is Emma McDonald. I am the new minister at Peterculter Parish Church.

Originally from a small village just outside Dumbarton, I have been a minister with the Church of Scotland for 12 and a half years. I have spent the last 7 years in Dundee as firstly a Parish Minister and then as a Pioneer Minister which saw me work closely with council, charity and local people in a deprived area. My work focus was working alongside and with food ladders, and with disability groups. I was involved with campaigning against food poverty and bringing not just issues but solutions to elected politicians.

I am very much looking forward to being

in Peterculter getting to know the various communities within the area and the ways in which the church can support them. I love to walk and have been making use of the cycle path and various lovely walks around the area to walk my small Terrier so if you see me out walking please do say hello.

Culter Parish Church Services in November & December

We would like to invite you to all, or any, of the following services over the next few months. Details of activities in the church will appear on the notice board, so please do have a look.

- Sunday 9th November 10.30am Remembrance Sunday.

- Sunday 16th November 2:30pm Service of Remembrance for all who have experienced a bereavement this year or any year.

- Monday 15th December - Carol Service at



Rev. Emma McDonald

Peterculter Parish Church (with Aberdeen Concert Band. tbc). Mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

- Sunday 21st December 2.30pm Carol Service at Drumoak Hall (Sunnyside Drive Drumoak).

- Christmas Eve 7pm Candlelit Christmas Eve Service.

- Christmas Eve watchnight service 11:15pm.

- Sunday 28th December 10.30am 'Lessons & Carols'.

Coffee & Cake Thursdays

Coffees and cake are served in the small hall every Thursday morning between 10am-11.30am. no charge, donations accepted.

Saturday Mornings

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November - 1st, 15th, 29th - 10am - 12pm.

Doors Open Day

15th November 10am - 2pm.

Have you ever wondered what lies behind the doors to the church, but didn't feel comfortable to go in and find out? On the 15th November the Church will be having a Doors Open Day from 10am to 12pm. Please feel free to come in and take a tour of the buildings, ask questions of our volunteers, find out more about the history of the church in Peterculter or simply have a wander around. Why not finish off your visit by having a cup of tea and some cake? If you would like to find out more, here is your opportunity.

Rev. Emma McDonald

Scotch Broth Scottish Traditional Music Group

Another Christmas season beckons and as is traditional now our main focus will be on participating in the annual Christmas afternoon at the Heritage Hall in Culter on Sunday 7th December. We join other groups to provide a happy musical two hours and do hope that you will be able to come along.

Meantime we provided the entertainment

for the opening evening of Maryculter SWIs new season. They gave us a warm welcome - and homemade refreshments afterwards - an appreciative and fun audience. They'd given us a free rein in choice of music so we played a selection of tunes we like, the programme devised by Petra. Some were traditional and sing-along pieces but there were also more contemporary Scottish ones including from Orkney and Shetland, plus Irish, Swedish and American. In addition we had Shirley's 'The Good Looking Widow' song and Irene's Ian Middleton poem, 'A Question o' Manners', both in the Doric. Most amusing and the audience laughed in all the right places. Several of us won prizes in the raffle - a generous gesture via a complimentary raffle ticket.

It is in fact 21 years since a small group of us started our association with St Peter's Heritage Hall and we staged a special concert there to celebrate 10 years. Some of us have continued meeting ever since, with others dipping in and out in line with other commitments and spells locally. Initially we had a permanent leader but these are hard to come by and more recently we've hired a leader for a few weeks when funds allow. We also arrange workshops when we can with the chance to have an outside teacher, to widen our repertoire. Our playing standards have improved immensely and performances give us all chance to provide introductions and harmonies, so extending and stretching us.

Our Sunday evenings are informal and just fun sessions for all so please join us if you'd like to, on any instrument at intermediate level. Music, music stands and a cuppa provided. 7-9pm in the Heritage Hall beside the old church and station.

We'll be stopping over Christmas, with our last Sunday session on Sunday 21st December, our annual Scotch Broth Social on Sunday 4th January, and restarting our usual sessions on Sunday 11th January.

Christine Miller
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Culter Flower Show

Once again, another lovely sunny and warm day to go with another successful flower show which was held in the village hall on Saturday 16th of August.

This year we had invited the Lord and Lady



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Provost to open the show, which they did with great aplomb.

For most people, it has been a great summer, with lots of warm and sunny days with very little in the way of rain. For the exhibitors, it has been very trying, with more watering needed to keep the plants alive until show day. An excellent turn out of exhibitors with another 9 adults and 9 children competing for the first time, and the committee would to give a big thank you to all making that effort to compete. Once all the judging and point scoring was done in the forenoon, the general

public had the opportunity to attend and admire the outstanding exhibits in the afternoon with over 200 attending. Delicious afternoon teas were provided, with a generous raffle and for those who stayed at the end of the show, got armful of cut flowers to take away for a small donation.

