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Welcome to the December issue of the Tarves and Barthol Chapel Newsletter

‘How to live on 24 hours a day’

How often over the next few weeks will we think and even say out loud, ‘I don’t have the time’? Enjoying animals and pets, meeting best friends, caring for children, enjoying the company of family and friends, green-fingered gardening, grandchildren – the list could be an A – Z. How do we find the time? We are all given the same 24 hours each day, no-one gets more and no-one gets less.

This time of the year is an opportunity to look at how we share this precious gift and what we can do to make the most of ‘time’. Our time is the best gift of all to share with those we know, and those we may not yet know.

The words below, by Arnold Bennett, crystallise these thoughts and take us into a New Year with a refreshed view of how to make the most of our time, who or what to share it with, perhaps giving some volunteer time to those we don’t yet know. Your 30 minutes of volunteering could make another person’s day.

You wake up in the morning

You wake up in the morning, and lo! your purse is magically filled with 24 hours of the magic tissue of the universe of your life.

No-one can take it from you. No-one receives either more or less than you receive. Waste your infinitely precious commodity as much as you will and the supply will never be withheld from you.

Moreover, you cannot draw on the future.

Impossible to get into debt. You can only waste the passing moment.

You cannot waste tomorrow. It is kept for you.

I will leave our Minister, Alison to remind us of the meaning of Christmas celebrations. We look forward to 2019 and assuring you of the continued presence of this newsletter in our Parish.

With best wishes from the editorial team at the TBC and a big ‘thank you’ to those who continue to deliver the newsletter to readers.

Dear Friends

As I write this some of the big stores are in the process of releasing their Christmas TV adverts. In recent years, competition has increased over who can produce the most popular Christmas advert. Rumour has it that for 2018 one major store has pulled out all the stops and called on the services of Elton John. By the time you read this we will know whether those rumours are correct!

However there is one advert this year that has been banned from TV. Given that it has since gone viral on social media, you will probably all know that I'm referring to the Iceland advert "Orangutan in my bedroom". That advert was made in consultation with the environmental group Greenpeace and it raises awareness over the problems of deforestation caused by the harvesting of palm oil. The result however was deemed too political for showing on television.

Yet, the Christmas story, around which all this commercialisation has grown up, is itself full of political implications. A saviour, long awaited by a people sorely oppressed, is born into poverty, in a country under occupation. The people who are first to welcome this child are shepherds who were at the time considered outcasts from society. They would be joined in due course by some wealthy foreigners from the east with unusual ideas. Not long after Jesus birth, his parents, Mary and Joseph, are forced to flee to protect the life of their child. They become refugees, asylum seekers in Egypt. Later throughout his life and ministry Jesus will show a particular concern for the weak and the vulnerable, the outcast and the stranger. And he will challenge his followers to do likewise.

There is no doubt that the Christian gospel is political. But somehow we have taken this story with its radical roots and submerged it in tinsel and glitter and Christmas adverts! Yet despite all our attempts, the good news of Christmas remains. In the birth of Jesus, God breaks into the world in a new way and touches our hearts with the radical love that is the gift of Emmanuel, God with us. It is my hope and prayer that this Christmas we will all experience that love and celebrate Christ's coming into the world as a baby at Bethlehem, together.

And so let me finish with a Christmas Advert for the Church! Details of our Advent and Christmas services and activities are shown elsewhere in this magazine.

There are some new things happening as well as the old favourites. You and your family can be sure of a welcome at any or all of these. Come

Come along and find out more about that radical love which God has for the world – if it is not too political for you!

Wishing you every blessing

Alison Swindells

Parish Minister

Tarves Kirk Session News

- **Sunday Worship - 11.15am in Tarves Kirk**
(Unless otherwise intimated)
- *Informal Communion after worship on the last Sunday of the month.*
- *Refreshments every Sunday unless there is Messy Church or Communion*



What's been happening?

Placement of trainee

We are delighted that Valerie Mitchell joined us in September for her final year of training as an Ordained Local Minister (OLM). Her input during worship is a blessing.

Celebrating our links since 1958

On 30 September we had a memorable joint service with Barthol Chapel Church to celebrate 60 years of linkage. Several people attending had been members at Craigmam Church which closed in 1958 and united with Tarves. Worship was led by the Barthol Chapel music group and a joint choir. The lunch afterwards was a great success, providing a welcome opportunity for a social gathering.

Soup 'n Sweet for Harvest

Saturday 20 October saw us hold a very enjoyable and well attended soup and sweet lunch as an alternative to our usual Sunday evening stovies. A big thank you to all those who made this such a great community event. There was quite a buzz and £1020 was raised for church funds.

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 21 October: This thought provoking service was well attended with a variety of participants.

Alistair Murdoch

Alistair, who was ordained as an elder on 20 November 1983, died on 20 October. Latterly ill-health prevented him from being active but he had served for many years in Tarves, particularly in property matters. It is with sadness that we acknowledge his long commitment to the Kirk.

Autumn Communion

Sunday 28 October saw a departure from our usual as Communion was served using the ancient method of tincture, partly dipping the bread into the wine before taking it. Thus we all took the elements in exactly the same way from the goblets that were first used in Tarves Church 400 years ago. This made for a special experience.

Service of Remembrance

This year Remembrance Sunday fell on the 11 November and was a commemoration of the end of World War 1. The Church bell rang out on both Saturday and Sunday evenings and it was rung eleven times at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day. The Church was full as people came to acknowledge this important occasion. We welcomed many Rainbows and Brownies along with those who had served in the armed forces. It was moving to hear once again the roll call of names from the Tarves War Memorial and to learn about local women who served. A large number of knitted poppies decorated the Church, with animals being represented by purple ones. There were poignant reminders throughout of the need to remember as well as our responsibility to build a world of peace. After the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial the Colour Party and others visited the war graves in the Church cemetery. Then many folk enjoyed a hot drink and fellowship in the church.

