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CCC Chair, Andy Roberts

Culter Community Council – from the Chair

Welcome to this edition of the Culter Courier.

Possible removal of Culter Dam

The River Dee Trust is examining the possibility of removing the Culter Dam. The Trust sent representatives to our Community Council meeting at the end of March, and they presented the results of the flood modelling they had done up to that time. Their modelling predicted significantly-higher flood levels than have been experienced by residents. We told them about Aberdeen City Council's modelling, which significantly under-predicted the floods which have actually happened. We explained to the Trust that the two sets of modelling being so different, and with neither reflecting what has actually been observed (and suffered-from) by residents over the years, our residents could have no confidence in any of the modelling presented to them to date.

Since then the Trust has engaged well with residents, and we expect their final results shortly. These will form part of the supporting information for the planning application the Trust intends to submit in September or October for removal of the Culter Dam.

We the Community Council are shortly to meet the Trust for an update (after the

Courier goes to press).

Post Office and Banking Services

Cash Access UK is currently in discussion with the owners of premises, with the aim of setting up a Cash-Hub in Culter. They describe a Cash Hub as a manned counter service which allows customers to withdraw and deposit cash, pay bills, top up gas and electric, request bank statements, and request change. This is intended to be an interim solution ahead of a long-term Banking Hub. The one difference with a Banking Hub is that it is run by a rota of staff from different banks.

If all goes well, we will once again have a level of banking services in the village.

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- Andy Roberts, CCC Chair

'Green Energy' Proposals

Planning applications continue to be submitted between Thurso and Edinburgh for power lines and supporting facilities. There are none at present in our own area. Local authorities continue to challenge some of these applications – asking for further detail, or refusing the applications. As the proposed works form part of a UK-wide power strategy, we must expect that agreements will be reached at some point.

The Public Local Inquiry (PLI) on the Hill of Fare windfarm application was held last September; the Reporter has submitted her report to the Scottish Government, and a decision is awaited.

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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:

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Meeting Dates: 26th May, 25th June, July (No Meeting), 18th August

Minutes can be found online at www.cultercc.org.uk or accessed from any library.

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Finally....

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

Andy Roberts

CCC Chair

Planning

Recent Planning Applications

Planning applications have been few in number over the last 3 years, but there's been a distinct rise in applications over the last several weeks.

Most of these recent applications are for single-storey extensions or other modest improvements to people's homes. It's great that more of you have enough confidence in the future to go ahead with these works.

Developments on Existing Proposals

Planning are allowing the one enforcement case in our area to continue, pending completion of a separate development on the same site.

Proposed Aberdeen LDP

Work continues on compiling the next Local Development Plan (LDP), proposed for 2028. The new process for developing the next LDP inevitably delayed when we will see the next stages. It is likely that the Proposed LDP will now not be issued until well into 2027. This won't leave a lot of time for preparation of the final Aberdeen Local Development Plan, which is needed in 2028.

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

Councillor Malik

Summer is here, hopefully all of you are enjoying this fine weather! It has been a busy and rewarding few months in our community, and I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a number of local matters.

An Incredible Gala

I would like to begin by extending my greatest and most heartfelt thanks to the Culter Gala Committee for all their tireless efforts throughout the year in organising such a fantastic event. The gala was



Councillor Malik

very well-attended, and the atmosphere in the village was wonderful, there was real community spirit in the air. I was particularly delighted by how brilliantly our young people conducted themselves on the day. It was a credit to them, their families, and to Culter as a whole. An incredible day all round.

Parking on North Deeside Road

Parking has been a longstanding concern in the Lower Deeside Ward, and I know many of you will be familiar with the hazards at the junction of North Deeside Road and Craighton Crescent in particular. Despite the double yellow lines outside the Village Hall, these are regularly disregarded by drivers. I am currently working with the Council to have these lines refreshed.

Road Resurfacing

I am pleased to announce that long overdue resurfacing works will be carried out on Hillside View, Hillside Place, and Cornyhaugh Road. Pavements on Pittengullies Circle, Lochnagar Crescent, and School Road (from North Deeside Road to the substation) are also scheduled for resurfacing. This is great news for residents who have had to deal with those deteriorating surfaces for some time.

Winter Maintenance

Last winter laid bare some significant shortcomings in the Council's ability to respond to adverse weather conditions. At the Net Zero Committee on 10th June, I moved an amendment to the Winter Maintenance Plan to directly address these failings. Gritting our roads is not an optional extra. It not a luxury, it is an essential. This is a matter of public safety, and I will continue to press Aberdeen City Council to ensure we are properly

prepared before the cold weather returns. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there are local issues you would like me to raise on your behalf.

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Councillor Boulton

The summer weather has been mixed but thankfully we had a glorious day for the Culter Gala which was another well attended and successful gala.

The work that goes on behind the scenes on the day and the planning that goes into making the event happen takes months of hard work and many, many meetings. I would like to thank the team whose dedication and hard work makes sure we all have a gala to enjoy.

The Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee met on the 10th June to agree the Roads and Transport Related Capital Budget Programme 2026/27, the following items were agreed for the Lower Deeside area:

Proposed Lighting Capital Programme 2026/27 Scheme:

- Quantity/Comments Corroded Column Replacement
- Red and Amber results Peterculter Corroded Columns
- Red and Amber results Milltimber Corroded Columns
- Red and Amber results Bieldside corroded Columns
- Red and Amber results Cults Corroded Columns

Walking and Wheeling Interventions to improve walking and wheeling provision on the network:

- Schemes to include footway and pedestrian facility improvements at Peterculter amongst other locations.

Footway Resurfacing Scheme Location and description of works:

- Pittengullies Circle Both footways
- Lochnagar Crescent Both footways

Footway Resurfacing - Reserve List Scheme Location and description of works:

- School Road (Peterculter) From North Deeside Road to substation:

Carriageway Resurfacing Scheme Location and description of works:

- North Deeside Road From Kirk Brae to Station Road
- Baillieswells Terrace Whole carriageway
- Culter House Road From AWPR to Contlaw Road
- Hillside Road
- Cornyhaugh Road From Malcolm Road to Cornyhaugh Road

Carriageway Resurfacing – Reserve List Scheme Location and description of works:

- Kirk Crescent North Whole carriageway
 - Hillside Place Whole carriageway
 - Manse Road Whole carriageway
 - Cairn Road, Cults Whole carriageway
- Weak and major bridge repairs Location and description of works:
- Cults Square Bridge - Planning and Design
 - Maryculter Bridge Scour - Planning and Design
 - Maryculter Bridge Painting Works

I know there are still pavements and carriageways in need of resurfacing that have not been identified in the 2026/27 programme and I will continue to push for them to be included in the next round. The existing budget has been utilised for the schedules of works which include the above, I would draw your attention to the word ‘Reserve’ which indicated that the named location of footway/carriageway will only be done in 2026/27 if they have funds and time available or for some reason one of the identified projects doesn’t go ahead.