The show committee would like to thank everyone who donated a gift for the raffle, including some of the local businesses. They were, Drumoak garden centre, Fox Lane garden centre, Lava Jewellery, Asda Bridge of Dee, and Culter Pharmacy.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped out with afternoon teas, especially in the kitchen which is always very busy preparing the sandwiches and cakes, as well as the volunteers who waited on. Also, thank you to the Theatre group for helping out with the stage lighting and stage steps. A big thank you to the Culter Village Hall, to allow us to host our event.

The Trophy Winners

- Overall points - Terry Stott
- Runner up points - Greg Cumming
- Most points Pot Plants - Catherine Lacy
- Best Begonia - George Cummings
- Best hanging basket/patio container - Allan Paul
- Most points Cut Flowers - Terry Stott
- Best vase of dahlias - Kenneth Ross
- Best exhibit of pansies/violas - Terry Stott
- Most points Floral Art - Irene Ross
- Best exhibit Floral Art - Sylvia Pike
- Most points Novice Floral Art - Laura Sullivan
- Most points Vegetables - Terry Stott
- Most points Senior Citizen - Patsy Townsend
- Most Points Cookery - Bob Calder
- Best exhibit Cookery - Irene Ross
- Most points Preserves and Dairy - Kathleen Paterson
- Most points Knitting and Needlework - Kathleen Paterson
- Best exhibit Knitting and Needlework - Kathleen Paterson
- Most points Crafts - Irene Ross
- Most points Photography - Laura Sullivan
- Most points Childrens - Erin Paterson
- Best exhibit Childrens 7 years and under

- Erin Paterson
- Best exhibit Childrens 8 to 10 years - Tova Sullivan
- Best overall garden - Mr. & Mrs Middleton
- Best All year round garden - Mr. & Mrs McAvoy
- For more information, visit either the Facebook page or on the website.

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Culter & District Pipe Band

Culter & District Pipe Band and the 47th Culter Boys Brigade Novice Juvenile Pipe Band had a belter of a competition season in 2025.

Under pipe major Neil-John Robertson and lead drummer Lachlan Gibb, the 4A band brought home trophies from all ten competitions we attended, including second place at the Scottish Pipe Band Championships and fourth place at both the UK and the European pipe band championships. We also placed second in our qualifying heat for the finals at the World Pipe Band Championships, though sadly no trophies on the day. As a result of our successful season, we've been upgraded and will compete at grade 3B next season.

2025 Flower Show Winners

Lead drummer Lachlan stepped down at the end of the season and we've welcomed Suzie Bruce, who's excited to continue our success.

Our novice juvenile band competed at four local competitions under pipe major Craig Moir, moving from strength to strength over the course of the season. We're looking forward to seeing them out on the field at even more contests next year.

Off the competition field, band members played for a variety of events, including P7 leavers day, a Strawberry Tea, an ultra running race, the Culter Gala, and a cancer charity gala dinner, among others. We also had successful entries in solo competitions by some of our pipers and drummers. Our race night and ceilidh were cracking events, raising money and providing a great night of fun for the local community.

The band is available for public and private engagements, whether as the full band, a mini band, or individual pipers/drummers. For more information, please see contact/website/social media details below.

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Cycling across Scotland for Culter Clubs

Hello, my name is Anton Shields, I am 10 years old and go to Culter Primary school. This summer I set myself the challenge of cycling across Scotland along the John Muir Way to raise money for Culter 58th Scout group and Culter Youth Football Club 2014s teams.

I managed to successfully complete my challenge earlier this summer, cycling over 139 miles and climbing 5000 feet over three days. It was lots of fun and I enjoyed camping along the way.

I started my challenge in Helensburgh, cycling along the banks of Loch Lomond and part of the West Highland Way before setting up camp just outside Kilsyth. On the second day my adventure continued along the Forth and Clyde Canal, passing the Falkirk Wheel and then over the Avon Viaduct towards Edinburgh, passing under the Forth Road and Rail Bridges before



camping on the outskirts of Edinburgh. On the final day, I cycled through Edinburgh, passing Murrayfield Stadium and around Arthur's Seat before eventually arriving in Dunbar and completing my challenge. I enjoyed a celebratory curry with my dad. I wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone who supported me and for all the generous donations in support of Culter 58th Scout group and Culter Youth Football Club 2014s teams. Thank you for all the donations and we managed to raise £415 for Culter Scouts group and £1052 for Culter Youth Football Club.

Anton Shields



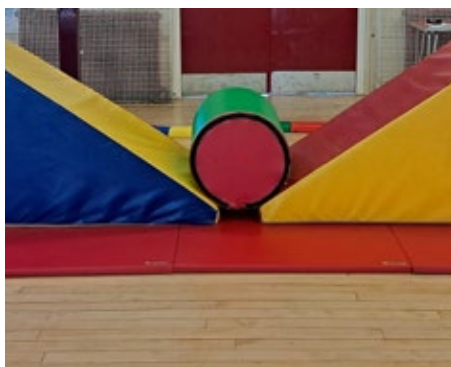
Anton nearing the end of his challenge

Culter Village Hall

Hello, here we are hurtling our way to Christmas!!