Advent and Christmas

December dates

- Sunday 02 Advent One with 'Building Bethlehem' with details below
- Sunday 09 Advent Two - taken by Susanna
- (Messy Church in the Youth Hall)
- Sunday 16 Advent Three with 'Building Bethlehem' with details below
- Sunday 23 Advent Four with 'Building Bethlehem' with details below

Building Bethlehem'

11.15 - 12.15 am - Craft activity for children in the Church Vestry. • Come along and build Bethlehem out of gingerbread to form part of the Christmas decoration of the Church. • Refreshments for everyone in the Church afterwards.

Family Services

Monday 24 December at 7.00pm followed by mulled wine, hot mince pies, hot choc and more

Tuesday 25 December at 10.15 – 11.00am - Christmas Day family service

Youth Hall Development

The team members continue to investigate the best way to progress the refurbishment of the hall. Look out for news on the website.

Church Website

Please check for news, updates and information. www.tarveschurch.org

Thank you

I am very grateful to the Kirk Session and congregation who play a vital part in the development of Tarves Kirk as we continue to work together with Alison to fulfil God's purpose for our community.

Susanna Bichard – Session Clerk: 01651 851345 or smbichard@aol.com

Aberdeenshire North Foodbank appeal 2018

Tarves Church has an ongoing collection for the above organisation.

If you would like to donate please bring items to the Church on Tuesdays from 10.00 - 11.00am or on Sundays from 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Thanks to your generosity we have collected a magnificent 509kg of goods so far: 74kg, 109kg, 76kg, 72kg, 74kg and a harvest donation of 104kg which was donated by both Tarves and Barthol Chapel Churches.

Below is part of an email response from the Foodbank to the October harvest donation:

'The food that Rob brought across to the warehouse this morning weighed in at 104.25 kg, comprising all the kinds of goods that we are really short of, so please pass on to your very generous congregations the grateful thanks of all associated with Aberdeenshire North Foodbank'

A list of suitable items is always available in the Church, on www.tarveschurch.org and on our Facebook page. Thank you.

Tuesday Church Cafe

The last Coffee Morning for this year will be on **Tuesday 11 December** from 10am - 11am. Thank you to everyone who has come along throughout the year and we hope to see you all again when we resume on **Tuesday 8 January 2019**.



If you are new to the area, please come along and join us - you will be made most welcome.

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Month		Flower Rota	Flower Delivery
January	6	May Wren	May Wren
	13	Joan McGill	Joan McGill
	20	Margaret Barrack	Margaret Barrack
	27	Janet Swinton	Doreen Brown
February	3	Ivy Lynch	Janice Paton
	10	Mabel Mitchell	Duty Elder
	17	Edith Innes	Edith Innes
	24	Beth Gray	Betty Mitchell
March	3	Isobel Laing	Isobel Laing
	10	Sheila Hodge	Sheila Hodge
	17	Frances Crichton	Frances Crichton
	24	Kathleen Taylor	Kathleen Taylor
	31	Charmaine Bain	Duty Elder
Thank you to everyone who gives flowers and kindly delivers them each week. This is very much appreciated by all who receive them.			

Nkhoma knitting news and The BananaBox Trust

To all our widespread knitting and sewing friends – thank you once again for your recent donations to our very active Community Corner in Tarves Church. 5 very well packed banana boxes of baby hats/scarves/vests/blankets/skirts and cuddly teddies went to Alford in October, then on to the BananaBox Trust warehouse in Dundee. This brings Tarves' donations to 21 boxes of baby knitting in 2018. Once 1,200 banana boxes have been collected in the Dundee warehouse, their overseas journey begins at Grangemouth docks via 3 different shipping ports then 3 lorry journeys, eventually ending at Nkhoma. Each banana box costs £10 to transport to Malawi and thanks to those who have already donated to this: there is a collection envelope in the Church Community Corner if you too, would like to contribute to this appeal.

Please look at the Trust's website for fuller information www.bananaboxtrust.org

We have a baby bonnet and baby vest knitting pattern, along with a little skirt sewing pattern on the website within the News/Nkhoma section of www.tarveschurch.org and also to pick up in the Church.

The Chatty Knitters group in Hanover Court welcome new faces on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm. There would be guidance and endless patience from the established knitters in starting a simple knit. Donations of double knitting wool towards Nkhoma are also welcome and can be handed into either Hanover or the Community Corner in Tarves Church. If anyone would like to sew skirts, please contact me via tbc.editor@btinternet.com and I can supply you with some cotton fabric. Thank you everyone.

Ruth - on behalf of the Parish and Gordon Presbytery

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Tarves Parish Messy Church news

This year we have a Messy Advent calendar so from Saturday 1 December watch out for the daily messages on Facebook.

Messy activities throughout December 2018

On Sundays 2, 16, and 23•December•from 11.15am -12.15pm we will be 'Building Bethlehem' as a craft activity for children in the Church Vestry. • Come along and build Bethlehem from gingerbread to form part of the Church's Christmas decorations. Children can be dropped off in time for 11.15am, with juice, biscuits, tea and coffee available for everyone after the service finishes at 12.15pm. • All helpers at these craft sessions have been certified by the PVG scheme.

There will be our usual Messy Church on Sunday 9 December at 11.00am – 1.00pm down in the Youth Hall, •where we will be creating Christmas crafts, having our celebration time followed by lunch.

The Christmas Eve Family Service will be held on Monday 24 December at 7.00pm.

Messy Church models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, carers and our own local church congregation – you are all part of the wider family we welcome at Messy Church.

Thank you to everyone who has come along to Messy Church this year and we will be back in early 2019 with new ideas and crafts.