Councillor Boulton

E-bikes and Scooters

I recently received complaints about the use of e-bikes and scooters in the area, I thought it might be useful to provide a recent update from the Police which covers a citywide approach to the situation but also includes information which parents may not be aware of, see the

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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.

Editor

section below in bold.

During May and June Operation Armour was instigated which was an intelligence led operation across Aberdeen City targeting the criminal and anti-social use of E-motorcycles, adapted E-bikes, E-scooters and petrol motorcycles. There has been considerable press interest both locally and nationally regarding their use and the associated risks to motorists and members of the public which is an ongoing issue and something Police Scotland along with partner agencies are keen to tackle.

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I would urge parents to stop their children riding e-scooters in public places. Under current laws e-scooters can only be legally used on private land and if used in public places can be seized by us

- Police Community Action Team

Police Officers from the Community Action Team in Aberdeen identified 154 crimes and charged 50 people during the three week crack down. This included officers patrolling known crime hot spots, targeting offenders, and gathering intelligence. The initiative followed an increase in reports about illegal vehicle use across the city. Of particular focus were parks, playing fields, golf courses, and the city centre. 8 search warrants were carried out at properties, the following were seized 5 electric motorbikes; 19 e-bikes; 15 e-scooters; 5 petrol motorcycles; a van; and a car. Furthermore 50 people were charged in connection with crimes including dangerous driving; no licence; no insurance; driving on footpaths; and not wearing a helmet.

'I would urge parents to stop their children riding e-scooters in public places. Under current laws e-scooters can only be legally used on private land and if used in public places can be seized by us. If

caught parents face a fine and potentially penalty points being added to their children's future licences. Parents need to fully understand the risks involved not only to their children but innocent members of the public.'

Hopefully the above provided by the Police will be of some interest to residents.

Survey Results

In my last article I had asked residents to complete a short survey on the banning of mobile phones and smart watches in schools, a small number of people did fill it in the survey, the results to the questions were as followed:

Do you support pupils using mobile phones/smart watches at any of the following:

- Primary School

- Secondary School

- Neither

100% agreed Neither

Would you support an outright ban on mobile phones/smart watches in school?

83.33% Agreed

16.67% Disagreed

Would you support the school removing mobile phones/smart watches from pupils and holding them securely until the end of the day or in the event of an emergency?

100% Agreed

Would you support the school removing mobile phones/smart watches from pupils and holding them securely during lessons but pupils could access them during breaks and lunch time?

50% Disagreed

33.33% Agreed

16.67% Didn't Know

Would you support mobile phones/smart watches in school but kept in pupil's bags?

100% Disagreed

Do you believe that removing mobile phones/smart watches from pupils during school hours would improve any of the following:

- Behaviour, 100% agreed

- Learning, 100% agreed

- Better interaction with fellow pupils and teachers, 100% agreed

- Focus, 100% agreed

I would like to end my report by thanking Audrey Nicoll for all her efforts over her time as an MSP for this area. We may not share the same political platform but I think it is important to recognise the personal commitment Audrey showed in carrying out her role both locally

and as the chair of the Criminal Justice Committee at Holyrood and to wish her well for the future.

Marie Boulton

Councillor Independent

Duncan Massey, Cllr & MSP

Hello everyone,

It's now been a couple of months since my election as MSP for the North East of Scotland. It has certainly been a busy and hectic period, but I can safely say I've now got over that "first day at school" feeling.

I was very pleased to deliver my maiden speech on the topic of energy, particularly because it gave me the opportunity to set out a strong and clear case for our oil and gas industry. I firmly believe the Scottish Parliament should be an unashamed champion of the sector. Too often, though, both the Scottish Government and the Parliament have taken the opposite position — and that needs to change.



Councillor Duncan Massey

was also delighted to lead the Reform debate on the wider economy. This allowed me to make the case for a greater focus on economic growth. I firmly believe that growth is the only way to create jobs and opportunity (especially for our young people) and to generate the revenue needed to improve our public services.

While I am proud and delighted to serve in Parliament, I do have concerns that, at times, it feels out of touch. There are also a significant number of individuals with limited experience outside of politics. So with over 25 years of professional experience across engineering, finance and analytical roles in the energy industry, I believe I can make a really

meaningful contribution — and help hold to account what can sometimes feel like a disconnected institution.

I look forward to continuing that work in the months ahead.

Thank you for your support.

Duncan Massey

Local Councillor & MSP for North East Region

Lovers' Walk

Last year we completed the laying of concrete on the sections of Lovers' Walk which are prone to flood damage. There were several floods during the winter and the path survived them pretty well, but there was some damage which we want to fix this summer – a stitch in time saves nine.

We had some money in the bank from previous donations and Aberdeen City Council chipped in but we needed some more so we set up a crowdfunding appeal. The generous people of Culter gave £1200 which will allow us to carry out the repairs in June.

The broom and gorse on the south side of the Glebe (area of grass near the Heritage Hall) had grown very tall and obscured the view of the river from Lovers' Walk. We obtained permission from the Church to cut it back and Stan Reid and his pals have now done so. The view is now lovely!

Peter Brawley

for Culter Community Council

Repaired section of Lovers' Walk



Culter Flower Show

The annual flower show will take place in the Culter Village Hall on Saturday August 15th. Doors open at 1.30pm.

Details of classes can be found on our Facebook page. Entries can be taken to the hall on Friday evening from 6-10pm or from 6.30 – 9am on the day of the show.

Floral art, with classes 69 and 70 must be registered to the secretary by e-mail using culterflowershow@gmail.co.uk, by Wednesday 12th of August, as we need to make enough space for all entries. Floral art can be arranged at home and brought to the show ready-made to save time.

Entries for children are most welcome particularly the 12-16 age range.

As always, we would welcome raffle prizes and donations of home baking to serve with the teas. For the grand sum of £5 you get entry to the show as well as a lovely homemade afternoon tea.

This year we have invited Rev. Emma McDonald, to formally open the show at 2pm with the awarding of prizes for the event. Entry payment can be made by cash or credit card. At the end of the show, around 4pm, prize winning cut flowers and vegetables will be sold off to the public by donation.

A raffle will be held, with substantial prizes donated by our local business as well from individuals, helping us to raise enough funds for next year's show.

Hope to see you there for a great afternoon.

Kenneth Ross

Secretary

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Liam Kerr, MSP

As summer continues, there are plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy a wide range of events taking place across Aberdeen and the North East, from local markets and live music to world-class performances and charity fundraising events.

Music enthusiasts may also wish to attend the National Youth Choir of Scotland's performance of Carmina Burana at Aberdeen Music Hall. Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2026, on the 22nd of

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Culter in Bloom Gala Stall

Culter in Bloom

**“Water water everywhere and not
a drop to drink “**

Whilst our plants aren't the Ancient Mariner they do need help to keep them healthy and bonny this summer. So, if you live here, work here or are just walking by our planters, please check if they need a life supporting drink, and water them!! I'm sure you have water in a tap or hose somewhere!