We are hoping to have A Family Christmas Party on Sat 13th Dec 3pm to 5pm. Details have still to be finalised but we're hoping a certain Mr Claus will make an appearance. This year's panto is in full swing with rehearsals and will be wowing audiences the 3rd to the 6th Dec here at the Hall.

Our caretaker Mary has done a power of work over the summer to revamp the room that used to hold the playgroup. It has been painted and the flooring redone ready for anything. It's a lovely space at 62.71m squared with it's own toilets and kitchen area. We've had some training days held here but it would be great also



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for wellness days, sound bath sessions and the like. It's the opposite end to the rest of the hall, has it's own entrance and you won't be disturbed by other hall events.

Our Two's Group has some spaces available. The Group runs Tues, Wed and Thurs 9.15am to 11.10am for any child age 2 and over to come and have fun with other kids without their grown up and before they move onto longer hours and are aged 3 when they attend Nursery.

There are our Kindergym classes too. For 3-5 year olds it's every Wed 1.30pm to 2.15pm and for 18mths and over Fri 9.30am -10.15am. There is also the Toddler's Group every Fri 10am-12pm.

Take time to come along and see what your local community has to offer.

The 200 Club continues. There are 3 winners every month now sharing the prize pot. It's just £12 for the year and helps the hall with it's day to day costs.

The partnership with Peterculter Co-op store and the food share hub continues. It's every Mon -Fri with food items that are available to pick up for free on a first

come, first served basis however please be considerate that there's a few folk who would like a share.

We've a variety of classes/activities going on at the hall, pop along and have a look.

We offer competitive rates for event hire at the hall. The main hall is very big and can accommodate a bouncy castle up to 12 ft high. We are now also offering a £35 package of some soft play equipment - see photo plus spacehoppers and footballs to add to the child's birthday experience. Just get in touch for more info.

We look forward to seeing you. For more information or to book an event or register a place at any of the children groups please contact us.

Fiona Jones

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Culter Gala has been running for over 150 years but it is now at risk. If we don't get new volunteers to help then the Gala will not happen next year. The Gala is a wonderful part of our village heritage and provides great fun for our community, especially the children – please help if you can.

What Help is Needed?

We need two types of help -

1..... HELP TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE GALA WEEK

This involves meeting once a month from January in order to make bookings for the event, organize the raffle, the quiz night, the car treasure hunt, etc.

2..... HELP ON GALA DAY

We need lots of folk to help set up on Gala Day, also to take everything down and pack it away at the end of the day.

Helping at the Gala means you will get a real sense of satisfaction from helping to make a much loved community event happen. You will meet and work with people from all walks of life and all ages, some of whom will become close friends. And, you will have fun!

If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering please contact Peter at peter.brawley01@gmail.com.

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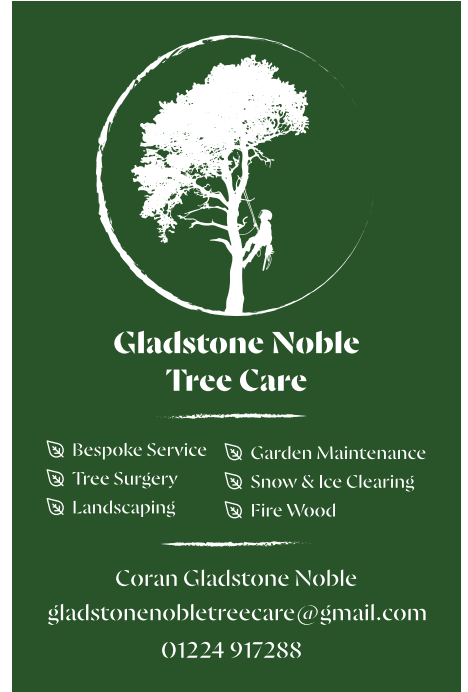


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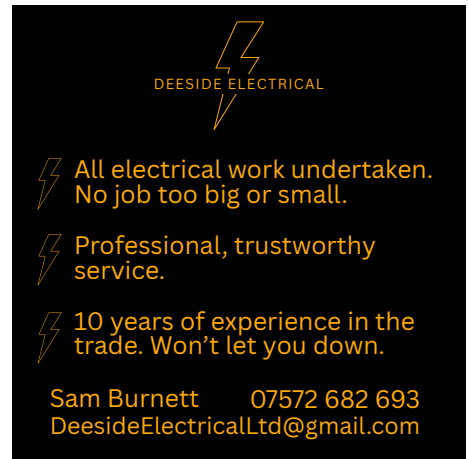
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