Find out more about our activities on:

www.facebook.com/Tarves-Messy-Church

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North East Support for Romania

A very big thank you to everyone who has handed in clothing, bedding, toys, bric-a-brac etc for the above appeal. The support has been amazing as usual.

There will be no collections during December, January and February and we will resume on **Friday 29 March 2019** and thereon on the last Friday of every month - dates will be issued in the March edition of the TBC.

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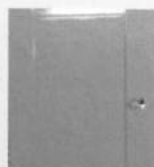
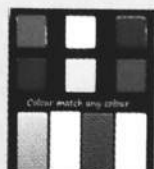
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Final copy dates for 2019 newsletters

March 2019 edition	final copy date – Friday 8 February 2019
June 2019 edition	final copy date – Friday 10 May 2019
September 2019 edition	final copy date – Friday 9 August 2019
December 2019 edition	final copy date – Friday 8 November 2019

Reminders will be sent out two weeks and one week before submission dates.

Items for inclusion should include name/contact details and forwarded to Ruth Nisbet at tbc.editor@btinternet.com – thank you.

Advertising rates for 2019

Advertising is in black & white and prices will remain the same throughout 2019:

Whole page £20.00	Half page £11.00	Quarter page £6.00
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Hanover Residents Social Club

We have been busy with all our weekly activities at Hanover.

The Whist club runs every second Monday 2pm to 4pm and new members will always be made welcome.

The Chatty Knitters meets every Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm, everyone welcome, especially learners. We can guide you with easier patterns.

The Shoe Box Appeal was very successful and we filled 53 boxes with the help of both residents and villagers. On behalf of everyone at Hanover, we thank you all - every contribution was appreciated towards making up a shoebox. Thanks to the knitters who provided much needed scarves and hats.

We've also had a busy shopping morning with local stall holders coming to Hanover. We plan to hold this again next year.

We also welcomed Philippa from Mary's Meals who gave us a short talk and pictures on this organisation. The delight on the children's faces made us all smile. A total of £115 was collected by Hanover to help feed the children for another year. The photo on the right shows Nellie presenting Philippa with this donation.

Look out for posters for our forthcoming Christmas concerts.

Thank you for supporting Hanover and we look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Kind regards

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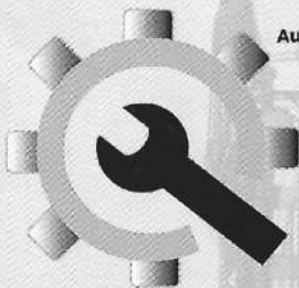


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1ST Tarves Brownies



Tarves Brownies were delighted to receive the 2018 Heather Bisset Award from Girl Guiding Gordon for our Community activities, specifically, our stamp collecting for the Guide Dog Association earlier this year. The Heather Bisset Award recognises units that have carried out service activities that have actively involved the community. The support from local residents for our stamp collecting was amazing and you may remember that we were able to hand over 3kg of used stamps in May this year, which the Scottish Guide Dog Association uses to raise much needed funds.

The Brownies once again hosted a successful Macmillan Coffee Evening, raising £195 for a very worthy cause. They were the perfect hosts ensuring guests were well supplied with cakes, tea and coffee and entertained them with some of their favourite camp songs. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and special guests who supported us.


Saturday 22nd September was our first district sleepover and saw almost 90 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and leaders from Methlick, Tarves and Pitmedden enjoy the unique experience of bedding down for the night amongst the exhibits at Fraserburgh Museum of Lighthouses. We had a fantastic time exploring the museum and lighthouse and enjoying lots of lighthouse and nautical themed activities. A great time was had by all.

Representatives from Tarves Brownies took part in the very significant Remembrance Service at Tarves



Church on Sunday 11th November and laid a handmade wreath to remember and commemorate those who died in the wars.

Thank you to everyone who supported Millie our Young Leader at Tarves Bonfire Night. She has recently been selected to travel to Switzerland next year with Girlguiding Scotland and had a busy evening selling sweet treats and glow sticks to help fundraise for her trip.



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The 'Christmas elves' were out in force at the end of November collecting donations for the Aberdeenshire North Foodbank. Thank you to the residents of Murray Ave, Pringle Ave, Braiklay Ave and Stuart Crescent for supporting us so generously.

We will finish the year with a Snowman drive and a much-anticipated trip to Inverurie pantomime to see Aladdin.

1st Tarves Brownies (for girls aged 7-10) meet on a Wednesday evening 6.15-7.30pm at Tarves Primary School.

Please email Tarvesbrownies@gmail.com for further information or check out <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>

1st Tarves Brownies



This term 1st Tarves Rainbows have had great fun at a beach party at Collieston, playing in Tarves community garden where we toasted marshmallows, and enjoying our usual mixture of songs, games and craft. We are currently earning our 1st aid badge where we're learning basic first aid whilst having fun and completing challenges. We are looking forward to Christmas crafting and our visit to Inverurie pantomime.

Rainbows are for girls aged between 5 and 7. If your daughter would like to join the adventure please contact us through the Girl Guiding website (www.girlguiding.org.uk) and register your daughter or email us: tarvesrainbows@yahoo.com.

Best wishes from Kate, Gill and Renee, the **1st Tarves Leaders**
Contact: **Kate Massey** 01651 851467, tarvesrainbows@yahoo.com

Tarves Poppyscotland Collection

The recent Poppyscotland Appeal in Tarves raised £646.64 for funds. Poppyscotland is the leading charity supporting ex-Servicemen and women and their families in Scotland and work year-round to help veterans and their families receive the care and support they urgently need.



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Although the Centre has now closed for winter, there's plenty to mention in this round-up of the season.