Remember Culter in Bloom is a community group so all in Culter are welcome to assist as well as to enjoy the blooms.

It was lovely to meet so many folk at the Gala and we think you all enjoyed perusing our stall, buying plants, asking advice as well as giving us your support.

This year we will plant begonias, trailing lobelia and geraniums. Only a few hanging baskets this year as we are a little too mature to climb safely! And, no we didn't plant the bloomin chick weed, that pops up by itself (uninvited).

Remember too that the fruit at the Orchard is yours to share. We know your children love to pick their own as so few of us have time to grow them

We take lots of photos and put them on Facebook, so please do look.

For further details on Culter in Bloom please contact me on the number below.

Here's to a blooming lovely summer.

Carol Page

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August. NYCOS returns to Carl Orff's iconic masterpiece, renowned for its powerful choral writing and dramatic orchestral sound. Conducted by Christopher Bell, this promises to be a memorable performance of one of the most celebrated works in the choral repertoire.

Later in the month, Maggie's Culture Crawl returns to Aberdeen on Friday 28 August. Participants will take part in an 8.5-mile evening walk around the city, enjoying exclusive access to iconic venues, live music and entertainment along the route, as well as food and refreshments. The event raises vital funds for Maggie's and offers an opportunity to walk, celebrate and spend time with friends while supporting an important cause.

There is plenty happening across the region over the coming weeks, providing opportunities to support local businesses, enjoy live entertainment and make the most of the summer season.

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

As this is a non-political publication, if you would like to keep up to date with my work as an MSP, you can check out my website.

Liam Kerr

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Peterculter Golf Club

What a difference a year makes!
As I write this in mid-June we have had a lot of woolly hat golfing weather, unlike the glorious days of the 2025 season. However, the golf course remains busy; is in great condition; and members are enjoying their golf.

We have had a busy Open season, with good attendance, including a Ladies weekend when a "bevy" of Captains and ex Captain's happened to be on the first tee at the same time!

The weather was reasonably kind to us over the two days and lovely to meet ladies from different North East clubs and further afield.

We have a Ladies Invitation Charity Day to look forward to which is very kindly sponsored by one of our members from

L to R - Jackie Craig (Ladies Capt.)
Jayne Kinnear (ex Ladies Capt.)
Jill Watson (ex Ladies Capt.) Liz
Davidson (ex Ladies and current
Club Captain

the Ladies Section and will raise money for Charlie House.

The Juniors are well into their season with Golf Skills Challenges of putting, driving and chipping over several Friday evenings, Golf Sixes, which gives our Junior members a chance to play on 4 other North East courses and the Club Junior Competitions all taking place.

The Gents section won the Scott Trophy at Portlethen and are doing well in the Deeside league and wish them all the best for the rest of the season.

We get lots of visitors to our course but a special visitor made an appearance after the Culter Gala weekend. He, or maybe she, is sitting at the 14th hole – cheering up golfers who have not made it across the ditch that runs across the fairway. We have yet to solve the mystery of his/her appearance - there has been one suggestion of who may have put it there – so far unconfirmed – or perhaps it maybe escaped from the Duck Race? Any information please contact me!!

On that happy note, I will sign off for now and wish you all the best for the rest of the summer!

Liz Davidson

Club Captain

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News from Culter Library

We have enjoyed a lovely few months at Culter Library. Our two book groups have been working their way through some interesting titles, meeting once a month respectively to engage in lively conversations over tea and biscuits. Similarly, our weekly Yarn & Yap continues to liven up the library on a Tuesday afternoon, wowing us with their lovely projects (and their home baking prowess).

June also saw the beginning of our annual Aberdeen Reads summer challenge, with young people and families enjoying reading together, completing challenges, and attending events across the city. Our theme for 2026 was 'A Summer Whodunnit', a celebration of our favourite crime and mystery stories. We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has taken part this year – the number of young readers in Culter is inspiring, and we hope you are all enormously proud of what you have achieved.

The library remains a free and welcoming space for every member of the community, and joining only takes a couple of minutes. You can pop in anytime we are open with some ID (this does not need to be photographic) and collect your library card on the day. You can also begin the process by signing up online via the library website. Under-16s do not require any ID to join.

We hope to see you in Culter Library very soon!

Opening Times

Monday 1-7pm

Tuesday-Thursday 10-1pm & 2-5pm

Saturday 10-1pm

Culter Library Team

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Reconnecting Culter's River Wildlife

A study is underway to investigate possible removal of the Culter Dam, a 5m high structure which sits across the Culter Burn just upstream of Rob Roy.

The Culter Burn flows into the River Dee, a Special Area for Conservation, famous for Atlantic Salmon, otter and other iconic wildlife. Now, the Dee District Salmon Fishery Board and River Dee Trust are looking at the possibility of removing the dam, so that the Culter Burn can flow freely again for the first time in over 200 years.

The dam is a remnant of the paper mill which closed in 1980. Built in the 1830s, the dam structure has had a major impact on the wildlife of the Culter Burn, particularly on endangered migratory species such as salmon and

eel.

Historical accounts give us an insight into the local importance of eel - the 1795 accounts detail the habits and number of elver (young eels), "they go up the Culter Burn in great numbers and proceed up the Leuchar to Loch of Skene... [estimated at] 1.8million elvers in one day [across 3 days]". Both salmon and eel have great cultural and ecological significance to the area and blocking the vital waterway of the Culter Burn has been detrimental to eels and a wide range of our native wildlife.

Removal of the dam could also link in with wider benefits, such as upstream natural flood management proposals, water quality improvement and new footpaths.

Over the past 12 months, a wide range of surveys, technical studies, community engagement and briefings have taken place. These elements have been brought together to produce a plan for the careful dismantling process and designs of the surrounding post-removal landscape.

The next step will be to begin formal engagement with the planning and regulatory authorities. The Culter community are invited to bring forward comments or queries at any point during the planning and implementation phase of this ambitious dam removal project.

If you would like to support us and get involved with our work on the Culter Burn, please get in touch, see details below.

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St Peter's Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre in Culter is open on Sundays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm until the end of September. There are a number of new displays this year, including one showing memorabilia from the 1960s; this includes a display of clothing, household goods, magazines and records. Hopefully this will be of interest to young and old.

There is also a new display of Culter School photos including the Centenary Celebrations of 1996, new items in our Culter Paper Mills area, and of course our Rob Roys, the model railway and much more. There is plenty to see!

On Sunday afternoons there is also the opportunity to enjoy Afternoon Tea in the Heritage Hall - wonderful home bakes along with tea or coffee. Adults cost £6 and children under 12, £4. For this charge you receive three cakes and unlimited tea or filter coffee (children can have juice and two cakes). Teas are served when the Heritage Centre is open, 2-4pm, and they are prepared and served by our wonderful volunteers. Please note that we are only able to accept cash payments.