Our visitor numbers have been excellent, with many from far-flung places overseas and at home, with some of whom we've been able to help in tracing relatives and events from the past. In turn, some of those visitors have been able to help us, by putting names and places to photographs in our extensive archive – very satisfying on both sides.

Many will have seen and enjoyed the Tarves Parish Tapestry. It was the splendid result of much work from a dedicated team of folk from Tarves and Barthol Chapel, eventually making up three large panels. It has been 'walkabout' from time to time, being enjoyed in Hanover Court, in hospital wards, and in both Primary Schools. It is our hope that it will continue in exhibition from time to time, so keep an eye open for it if you've yet to experience it. The Tapestry will be on view again next season in the centre.

Visitors to the centre have enjoyed the displays and activities in both the Museum and Schoolroom, especially old toys, dressing up, and as always, trying out writing exercises with steel pens and 'real' ink – memories of those dreaded school ink exercises, with no room for errors! School visits are as popular as ever, and the Schoolroom experience quite lifelike, according to the many thank you notes we receive from our visitors. On occasion, maybe too lifelike, given the tears of one youngster who found the Victorian regime a little too much.....

Tarves Primary3/4 and their teacher, Mrs Hendry, worked with us to produce an in-depth study of 'Our Village' and at its completion made a Tarves Timeline which was displayed in the Schoolroom to much interest from visitors.

Some may have noticed a splendid new sign on the railings during opening hours – which, incidentally have been extended to cope with demand – along with some other improvements, the sign is, we hope, improving our visibility to passers-by. It seems to be working!

Another 'outside' improvement, in preparation for next season, is a new bench to enjoy on sunny days. It has been made possible by a generous donation from a Mrs Kirkpatrick from Sutton Coldfield, originally Tarves, the daughter of one Willie Mort, a clerk at the Bank many years ago.

We have repurposed two gable capstones from Craigmad Kirk, set aside when the Kirk was demolished many years ago, and sourced a length of hardwood to create the bench which will bring new use to part of our local heritage.

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The village's Remembrance of the end of the conflict was marked by the ringing of the Kirk bell on the Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November, with the centre open for the afternoon after the Kirk Remembrance Service. The Memorial was also floodlit on these days. Very many folk from the village and

around made a special trip in to see the Museum tributes for the last time. In fact, the special occasion was to bring in many people who had never before come in to the Centre. We hope that the centre, in conjunction with the Kirk, was able to provide a fitting end to this Centenary Remembrance Day.

For the winter, keep a lookout for posters advertising our popular winter talks in the Queen's Room – always a pleasant and interesting way to spend a Friday evening amongst friends.

Finally, a warm note of thanks to all our volunteers, whose giving of time and welcoming smiles make the Heritage Centre tick.



Tarves Heritage Project

Burns Supper
Friday 18th January 2019
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A traditional but relaxed evening of celebration to our national bard, Robert Burns. Speeches by locals, John Sleight and Beth Massie, entertainment and traditional haggis, neeps and tatties.

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Thank you from the Glen family

A very big thank you to the many folk that sponsored both Alasdair & Amy for their abseil down the Northern Lights Tower at the AECC. They were fortunate in that it was a dry still day so perfect conditions for making a long descent! There was a fair bit of apprehension leading up to the event, not least from Mum & Dad!

The total raised way exceeded their expectations, with Alasdair raising a magnificent £472.00, and Amy just pipping him with an amazing £484.00.

Amy, along with Susie Presly and Amy Rattray, will be hosting a Body Shop evening at Guides in a couple of weeks time, so if anyone would like to place an order for Body Shop let us know and we can get a catalogue to you (phone 01651 851143). The girls will share any commission raised from orders for their respective trips next year.

Once again thanks for the great support from Tarves!

The Hut update

The Hut Youth Project meets from 7-9pm on Mondays for local youth aged 12-25 (behind the Primary School).

Thank you to everyone who supported our Quiz night at the Aberdeen Arms on Saturday 22nd September. It was a fully booked out and we raised £572.00 to help pay for resources and activities for the youth members. Great fun was had by all.

The Mash Up event at Haddo House on Saturday 29th September to celebrate year of the Young Person was a well-attended day and a fantastic free event. It featured lots of local young musicians, drama groups, singers and activities such as climbing walls, bmx tracks, inflatables, laser tag, bush craft, mocktails and much, much more. It was great to see so many youth from all around the North East come together.

In line with re-start a heart day on Sunday October 14th: Ray Still a Pitmedden First Responder and Pauline Robson from Grampian Care Skills ran a defibrillator awareness session at Tarves Primary School. It was a very informative session and the members felt much more confident with their abilities to use the defibrillator and help someone should the need arise.

This term members have also enjoyed making mini catapults and doing skittle art STEM activities. To acknowledge all the young people's hard work this year, we celebrated with an evening at Bounce trampoline park in Inverurie and a Halloween party including lots of food and silly games.

Thankyou to everyone who continues to support us. Please check out our Facebook page to keep updated on what we are getting up to: **The Hut Youth Project Tarves.**

TBC Diary

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
02-Dec	"Building Bethlehem" craft activity for children	Tarves Church 11:15am - 12:15pm
05-Dec	Barthol Chapel Church Guild	Meeting held at "Fuathcul" 7:00pm
06-Dec	Tarves Guild Christmas Party	Meet in the Church @ 7:30pm
07-Dec	Tarves School P6/7 class holding a coffee morning in aid of CLAN	Tarves School 9:30 to 11:30am
09-Dec	Tarves Messy Church	Youth Hall 11:00am - 1:00pm
12-Dec	Barthol Chapel School Christmas Show	Barthol Chapel School 2:00pm
12-Dec	Barthol Chapel S.W.I. - demonstration on Christmas Floral Table Centre by Karen Presly	Barthol Chapel School 7:15pm
12-Dec	Tarves School Concert	Melvin Hall
13-Dec	Barthol Chapel School Christmas Show	Barthol Chapel School 6:30pm
16-Dec	"Building Bethlehem" craft activity for children	Tarves Church 11:15am - 12:15pm
18-Dec	Tarves Community Council Meeting	Tarves School 7:00pm
23-Dec	"Building Bethlehem" craft activity for children	Tarves Church 11:15am - 12:15pm
24-Dec	Combined Christmas Eve Service	Tarves Church 7:00pm
25-Dec	Combined Christmas Day Service	Tarves Church 10:15am
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15-Jan	Tarves Community Council Meeting	Tarves School 7:00pm
16-Jan	Barthol Chapel S.W.I. - talk by Jennie Chalmers "Her visit to Nepal"	Barthol Chapel School 7:15pm
18-Jan	Tarves Heritage Project - Burns Supper	Melvin Hall - 7:00pm
01-Feb	Tarves School - Family Beetle Drive	Aberdeen Arms Hotel
7 Feb	Tarves Guild -talk on Waste Management	Tarves Church @ 7:30pm
15-Feb	Tarves Heritage Project - Talk by Ian Davidson "A History in Stone"	Melvin Hall - Queen's Room 7:30pm
16 Feb	Tarves Guild Soup & Sweet Lunch	Melvin Hall 12noon - 3:00pm
19-Feb	Tarves Community Council Meeting	Tarves School 7:00pm
20-Feb	Barthol Chapel S.W.I. -Demonstration by Claire Massie of Nethermill Salon	Barthol Chapel School 7:15pm

For full Tarves School diary dates, please see Pages 30 & 31

For full Barthol Chapel School diary dates, please see Page 38

DATE	EVENT	VENUE / TIME
Every Sunday	Church Services	Barthol Chapel Church 9:45am Tarves Church 11:15am
<i>Second Saturday of every month</i>	<i>Community Cafe</i>	<i>Barthol Chapel Church</i> <i>10:00 - 11:30am</i>
<i>Third Sunday of every month</i>	<i>Tarves Folk Club</i>	<i>The Bistro, Aberdeen Arms Hotel - 8:30 - 11:00pm</i>
<i>Monday Evening (during school term time)</i>	<i>Tarves Youth Group - The Hut - ages between 12 & 21</i>	<i>The Hut 7:00 - 9:00pm</i>
<i>Monday, Tuesday & Thursday</i>	<i>Ellon Men's Shed</i>	<i>Hospital Road, Ellon</i> <i>10:00am- 4:00pm</i>
<i>Every 2nd Monday</i>	<i>Hanover Court Whist after- noons</i>	<i>Hanover Court - 2.00 - 4.00pm</i>
<i>Every Monday and Wednesday evening</i>	<i>Udny Station Indoor Bowling Club (winter only)</i>	<i>Youth Hall - 7:30pm - 9:30pm</i>
<i>Every Tuesday morning</i>	<i>Tarves Church – Tuesday coffee morning</i>	<i>Tarves Church - 10:00 – 11:00am</i>
<i>Every Tuesday after-noon</i>	<i>Bowling "Golden Oldies" (summer only)</i>	<i>Tarves Bowling Green</i> <i>2:00 - 4:00pm</i>
<i>Every Tuesday after-noon</i>	<i>"The Chatty Knitters" knitting session</i>	<i>Hanover Court - 2:00 - 4:00pm</i>
<i>Every Wednesday during term time</i>	<i>Meldrum Academy Christian Union</i>	<i>Meldrum Academy 1:15pm</i>
<i>Every Thursday during term time</i>	<i>JAFFA - Tarves Primary Scripture Union</i>	<i>Tarves School @ Lunch-time</i>
<i>Every Wednesday evening (term time)</i>	<i>1st Tarves Rainbows</i>	<i>Tarves School 5:00 - 6:00pm</i>
<i>Every Wednesday evening (term time)</i>	<i>1st Tarves Brownies</i>	<i>Tarves School 6.15 - 7:30pm</i>
<i>Third Wednesday of every month</i>	<i>Barthol Chapel S.W.I.</i>	<i>Barthol Chapel School - 7:15pm</i>
<i>Last Friday of every month</i>	<i>Barthol Chapel School coffee afternoon</i>	<i>Barthol Chapel School - 2:30pm</i>



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TARVES DEVELOPMENT TRUST TO BUY THE MURLY TUCK

Tarves Development Trust has been awarded the funds to buy the Tarves Community Hub incorporating the Murly Tuck cafe, by the Scottish Land Fund. This will secure the Hub in community ownership in perpetuity

Following the closure of the former doctors' surgery in 2015, the building was put up for sale by Haddo Medical Group. In a surprise move, it was bought by a local resident, who wanted to help the community to acquire the property and keep it economically and socially active within the centre of the village. The Tarves Development Trust (TDT) was set up to take forward the project, raising the funds to convert the building into the Community Hub.

Local couple Gill and Alfie Gray opened the Murly Tuck cafe for business in April 2017, which has been very well received with a 4.5/5 rating on TripAdvisor.

The Trust applied to the Scottish Land Fund for the cash to buy the building for the community in the summer of 2018 and heard that our application had been successful in November.

Income generated from the Hub will be reinvested into the community to develop activities and facilities, including ones that will provide further volunteer and employment opportunities. The TDT and Community Council have been asking the community what the local priorities are through the development of the Tarves Community Action Plan (CAP). Thank you to all who came to the CAP meeting and TDT AGM on 18th September at the Arms. And a big thank you to Val and Colin at the Arms for hosting the meetings and providing the refreshments.

Local residents are encouraged to become members of the Trust to help direct our future projects - contact Fiona Smith on 01651 851832/ fiona.smith@tarves.org.uk. Membership forms are also available at tarves.org.uk or at the Murly Tuck.