The Heritage Trust was formed in 1999 and during that time it has gathered together a large collection of items relating to the development of Culter and Lower Deeside. We welcome visitors and are always encouraging people to help in volunteering to maintain and develop our Heritage Centre. Visit our website, email or follow us on Facebook for more information.

St Peter's Heritage Centre

stpetersheritagecentre.org
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Facebook - St. Peter's Heritage Centre and Hall, Peterculter

Culter & District Men's Shed

As spring becomes summer, our gardening guru Alex has again managed to fill our greenhouse with tomatoes, courgettes, cucumbers. In the raised beds tatties, leeks, cauliflower, lettuce and something new - garlic!

We had our usual stall at Culter Gala and had a very successful afternoon. Many thanks must go to our supporters who give generously year after year. Thanks are also due to those who happily purchased our crafted products on sale.

Paul has successfully managed to convert the old mangle into a printing press. The conversion has taken nearly a year to meticulously engineer it back into the life. It will have its new home in Torphins.

A group of members had a fascinating morning at Robertson Memorials in Westhill. Those attending found it really interesting to see how modern technology is used in the ancient art of cutting granite and making gravestones. The photo shows some of those present having the process explained.

Work continues to secure quotes for the construction of an additional shed. Planning permission is in place and when the final costs are determined a drive will be made to secure funding.

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 FOR MORE INFO



It was reported that Brian Davidson a founder member and first Chairman had passed away at the end of May. Paying tribute, Jim Greig the current Chairman, said "without the foresight of Brian and the other Trustees who started the Shed in 2017 we might not be here today."

For further information on all the Shed's activities please contact us on the number below.

Culter & District Men's Shed

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www.culterdistrictmensshed.org.uk

Deeside Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club

My name is Aaron Bowie and I am the Chair of Deeside Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club.

We are a group of veterans and serving members of His Majesty's Armed Forces and like other Veterans Breakfast Clubs around the country and overseas our ethos is mutual support.

We meet for breakfast on the first Sunday of each month at 11am in the Banchory Legion which is located at Ravenswood Country club, Ramsay Rd, Banchory, AB31 5TS. The cost for the breakfast is £5 for Veterans and £10 for guests, this includes a full Scottish breakfast, toast, tea and coffee.

Men's Shed Members at Robertsons Memorials

We look forward to welcoming additional veterans to the Breakfast Club and to pull up a sandbag and tell us your stories.

For more information you can contact me by phone or email see below.

Aaron Bowie

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Facebook - Deeside Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club

Scotch Broth - Traditional Music Group

We've had a busy few months with several new faces appearing regularly or just visiting.

We've a new violinist - perhaps we'll brainwash her to become a fiddler, her technique is more classical than most of us and puts us to shame - welcome, Olesya. And, more recently a blues guitarist who's similarly becoming familiar with Scottish traditional music - welcome, George.

At one of our May sessions a gentleman from Massachusetts, although originally from Scotland, arrived with family members to accompany some of our tunes on 'the bones'. A similar effect and use as playing the spoons or the bodhran and we were able to resurrect some of

the American bluegrass tunes introduced to us several years ago by an American fiddler here for a few weeks. A fun evening and these new faces bring us different tunes to try.

In May we were invited to give a concert to the residents of flats in Milltimber. A most enjoyable evening was had by all, with a programme of tunes devised by Petra, from Scotland, Orkney and Shetland, Ireland and 'walking songs' from Sweden, plus songs from Petra and Alastair; Paula MC-ed for us. By the time you read this we expect to also have performed for them at their Summer BBQ - a first for us - and relaxed at our annual Summer Solstice evening in Rob's garden overlooking Bennachie. Stonehaven has its annual Folk Festival in July and as always some of us patronise the workshops and concerts.

The last few months have seen us following

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- Scotch Broth

up a suggestion trying out themed evenings once a month to which we all bring a new tune and introduce it with some background. So far we've had Phil Cunningham - the present day composer and guitarist, who's written some lovely pieces; lochs and lochans; and leaving/farewell tunes. This also brings new pieces in to follow up over successive weeks. So far Shirley's 'The Craic at Clashmore Hall' has proved the biggest hit.

Do join us if you'd like to, on any instrument at intermediate level. We meet in the Heritage Hall in Culter, by the old station, on a Sunday evening 7-9pm. Music, music stands and a cuppa provided.

Christine Miller

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Culter Juniors FC

For the first time in four years Culter FC never won any trophies last season. We were 3rd in the North of Scotland Football League (NoSFL) Premier League and we were beaten 3-2 in the final of the Inter North of Scotland/Tayside trophy.

It was always going to be inconsistent last season as we lost 8 players and recruited 9 new players at the start of the 2025/26 season.

The following players have been released/transferred during the summer break: Graeme Wilson (retired); Cammy Ross; Harry Woods; Ashton Ford; and Kevin Hanratty. The club wishes these players success in their new clubs.

The following players have recently joined Culter FC: Josh Bolton (Inverurie Locos); Dom Rae and Andy Youngson (Hermes FC); Sam Garnham (Huntly FC); and Mitchel Watson (Formartine Utd). We have signed both experienced players and young players and I am sure they will assist with winning trophies next season.

The club end of season club awards have been delayed until the 15th August at Culter Mill Social Club. We have also arranged a lunch fundraiser at the Sandman Hotel, Aberdeen on the 20th October. Anyone requiring tickets for these events please contact Gordon Thomson, at the number below. More details for both events will be issued on the CFC Facebook site and CFC website. The club have recently started an online lotto to assist with raising funds for the Culter Community Football Club, see

link below for details and access to take part in the lotto competition - Play our online lottery to help us raise funds!

If you check the Culter FC and Culter Youth FC Facebook sites (see below) you will see full details of the On Line Lotto competition. The club welcome all persons to participate in the lotto competition.

We welcome everyone to visit Crombie Park in 2026/27 to watch and support Culter FC. 2026/27 match fixtures will

be issued at the end of July and the first match will be on the 1st August - Banchory St Ternan v Culter in the 1st round of the Grill Trophy.

Regards and take care.

Gordon Thomson

Culter FC President

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www.ourclublotto.co.uk/playculterfc/ Culter Community Football Club

www.culterfc.co.uk

Facebook - CulterFootballClub

Culter Dons U15s

Culter Dons U15s celebrate a remarkable championship season.

There has been plenty to celebrate at Culter Youth FC this season as Culter Dons Under-15s completed one of the most successful campaigns in the team's history.

Having played 11-a-side football for the past three seasons, the squad has continued to develop year after year, and their hard work was rewarded in spectacular fashion during the 2025/26 season.

The team were crowned ADJFA league champions after an outstanding league campaign, winning 15 of their 16 matches and scoring an incredible 84 goals along the way.