Tarves Community Council

MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR 2018/19

Tuesday 18 December 2018	19.00	Tarves School
Tuesday 15 January 2019	19.00	Tarves School
Tuesday 19 February 2019	19.00	Tarves School
Tuesday 19 March 2019	19.00	Tarves School
Tuesday 16 April 2019	19.30	Tarves School
Tuesday 21 May 2019	19.30	Barthol Chapel School
Tuesday 18 June 2019 (AGM)	19.30	Tarves School

Tarves School PTA

Tarves Primary School PTA have enjoyed an excellent year of fundraising and have been able to support the school with various endeavours including buses to the Panto and new iPads. We would like to thank all who have and continue to support our fundraising activities.



Halloween Party

We held our annual Halloween party in the Melvin Hall on Friday 2nd of November 2018. Children from Nursery – P3 danced and played games until 7pm and children P4 – P7 from 7.15pm to 8.30pm. Loads of great costumes were seen with prizes for the best ones. Lots of fun was had by all. Thanks to Glynn Jaine who provided the disco and of course the parent and teacher helpers.

Poppy Fund

The P3/4 class held an assembly on Friday 9th November to explain to pupils about this Scottish Charity and to let them know how we can support it. Poppies have been on sale in the school also.

Shoebbox Appeal

We are once again taking part in Meldrum Rotary's Shoebbox Appeal. Our Rotakids are responsible for organising this and have been asking other pupils for help. Thanks for your generosity in aiding us to fill our shoeboxes.

Children in Need

The P5/6/7 class took responsibility for organising school fund raising activities this year. There was merchandise to buy and fun activities to take part in.

CLAN

P6/7 class are doing a coffee morning in aid of CLAN on Friday 7th December 9.30-11.30am and is open to the public as well as parents. • Tea/coffee and fancy pieces, raffles and also crafts that the children have made.

Candy Floss Machine

We have a Candy Floss machine available to hire from the PTA, please contact the school reception if you are interested, fliers available if required.

Rag Bags

Jane Grove-White very kindly coordinated the Rag Bags fund raiser again this year, thanks to all for your contributions.

Dates for your diary up to end of March 2019

Wednesday 12th Dec – School concert in Melvin Hall

Tuesday, 11th Dec am – Nursery / P1 Nativity in Melvin Hall

Friday, 14th Dec – Pantomime visit, HMT (Snow White)
Friday, 21st Dec pm– P6/7 party - start of Christmas Holidays
Monday, 7th Jan – School resumes after holidays
Tuesday, 22nd January – PTA Meeting 7.00pm in school
Friday, 1st Feb – PTA run Beetle Drive in Aberdeen Arms
Friday, 8th and Monday, 11th Feb - Mid-term holidays
Tues, 12th and Wed 13th Feb - In-service days
Thursday, 14th March – Pupil reports to be issued
Saturday, 16th March – PTA run Spring Fling in the Melvin Hall
Tuesday, 19th March - PTA meeting 7.00pm in school
Thursday, 21st March – Parents' afternoon/evening
Wednesday, 27th March – end of term assembly
Friday, 29th March – Start of Easter holidays

Beetle Drive

We have a Family Beetle Drive planned for Friday 1 February 2019 in the Aberdeen Arms. Please look out for fliers and posters nearer the time.

Spring Fling

Our annual Spring Fling is planned for Saturday 16th of March 2019 in the Melvin Hall.

PTA

We were encouraged to see a large turnout at our recent PTA meetings after the summer holidays and would love to see the members numbers be maintained. However, there is always space for more - if your children are new to Tarves school or you have children already there please join the PTA. We can always use more people and it really is not a big commitment.

Regards.

Jill Taylor, Parent Council and PTA Chairperson

Tarves Allotments

The amazing summer weather this year meant that all the allotments looked great and were really productive. Congratulations to the McBoyles for winning the best kept allotment prize at the Tarves Flower Show.

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The Ellon and District Men's Shed

Many men are still coming to the Ellon Men's Shed and enjoying meeting other men, playing games, as well as doing their hobbies and joining in with the Shed projects. Some of their wives have expressed how good it is for their husbands, not to mention that it gets them out of the house from under their feet! Throughout the winter the Shed will continue to be open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 4 pm. There is also a music group meeting on a Tuesday evening and the wood turners meet on a Thursday evening. Thursday afternoon in the Shed is for the model railway enthusiasts to meet and the railway development over this last period is spectacular. The Shed music group entertained the members on Tuesday 27th November. We do expect to be closed for two weeks over Christmas and Hogmanay and are having our Shed festive dinner in January at the Ellon Golf Club. I would like to thank all those that have worked on our projects, donated to our Shed or just visited for a cuppa and given us the benefit of their experience. It has been another period of great generosity from funders and local people donating tools, equipment, top soil and building materials.

The Co-op funding for our garden project came to an end in October with the third and final payment being received, totalling £2,200. Thank you to those who voted for our Shed at the Esslemont Co-op. Terrific progress has been made in the garden with eight 1.2 metre by 1 metre raised bed boxes being installed, wood treated and boxes lined and filled with soil. Pitmedden Recyclability provided the pallet collars from which the boxes have been constructed and our Shed made a suitable donation to them for this provision. Two greenhouse bases have been installed using paving slabs donated by Derek Davidson.

Dinky Diggers in Ellon provided a mini digger free of charge for the ground work and top soil was donated by James Jamieson Construction. One of our two donated aluminium 6 x 8 greenhouses has been mounted on to its base and the second greenhouse will soon follow. The Esslemont Co-op had a funding celebration day on 24th November where we displayed our garden pictures and thanked customers for voting for us. There is still allot to do in the garden to get the garden ready for next spring, so if you are interested in being involved, or just want to see what we are doing, come along.

To give us more social area space a 32ft by 10ft caravan has been located in our Shed outside area and the internals are being altered by the men to suit their needs. The caravan was free to pick up from Monlettie Farm and was transported to our Shed by Savoch Hire at a reasonable cost.

Flooring our Shed loft is going well after some electrical and plumbing work was completed to allow the floor boards to be fitted more easily. This will give us much more useable storage and project activity space for members to use. This is being financed by Bank of Scotland.



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Four male pupils from Ellon Academy have visited our Shed to see what we are doing and collect information for a presentation they are preparing on Men's Sheds.

Our Shed Zoll AED Plus Defibrillator is now installed and ready for use and training has started and will continue periodically, The Ellon first responders have the same Zoll defibrillator.

Our engraved house names are popular and regular orders have come in to the shed.

Members of the Grantown on Spey steam railway club who live in Ellon have delivered some vintage station barrows for refurbishment over the Winter.

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Keith Stoker (Trustee Ellon and District Men's Shed)

TARVES CHURCH GUILD

We began our new session with 2 interesting meetings. in October we had Katie Maclean talking on the resettlement of Syrian families in Aberdeenshire and then in November we had Debbie Rennie talk about her work with Aberdeenshire North Foodbank, which Tarves Church actively supports.

The shoebox appeal for Blytheswood was again well supported and the boxes were collected at the beginning of November.

Preparations are well underway for our December meeting on the 6th which is also our Christmas Party when we will be entertained by the Maruwana Family and some of our own guild members. This is open to everyone who would like to come along - and there always lovely Christmas food afterwards.

We have no meeting in January so the first one in 2019 is on **7 February** when we have a speaker on Waste Management and Recycling.

The Guild Soup & Sweet is on **Saturday 16 February** so make that a date in our diary.

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The Formartine Youth Project (or FYP as we often abbreviate it) has a remit to provide for the children and young people of our community. The project has a variety of endeavors provided by a varied team, which as of August has included me!

If that introduction didn't quite tip you off, I am Euan Robb the project's new Children and Youth Worker. I've spent the past few months trying my hardest not only to get up to speed on all of the project's various activities, but also trying to get used to living somewhere just a little bit different. Side note: north east weather is a welcome change!

Since I have joined the team, I've been so impressed with all of the volunteers that I've worked with and I really am proud to be part of a project that does so much for its community.

Now onto a bit of a plug! As detailed in the September issue the project has something for just about every age group, be that the Barthol Chapel Youth Club for P7-S6, or any of our Mainly Music groups. Please get in touch on the email below or contact the project Facebook page to find out any more about what we have on offer.

I look forward to getting to know the community better over my time with the project.

Euan Robb

Children and Youth Worker

Formartine Youth Project euanfyp@outlook.com

Tarves Flower Show

2019's Flower Show will be held on Saturday 10th August in the Melvin Hall. I realise we have Christmas, New Year and Easter to look forward to before then, but there's no harm in being forewarned!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year from the Tarves Flower Show Committee. We look forward to your continued goodwill and support in 2019.

Sheila Ewen

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We have once again reached that time of year when the school is full of glitter, sparkle and excitement. Our learners continue to thrive on the challenges and the wide range of experiences we are fortunate enough to provide them at Barthol Chapel School. We extend a big 'Thank you' to all families and individuals who have supported the school this year. Your contributions really do make a difference!

Christmas Show

This year's production is called "Treachery at Traitors' Quay".

"It's World War II and London isn't safe. The five Dawson children are evacuated to the coast to stay at the large home of Eggin-Drake, Minister of Information. It soon becomes apparent to the children that there is a spy in their midst. Determined to investigate, they head down to the Quay and snoop around the smugglers' caves. But who is the spy? Can their plan be foiled before it's too late?"

Performances will be on Wednesday 12th December at 2pm and Thursday 13th December at 6:30pm. Tickets cost £3.

Poet Visit and Workshop

We were very lucky to have welcomed George Gunn to Barthol Chapel School to deliver a poetry writing workshop to our pupils. George was born in Thurso in 1956, where he still lives. He has been a deep-sea fisherman, a driller for oil in the North Sea, a journalist, playwright and poet. George shared his own work and delivered an interactive session where the children produced their own poems based on the surrounding Barthol Chapel area.

Cricket

Jamie Jones returned to Barthol Chapel Primary School to deliver his fun, interactive and progressive cricket sessions that cover the basic skills of cricket along

with hand to eye coordination and fitness. This is supported by Methlick Cricket Club and Active Schools. Well done to all the children who have participated in this.

Leadership Opportunities

This session, we are developing our approaches to develop the leadership skills of our learners. At Barthol Chapel School we are committed to preparing young people for a world where change and innovation is constant. The key message is that knowledge on its own is not enough. Our learners need to develop skills for learning, life and work. We have created our own unique skills development linked to our school vision and values. Our aim is to make skills visible and ask our learners to have skills development at the front of their minds and how learning in one area can be transferred to another.

Pupils at Barthol Chapel School are members of a Leadership Group. They have responsibilities in driving forward improvement, organising events and bringing positive change to our school. The level of enthusiasm and involvement from the children is very high. We look forward to sharing our progress and achievements with you in the future, including the ways we would like to involve members of the community and local groups into the work of our school.

Rag Bag Recycling Scheme

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

Tarves Amenity Group

Due to the good weather this summer and the hard work of the Group, the floral displays around the village were spectacular, so much so that we were awarded the Runner Up certificate in the "Formartine in Bloom" competition for the medium sized village category.

All the winter planting of bulbs and polyanthus has been done so here's hoping we get a nice show of colour in the spring.