The success didn't stop there. Culter Dons also represented the club amazingly at the UK

International Cup, competing against some of the strongest academy and grassroots teams from across the UK, as well as sides from the Netherlands, Ireland and beyond.

The boys rose to the challenge superbly, finishing as runners-up in their group before progressing through the knockout stages to secure an impressive third-place finish overall and take home bronze medals. Their performances

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- Culter Juniors FC

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Culter Dons U15s team participating in the UK International Cup

demonstrated not only their footballing ability but also the team work.

The achievements are a testament to the dedication shown by the players, coaches and supportive families throughout the season.

As they now prepare for the next chapter of their football journey, everyone at Culter Youth FC can look back on the 2025/26 season with immense pride. League champions, international tournament medallists and outstanding ambassadors for their club, Culter Dons Under-15s have set a fantastic example of what can be achieved through hard work, togetherness. Congratulations to every player, coach and volunteer involved in a truly memorable season.

Garry Yule

Culter Hillwalking Club

We are well underway with our programme of summer walks to the high hills of Deeside, and also our summer weekends away.

Already, we have had a great time in the Lake District, highlight the Coledale Round, and stayed at our favourite Glenmore Lodge, near Aviemore, with lots of high Cairngorm peaks tackled, sometimes in low cloud, and sometimes in sunshine.

The weather has admittedly been rather unstable of late, and when we see lots

of rain in the forecast, we do change our routes – none of us wish to walk all day soaking wet. Oddly enough, the above-mentioned low cloud added considerably to the interest of the day, while we stayed unworried since the modern GPS on our phones and gadgets meant we did actually know where we were at all times... however, the sun finally broke through to reveal the whole of the Cairngorm plateau around us was indeed a wonderful experience!

As always, for further information, please see contact details below.

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Catherine Lacy – 07789852923

James Brownhill – 01224 897273

Members of Culter Hillwalking Club on Ben Macdui



Maryculter SWI

Maryculter Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) meet at the Corbie Hall, South Deeside Road, Maryculter on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

At these meetings we provide a wide range of talks, activities and competitions for our members enjoyment and if you would like to come along to see what goes on, you will be made very welcome.

Our next meeting will be on the 9th of September. We cannot announce who will be that night's speaker just yet, but once finalised the information will be posted on our Facebook page or contact our Secretary, Christine, details below.

The 2026/2027 season is expected to be a particularly busy one as our Institute is celebrating its 100th Anniversary!

As well as a day's outing to celebrate our Centenary, we will be holding our evening meetings as usual. These will include a talk about the survivors of the Titanic disaster, one about the Scottish Air Ambulance Service and another from a milliner who makes and designs her own hats.

The fees are £40.00 for a year's membership or £6.00 (per meeting) for non-members and £5.00 for members of other SWI Institutes.

Maryculter SWI

Secretary, Christine – 07398156039

Facebook – [MaryculterSWI](#)

Culter Theatre Club

Back in June Culter Village Hall was transformed into the Dibley Parish Hall as we presented our summer production - The Vicar of Dibley. Audiences were welcomed to the parish of Dibley, where the members of the Parish Council were waiting on the arrival of their new vicar.

Thank you to....

Directors Kerwin Robertson and Hilary Esson, all the cast, crew, and volunteers that made this show a success. And, a special thank you to all of you that came along to see the show, you attending meant we completely sold out the four night run over the two weekends.

Across the event, the donations of generous audiences raised funds for the Comic Relief, thank you to all who donated.

Panto Preparations

With little time to rest, work has quickly moved on to preparations for this year's pantomime - Sleeping Beauty. Our unique telling of the tale - with the usual blend of local humour, song, and dance - will take place at the Village Hall from the 2nd to 5th December. Keep your eyes peeled on our website and Facebook page for the release of tickets - and don't delay, they go quick!

Fancy getting involved?

We continue to encourage new members to join us on-stage and off. Auditions for the panto are open to anyone aged 10 and above and more details can be found on our website.

We are always on the look out for new volunteers to help backstage and front of house. Whether that be set painting, costume making, or stage crew for our shows, every job is essential. If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please get in touch.

Jamie Gordon

Chair - Culter Theatre Club

cultertheatreclub.co.uk

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

Deesiders Walking group

Among the many walks we have had this year two stand out the



most and we still talk about them now.

The first, we walked from the village along the river to The Shakkin Briggie. For those of us that live in the village we have heard about the Otter which lives just down Lovers' walk. On this occasion we were lucky enough to see it for ourselves.

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- Deesiders Walking Group

We stood for almost 10 minutes watching it play in the river. It wasn't bothered by us at all and often came very close to the riverbank. It must have been eating some of the 1-1.5kg of fish and amphibians that

Keith Tower by Deesiders Walking Group

it needs daily.

The second was along the Deeside way from Dinnet to Ballater. On this occasion we lost count of how many Wood Ant hills we saw. We were amazed to see one reaching to the height of about two meters. How many years had that taken to build? These mounds are called a 'Thatch' and are often built on a South facing edge using pine needles, twigs and soil. They serve as a sun heated home for up to 400,000 workers and several queens. It keeps a cosy temperature of around 25 degrees C. Wow.

We have many walks which have been tried and tested and give us plenty to choose from. However, now and again we find a new one which we class as an 'adventure' not really knowing what we will see. I don't think we have discovered a new walk yet which we wouldn't do again.

Why not join us on a Tuesday. Maybe you have some walks of your own which you could introduce us to. If you require any more information please get in touch.

Debbie Mackenzie

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WHAT'S ON AT CULTER VILLAGE HALL



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10.30am -11.15am



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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY FLOWER SHOW

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culterflowershow.com

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Here at Culter Village Hall we rely on volunteers to make a lot of the activities & fundraising events happen. A strong base of volunteers would also lead to more clubs being formed & events being organised which can only be great for our community.

We already have Family Discos for Culter Gala Week, Halloween & Christmas but we're always keen to do more. The Village Hall is a community owned asset, the land & building gifted to the people of Culter so it belongs to and is run for everyone in the village.

If you would like to get involved, please get in touch.

Email: thevillagehallculter@gmail.com

Call: **01224 734371** or Facebook

58th Culter Scout Group

Beavers

It's been a badge frenzy this term for the Beavers!

The Beavers kicked things off with the Communicator Badge, where everyone had great fun cracking codes using Morse and waving semaphores to spell out secret messages. From there, they took on Global Issues with a series of themed evenings – building their own water filters (with surprisingly clean-ish results!), and finding out more about endangered animals, fair trade, and recycling.

More recently, the Beavers have been focusing on Health and Fitness. They have been busy whipping up healthy snacks and discovering how exercise affects their bodies – including checking their heart rates before and after activity. Many of the Beavers even took part in the Junior Parkrun at Duthie Park, putting their learning into action and having a brilliant time. For some, it was their very first parkrun – an amazing achievement! With only a few sessions to go before

the summer break, the Beavers are now getting stuck into the Outdoor Challenge Badge. Excitement is building for the upcoming Group Camp at Templars in Maryculter, where the group will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 58th Aberdeen Scouts. Alongside the celebrations, there'll be plenty of classic camping fun too!