From the Group we wish you all a Merry Christmas and again one of your New Year resolutions could possibly be to volunteer to help us in 2019? *(No harm in asking as we are always on the lookout for volunteers/helpers!!)*

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The Cafe at Barthol Chapel

The monthly café at Barthol Chapel continues to thrive and is always a very cheery place to pass a couple of hours with good coffee, fine baking and great company, on the second Saturday of every month.

The September café was dedicated to Macmillan as part of the Biggest Coffee Morning fund-raiser and was very well supported. Anna Jamieson, who masterminded the event, says thank you to everyone who came along. She raised £280 for Macmillan with the café and other events, which is fantastic.

We shall miss Beth Bruce Gardner who did so much to start up the café as she has moved away. We shall miss her fabulous baking too but Katherine Williams and Lindsey Taylor have kindly stepped into her shoes to help with the organisation.

The café is...

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Barthol Chapel Guild

The darker evenings of autumn and winter bring with them the chance to once again meet-up as a Guild here in Barthol Chapel, for a time of friendship and fellowship, prayer and praise.

The Church of Scotland Guild has a new strategy to follow over the next three years, entitled

"One Journey, Many Roads" and our theme for this year is "Seeking the Way".

With this in mind, we hope to invite some speakers along to share their own experiences and thoughts. We have already welcomed Euan Robb from Formartine Youth Project and Debbie Rennie from Aberdeenshire North Foodbank and thank them for their time, enthusiasm and insight into their lives and work.

Our next meeting of the session will be our Christmas social evening on the 5th December at 7.00pm (weather permitting) and will be held at 'Fuathcul', Barthol Chapel. We welcome friends to join us as we enjoy a bring-and-share festive supper along with a time for chat.

We welcome all along to our Guild, usually meeting on the first Wednesday of most months up until April.

We also welcome anyone who would like to speak at our meetings and share their own experiences, interests or charitable work with us.

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Barthol Chapel Kirk News

This autumn has been busy as usual at the kirk and we enjoyed a lively Harvest Festival service. The church was full of an abundance of produce and we hope that our donations to the Aberdeenshire Foodbank help those in need. We have also been busy filling shoeboxes with gifts for Blytheswood to distribute this winter.

We had a very poignant Remembrance service to mark the 100 years since the Armistice in 1918. Many people contributed to make this a truly memorable occasion, including members of the community who have knitted and crocheted poppies. Alison Hepburn also displayed her research into the lives of some of the soldiers of the parish who fought and died in war and Mackie Bruce laid a wreath of poppies made by pupils of Barthol Chapel School.

Our coffee mornings are a great chance for the community to meet up informally and on Saturday 8 December, there is a crafty invitation for children (and those young at heart!) to come and help decorate our Christmas tree in the church.

Leading up to Christmas we have Advent services in December to which everyone is warmly invited. Please note that some of the services listed are at Tarves.

If anyone needs any further information about any of our services, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Katherine Williams 01651 806634

Advent and Christmas services

2 December 9.45am First Sunday in Advent – *Zechariah's Song*

9 December 9.45 am Second Sunday in Advent – *John the Baptist's Song*

16 December 9.45 am Third Sunday in Advent – *Mary's Song*

23 December 9.45 am Barthol Chapel All Age Nativity Service- *The Angel's Song*

23 December 7.00 pm Barthol Chapel Lessons and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve 7.00pm at Tarves All Age Worship followed by mulled wine, hot choc, mince pies etc

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The Big Project - Barthol Chapel Kirk

It has been some time since the open meeting in Barthol Chapel church to discuss the possibility and feasibility of re-modelling the interior of the church to create a flexible space, which could be of greater use to the school, the community and others, as well as a place of worship. But we have not been idle and the idea progresses.

There is much to do at this early stage as the steering group consults and explores need, costs, feasibility, manageable stages, who might use the building, how it might generate income, sources of funding and all the many practical considerations that are part of a project of this size.

Since the open meeting at the end of April,

- The Kirk Session has agreed that it will find funding to carry out the necessary repairs to the roof and walls to make the building wind and watertight. It is hoped this repair work will be done in early 2019, only if and when the Church can secure the necessary funding.
- Once repaired, the building will be wind and watertight and the church and community can continue work together to explore the possibilities of the bigger project, within a sound building.
- The hope is to create a warm, flexible, accessible multi-use space for the whole community.
- Phil Booth of Covell Matthews Architects has kindly drawn up some inspiring sketch proposals to show how the building might be used in various configurations once the floor is levelled and the large space created. You can see these initial ideas in the church, at the café and on the website <https://www.bartholchapel.com>
- The steering group is looking at the Church/ community partnership to ensure sustainability and to safeguard the long-term position of the community, church and the building.
- It is also exploring funding opportunities. We have had one very small success with lottery funding, in that we have passed an initial stage and been invited to submit a full application, but there is no guarantee that the application will succeed.

It is very early days yet and it is very much one small step at a time, with reality checks at every stage along the way. But we will keep you informed of progress with a newsletter blog and through social media. Full details will be on the website shortly.

We would very much welcome feedback on the sketch proposals and all aspects of the project. All comments, concerns and ideas should be sent to churchproject@bartholchapel.com This is also the contact to use if you would like to help in any way - from physical labouring to professional expertise and everything in between. We would love to hear from you.

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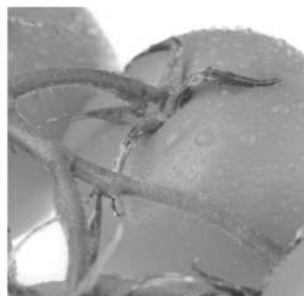
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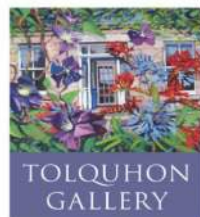
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