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- 58th Culter Scout Group

first time, they supported the Group by helping to sell Duck Race tickets, showing fantastic community spirit and confidence when engaging with others.

At Templars Park, the Cubs enjoyed an exciting exploration of the natural world, going on a bug hunt to discover a wide variety of creepy crawlies. They learned how to safely handle insects and the importance of returning them to their natural habitats, developing both curiosity and respect for wildlife.

The Pack has also been working towards their Navigation badge, building skills in map reading and orientation while navigating between different points around Templars Park. The Cubs have shown great teamwork and problem-solving throughout these activities.

The Cubs have also celebrated Scotland's return to the World Cup with a fun-filled football-themed evening, which was a big hit with everyone. Looking ahead, the Cubs are preparing for the upcoming Group Scout Camp, where we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the 58th Aberdeen (Culter) Scout Group.

Scouts

It has been a busy term for the Scouts too! They spent two weeks of duck selling in the village before helping out at the Duck Race, manning the stalls and collecting

Scouts Ready for Expedition Camp



and transporting hundreds of ducks to and fro from the stream to the bridge to keep the races going. The Scouts did an awesome job and we couldn't have done the duck race without them!

The Scouts enjoyed two outings this term. They spent an evening on the water with Grampian Adventures enjoying a session on the stand-up paddle boards and in the canoes and kayaks. The trampoline in the middle of the loch is always a huge success and some Scouts spent more time in the water than on the water.

The group also paid a visit to Farm Stop in Portlethen where they fed the ducks, pigs, goats and had cuddles with guinea pigs, pygmy goats and sat down with chickens on their heads and goats on their backs. It was definitely a different kind of experience than our usual meetings!

Our Senior Scouts went on their expedition camp as part of their Chief Scout Gold Award. They hiked with backpacks to the designated (wild) camping area in Glen Tanar, set up their tents and dug a toilet pit and grease pit. Part of the expedition badge is to work with the rangers and they were in for a treat helping with ringing birds for conservation purposes. They also did their self-navigated hike on the estate and cooked their own meals on Trangia stoves. They all managed to complete their expedition challenge badge and are well on their way to get their Chief Scout Gold Award.

We are now looking forward to our annual group camp at Templars Park to celebrate our 50th anniversary and to attend Satellite Camp at the Blair Atholl Jamborette later in July.

Fun at the Duck Race



Could You Join Us?

If any of our activities sound like fun, we are always delighted to welcome new adult volunteers to any of our sections. We are a very supportive team and being involved is hugely rewarding and fun. To find out more, please contact Mirjam at the email below.

Mirjam Green

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2026 Annual Duck Race

Thank You for Supporting Our Duck Race Fundraiser.

The 58th Culter Scout Group would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising Duck Race on the 17th of May.

The event was very well attended by both our volunteers and members of the public, helping to make it a great success. We are especially grateful to all of the volunteers who gave their time and effort before, during and after the event. Without their hard work, the day would not have been possible.

We would also like to thank everyone who came along to support us and purchased ducks. Your generosity helps us continue to provide exciting opportunities and activities for our young people.

Although the weather brought the occasional downpour, it didn't dampen spirits, and we were delighted to see so many people enjoying the day.

Thank you once again for your support. We look forward to seeing you at future events.

58th Culter Scout Group



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Culter School

As the 2025/2026 school year draws to a close, we have been reflecting on the wonderful memories and experiences that have made the Summer term at Culter School so special.

This term's interdisciplinary learning was centred around Our Living World. A highlight was working with Ranger Joe from Alba Explorers, whose outdoor sessions provided every class from P1 to P6 with the opportunity to challenge themselves, build teamwork skills and resilience, and develop an appreciation for the natural world. Pupils been learning to identify trees, birds and insects in the school field and playground, as well as having fun outdoors.

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The school's annual Sports Day showcased enthusiasm and teamwork, with Templars being crowned Tug-Of-War winners and Dalmaik crowned overall winners. ”

- Culter School

We are extremely grateful to the Culter Courier for giving the school a donation of £1850 for our Alba Explorers programme. During last term, Primary 1 explored habitats and the butterfly life cycle, visited Culter Library, and presented an assembly. Primary 2 investigated mini-beasts and bees while developing literacy and numeracy skills. Primary 3 learned about habitats worldwide and enjoyed a trip to Drum Castle. Primary 4 explored planets and environmental issues, took part in gardening, and performed at the Big Sing. Primary 5 focused on habitats and biodiversity, with a Zoology Building visit. Primary 6 investigated space and natural disasters, created artwork, and visited AFC Cormack Park. The Junior Road Safety Officers shared Road Safety stories with the P1 pupils and Cycling Safety booklets with the P5s. Primary 7 pupils prepared

for transition to Culter Academy, rehearsed their Leavers' Show, 'Gigglebox!', and look forward to Activities Week. Some of the P7 girls met Judy Murray at a Miss Hits Tennis Leaders session too.

Earlier this year, P7 went to Dalguise for 3 days for their residential trip and had plenty of fun, including climbing, abseiling, zip-lining, archery and raft building. For Activities Week this year P7 are going to Lochter Activity Park, doing a Bake-Off competition in school and having their P7 Leavers' Disco in the Village Hall. The school's annual Sports Day showcased enthusiasm and teamwork, with Templars

being crowned Tug-Of-War winners and Dalmaik crowned overall winners.

It has been a very busy term and everyone is looking forward to the summer holidays! We wish everyone a safe, relaxing summer break. Thank you to our families and community for your continued support. We look forward to August for another exciting school year.

With best wishes.

P7 Communications Pupil Voice Group

Culter School



Fun at the Culter School Sports Day and with Alba Explorers



Culter Gala

We had a super sunny day for the Gala which started with the Culter and District Pipe Band entering the field and ring. The Gala was officially opened by Joyce Cowie, who has been a childminder in Culter for over 40 years.

Thank You to

The Gala took place at the end of a week which included a successful Quiz night, Family Disco, Duck Race, Afternoon Tea, Storytelling, Bowling Hat Night and Car Treasure Hunt. Thank you to the Mill Club, Village Hall, St Peter's Heritage Centre and Hall, School Parent Council and Culter Scouts for organising and/or hosting these events.

Thank you to everyone who helped on Gala day to set up in the morning and clear away in the late afternoon. Thank you to all the stall holders - the stalls were great. Also, thank you to everyone who made the effort to wear football outfits to reflect the "World Cup Magic" theme.

Thank you also to the folk who provided the food and drink; the Pipe Band Marquee was a great place for a fly cuppa and a fine piece and the licensed family bar was very popular.

On the Day...

We all enjoyed the events in the ring, compered by Kirsty Davidson; Culter and District Pipe Band, the band Undercover Oasis, Studio 202 aerial display, North East Remote Controlled Cars, the Cheerleaders (Torphins Tornadoes and Blue Lightning) and Culter Youth Diamond football girls team. Prizes were awarded for the art competition winners, there were lots of different running races for children and adults, the Zoe Skea football match took place and the raffle winners were announced.

The Culter Champion trophy was won by Anton Shields for cycling across Scotland to raise money for charity. The Best Stall award was won by Culter School Parent Council.



Fun at the Culter School Sports Day.
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We are grateful to local businesses for donations of raffle prizes, see list below.

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We are also grateful for the raffle prize donations from the stall holders. We would also like to thank our sponsors Balmoral Group and Aberdeen Cleaning Services.

And Finally...

In August we will invite local groups to apply for a share of the funds generated by the Gala.

Thanks to everyone who made it such a wonderful Gala week!

The Gala Team





The Heritage-Hound

Bus Trip to Culter, 1926: Part Two

As I continue my journey on the new “Gordon Line” bus through Culter, I find myself stepping into a village full of character, community and charm. The bus reaches the end of Church Terrace, where many local people know the licensed grocer’s shop simply as “Jessie Thomson’s”. I watch with fascination as Jessie carefully weighs out tea and sugar instead of selling them in pre-packed bags. She expertly ties each parcel with merchant’s twine before handing it over to her customers. Large tanks of syrup and treacle sit proudly on the counter, waiting to fill the jars brought in by local shoppers.

Looking out of the right-hand window, I see the church standing proudly on the brae. Built between 1894 and 1895, along with a manse and stables, it cost an impressive £4,000. Its granite walls seem to watch over the village below. Further west, beyond Craighton Crescent, I pass the cycle agent, William Thomson. Bicycles are everywhere. In fact, they are the main mode of transport for many people. Culter’s thriving Cycle Club has even built its own store beside the Public Hall, known locally as the “Bichty”. Nearby stands

George Watt’s tailor shop, and outside I spot several local children laughing and playing with empty pirls. Their cheerful chatter, bright smiles and boundless energy bring the street to life.

A little farther along, the Public Hall comes into view. Built in 1886 at a cost of £513, it serves as an important gathering place for the community. As the bus rolls westward, I pass “Mayfield” on my left. Much of the surrounding ground remains rough and undeveloped, reminding me that Culter is still growing.

Soon I arrive at the watchmaker and jeweller’s shop of Arthur Ritchie. Down

the brae to my left lies Mid Fernbank, while closer to the railway cutting stands a large house originally intended to be a railway hotel. A roadside sign catches my eye, advertising refreshments at Mrs Black’s Shop and Tearoom. Who could resist stopping for tea and cake after a long journey?

The bus carries me past Stanley Cottage, Stanley Villa and Mr

Lindsay’s tailor shop. Beside the house called “Beechwood” stands a small building known locally as the Armoury. Originally built by local territorials to store their rifles, it now forms another fascinating piece of Culter’s history. Through the right-hand window I glimpse Carnie’s Cottage, where Miss Adams creates her beautiful dresses.

Next, the magnificent granite frontage of Carnie’s Buildings dominates the

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roadside. Here, villagers can buy fresh milk and dairy produce from the Wester Ord Dairy or visit Mr Mavor’s butcher shop. There is even a branch of Mr Will’s business from Culter for anyone interested in the modern marvels of electric lighting and heating. Change is arriving in Culter, one shop at a time.

Before long, I reach the Culter Recreation and Ex-Servicemen’s Club. Not so many years ago, this site was occupied by the stables and builder’s yard of Frank Morrison. I learn that a large billboard once stood here, and every week the billposter arrived with bucket and brush in hand to advertise the latest attractions at His Majesty’s Theatre and the Tivoli.

On 11 March 1922, the club’s new hall was officially opened. Remarkably, the building originally came from Oldmill Hospital, where it had been used during the Great War to care for wounded soldiers. Since then, it has become a treasured centre of village life, hosting bazaars, whist drives, concerts and countless community gatherings. Its story is one of service, survival and celebration.

To the west of the hall stands Coronation Buildings, a striking granite block built in 1902 to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII. As my bus journey continues, I am left with a deep appreciation for the people, places and stories that make Culter unique. Every shop, every building and every lane seems to hold a memory waiting to be discovered.

And what other hidden treasures might lie ahead on this remarkable journey through Culter? I hope you look forward to finding out in the next part of the adventure.

If your group, or organisation, would like a talk (with pictures!) - please get in touch, contact details below.

Callum Stuart

The Heritage-Hound

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Culter Choirs

Culter Choirs sessions will run in the Culter Parish Church on Thursday evenings, starting Thursday the 3rd of September.

From 7.15 to 8.15pm, we have Vox Amabile - a choir for men and women, with all keen singers made very welcome. We produce a couple of concerts per year, at least...



Musical Midgies – Childrens Choir

one at Christmas with the other in May.

Prior to the Vox Amabile session Musical Midgies, for School Children, meet from 6 to 7pm.

If there is sufficient demand, we will start a select Chamber Group of 12 voices after Vox Amabile.

There is a small charge to help with the cost of music and hire of the hall.

For more information please contact me on the number below.

Morag Simpson

Choir Director

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Cults Over 50 Group

Celebrating our 20th Birthday

In May this year over 100 members of the Cults Over50 Group put on their finery and came along to a wonderful Afternoon Tea in The Hub to celebrate the club's 20th birthday. Our cake was cut by our current Vice Chair, Emily Garden, along with two members of the original Steering Group, Lizzie Thomas and Anne Wilcox.

When the two Cults churches amalgamated, they set up an Outreach Steering Group and one of their visions was to form an all-inclusive over 50's Club where a programme of interests would feed body, mind and spirit with an emphasis on friendship and support.

On May 24th, 2006, the inaugural meeting was held in the old church hall. The guest speaker was Steve Robertson of Scotland The What? After his talk the audience were asked what they would like from

a retirement group. The response was amazing and the flip charts soon filled with lots of positive suggestion for activities, most of which still run today.

We have weekly talks from an amazingly wide range of speakers. We were very pleased to hear from one of our speakers who does talks all over the country that he rated us as one of his top three Scottish clubs in how we treat our speakers!



Cults Over 50 Group Cake Cutting

We have weekly Bridge and Scrabble sessions, a monthly Book Group, a History Group and a Rambling Group.

We have outings and holidays, theatre visits to Pitlochry and Edinburgh. We have Sunday Lunch groups which go to local hotels and further afield, such as Edinburgh and Ballater!

Although we are called the Cults Over50 Group, we have many members from other areas, such as Peterculter, Cove and Aberdeen.

We also raise funds for two charities a year, by running Strawberry Teas, Burns Suppers, Raffles, etc.

We encourage members to help with running the Club, setting out the teas and coffees,

What is great about the club is seeing so many people who have made long lasting friendships through belonging to the club.

Over 50 Group

www.cultsparishchurch.co.uk/o50

Camphill Wellbeing Trust

All are invited to get active as the Compass Project launches an exciting NEW PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES at the North Point multi-purpose building from August 2026.

The initiative will offer something for everyone and every ability level, including circuit training, walking and running groups, walking football and pay-per-court badminton sessions. There will also be boccia sessions and other inclusive activities specifically designed for people with physical, sensory and learning disabilities.

The sessions will be led by Shaun McIntosh, Compass's Activities and Booking Coordinator. Shaun has a background in sports coaching and is excited to be introducing a wide variety of activities at the fully refurbished North Point building at the Compass site, Craigton Road, Cults, Aberdeen which will also make use of the green surrounding areas.

The programme aims to improve health and wellbeing in the community, while creating opportunities for people to come together in a SUPPORTIVE and ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENT.

The North Point multi-purpose facility offers various, well-equipped spaces for hire: a large bright Main Hall suitable for sports activities, children's parties and events, a fully fitted kitchen, and a meeting room on the first floor. This is ideal for community groups, craft, language or other small groups classes. Spaces are available 7 days a week from 8am to 10pm.

The project already holds drop-in indoor activity and soft play sessions for under 5s and their parent/carer on Wednesday mornings (10am - 12pm) and offers great under 12s party packages on Saturdays and Sundays (9am - 1pm and 2pm - 6pm). Interested in taking part in the new



activities, hiring our facilities, or finding out more about what the Compass Project has to offer? Visit our website or contact the team (details below) or drop in at North Point during office hours (9am – 5pm Monday to Friday).

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Rotary Aberdeen Deeside

Aberdeen Deeside Rotary 25th Anniversary

We celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Club Charter date with a Celebration Evening at the Deeside Golf Club (DGC) on Friday 12th June. The draw for the Celebration Quilt was made at the evening and was won by someone in South Africa, who has a daughter in Culter. The raffle in aid of Shelterbox raised enough to support three families recovering from disaster.

Pop Up Charity Shop

RAD Members manned the Pop Up Charity shop in George Street during a week in March. A wonderful opportunity for a bit of decluttering. This years effort raised some £1,700.

Wheelchair Accessible Swing

In conjunction with Bon Accord Rotary, RAD has raised funds for the first wheelchair accessible swing (see photo) and trampoline in Aberdeen, which have been installed at the playpark in Duthie Park and officially opened on May 16th.

Public Bench Appeal

Walkers along the Old Deeside Railway Line (ODRL) will have noticed a number of new benches have already been installed and concrete pads laid in place for more benches in the near future. We

5-a-side in North Point Main Hall

have reached our original target of funding for ten new benches but the project will continue with a view to installing more benches outwith the ODRL in more areas in Culter, Bieldside, Milltimber and Culter. Your help is most welcome by donating through our Just Giving Page. Please also feel free to advise us where you think more



Wheelchair Accessible Swing, Duthie Park

Future Events

Dates for your diary for future events are September 12th, Coffee morning at the Culter Hub in aid of ShelterBox and local benches.

November 13th, Quiz Night at DGC also in aid of ShelterBox and local benches.

Meeting Arrangements

Following a review of our activities it has been decided that from July onwards, RAD will meet every other week rather than weekly. Our meetings will continue on Wednesday evenings at DGC. Access by Zoom will also be available by request. Details are still being finalised so check our website or Facebook for further information or call our Secretary.

You do not need to be a member to help with or enjoy our activities. We have fun and there is no reason why you wouldn't too. To attend a meeting at the Golf Club (no denim please); get the Zoom link by email; or volunteer to help at any of our activities please contact our Secretary, Ewen Hatchwell (email below).

Why not give it a try?

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Regular Activities/Events

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Weekly Sunday Bingo 2-4pm

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29th - Music Bingo, 4pm in the Hall

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3rd - Tea Dance, 1.30-4pm

11th - Maureen Smith 7.30-10pm

12th - Saturday Dance, Steven Carcary
8-11pm

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Forecourt Art Group

Since the last magazine edition, the art group have been extremely busy with new exhibitions and sales events. We have a lovely display of art from 21 members now running in the St. Peter's Heritage hall, open every Sunday afternoon from 2-4pm for lovely afternoon teas.

At the end of May we set up a 6 week exhibition in the café at Bonnymuir Green, Aberdeen, and experienced a Preview Evening, which was a first for the group and very enjoyable. We are showcasing 29 original artworks there. This will lead us on to the annual Summer Exhibition in the same venue through July and August that several of us will take part in.



Another first for us will be a 3 weekend (Fri/Sat) exhibition in the new Curated Gallery in the Bon Accord Centre running from the end of June through to July.

Art Group Preview evening at Bonnymuir Green

This is followed by the first of two week-long pop up shops on the High Street in Montrose July 13-18th and again August 10-15th. Several members will also be exhibiting in the Grassic Gibbon centre in Arbutnott throughout July.

Apart from painting and exhibiting, the group have also hosted the afternoon teas in the Heritage Hall in May and June and will host again on August 24th when you are guaranteed amazing home bakes!! Proceeds from this are shared between the art group and Heritage Hall funds.

All details of our upcoming events can be found on our Facebook site.

Membership places are currently available. for further details visit our Facebook Page or contact me.

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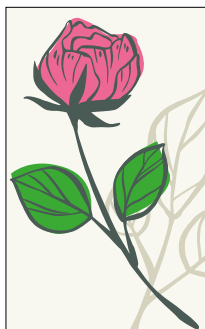
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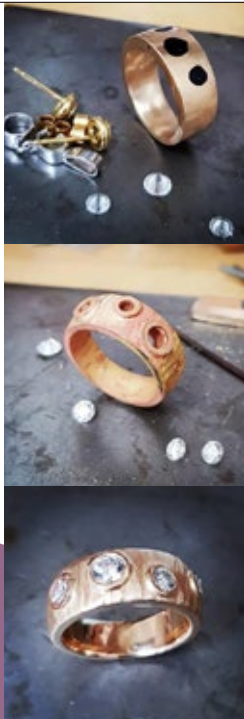


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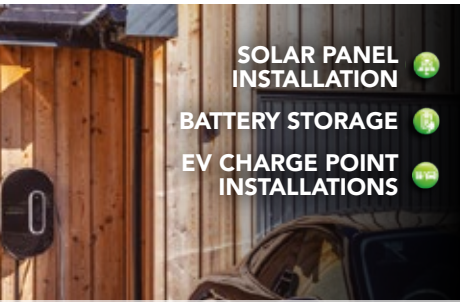
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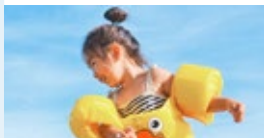
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