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Hello everyone – welcome to the late summer/early autumn Tarves and Barthol Chapel Newsletter.

Volunteers are needed and valued by all organisations. Volunteer leaders and helpers give up their time and share their enthusiasm for the enhancement of others. Volunteering for particular organisations reflects your interests, strengths and values. You are offering some focussed time, it's your choice to commit to an organisation and help it achieve a specific target.

Coffee mornings, fundraising food occasions, children's organisations and events within and out-with our own Churches, Hanover events, the August Tarves Flower Show, this newsletter with its preparation and deliveries – and a host of other invisible jobs are done by volunteers. Organisers come together to make a difference in their own groups, communities or for charities, all of whom need continuous input to survive and in turn, strengthen their services for others.

Tarves Parish continually support many charities, but one which has become prominent over the past few years is the Foodbank. Demand has been high, and may be higher in the future, and the Foodbank is in need of regular volunteers to maintain their organisation. We have visited the warehouse just outside Inverurie, and it is stacked with floor to ceiling boxes of donated goods. The volunteer team record what arrives in the warehouse, they sort it into categories and 'sell by' dates, and keep the four Foodbanks in the Aberdeenshire North network (Ellon, Peterhead, Huntly and Inverurie) supplied with food. They make up emergency food parcels for collection by referral partners and identify what they are short of, then send out 'wish lists' to supporters like ourselves and supermarkets with permanent collection points.

How you can help in our local area

Aberdeenshire North Foodbank are now planning their main Christmas appeal and the three-day collection will take place in Inverurie and Ellon Tesco stores from Thursday 21 – Saturday 23 November. The Foodbank would like 2 hours of volunteer time by a table at the front of each store, where they will highlight the display of the items needed, plus hand out mini shopping lists to customers. Volunteers will then pack the donations into crates for transporting to the warehouse. You won't be working alone, but as part of a very sociable team.

Can you spare a two-hour block of help during these 3 days, at either the Ellon or Inverurie Tesco stores? Here are the contact details you will need and please state which store is more convenient for you - Ellon or Inverurie Tesco.

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Thank you to everyone who reads the newsletter and we hope it has encouraged you to think about giving some time for the benefit of others.

We'll be back again in December 2019 with all your local news.

Ruth Nisbet

Editor

Dear Friends

It has been an eventful summer. In the community, the gardeners have been challenged by the weather. Yet there were still a good number of entries in the Tarves show – and again I was delighted to manage a second place – this time with some peas! And once again my husband Sean found he could not compete with the standards of the Tarves bakers – well done everyone!

In the church, we have just enjoyed a fun week with the children in Tarves at our Polar Explorer's Holiday Club. There we heard the stories of some of the early church leaders. We learnt about their adventures as they tried to share the good news of God's love with the people around them in many different ways and different places. Some of those early church leaders took great risks for their faith. The good news of God's love, which they had to share, challenged the beliefs and behaviours of the leaders and the people of their day. It also had the potential to encourage and heal and bring hope where previously there was none.

Bearing this in mind, this summer saw the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landings. When we reflect back to those amazing times one of the things that jumps out at us is the risk which these first lunar explorers were prepared to take – their courage in stepping into what was the unknown to advance our knowledge and understanding of creation. And for many of these early astronauts, their Christian faith was the rock on which they stood as they took that step into an unknown future. Like the early church leaders, the first space explorers took risks. They challenged the perceptions and beliefs of their time – both scientific and religious.

Today some would suggest that faith and science are incompatible. However, when we look back at history, we find that it is often their Christian faith that inspired people to explore the world around them. Faith is concerned with the ultimate questions of why things are the way they are. Science seeks to discover more factual knowledge about God's wonderful creation. There is certainly nothing in the Bible that would suggest that faith and science are incompatible – indeed these two very different disciplines go hand in hand as we seek to take the risks necessary to address the challenges facing our world today.

Too often we are ready to listen without question to what people tell us the Bible says, rather than to read it for ourselves. This autumn, people from Barthol Chapel and Tarves have accepted the challenge to read the whole of the New Testament following a sixteen-week reading plan. If you are interested in reading what the Bible itself has to say, rather than what people have to say about it, then you might like to join in. We will be using a version of the New Testament with a lay-out that is more user-friendly. There will also be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to meet together on a Saturday morning in the Heritage Centre in Tarves to discuss any discoveries or questions that have arisen from that week's reading. This gathering will take the format of a book group and we can enjoy a coffee from the Murly Tuck at the same time! Please give me a ring if you are interested and would like to learn more. (Tel 851295)

Finally, if you have any questions about the Church, or would like an opportunity to speak to the minister about anything in confidence, then please do not hesitate to contact me. You are of course, always welcome at any of our services.

With warmest wishes
Alison I Swindells

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*



In June we had a very successful Afternoon Tea in the Church. Chairs were moved and tables set up with china tea-sets & cake stands and a great selection of sandwiches, scones and home bakes were on offer.

July Services

We enjoyed sharing worship with Barthol Chapel Church, taking turns to host services. Valerie covered for Alison for 3 Sundays and introduced us to some of the less well-known heroes of the Bible.

Polar Explorers Holiday Club

By the time you read this the summer club will be over. The children had great fun being explorers and their energy was quite astounding - you can see the

photos on our website. Each action-packed session told the story of one of Jesus' friends. The week closed with an all age service followed by a barbeque. This September newsletter's front cover of an 'Arctic Fox Explorer' was created from various fabric and trimmings by children of P1 and P2 age.

Harvest Festival weekend Saturday 28/Sunday 29 September

We are celebrating the many Talents of Tarves by holding a Silent Auction in the Church on the Saturday from 1pm and a family Harvest Festival service at 11.15 on the Sunday.

The auction will include a wide variety of items to suit all tastes and pockets. The full catalogue will be published on our website and Facebook pages

Valerie Mitchell

Valerie, who belongs to Methlick Church, has almost completed her probation as an Ordained Local Minister (OLM). She will be ordained in October to serve in local churches where she will be licensed to conduct Holy Communion, weddings and baptisms, although she will not be a full time parish minister. It has been a delight and a blessing to have her with us. She has used her gifts well and become part of church life in Tarves, conducting worship, visiting folk, getting involved with Messy Church and taking funerals. We wish her well and trust that she will stay in touch.

Church Website

Thanks again to Joan Ross and all those who contribute to this. Please check for updates and information, including our privacy policy. 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.

Future events

- Sunday 15 September: Messy Church with BBQ
- Sunday 22 September: Guild dedication service
- Saturday 28 September: Silent Auction at 1.00pm
- Sunday 29 September: Harvest Festival
- Sunday 27 October: Autumn Communion
- Sunday 3 November: Messy Church
- Sunday 10 November: Remembrance Sunday

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

Silent Auction of Time and Talents

Saturday 28 September Tarves Church

Viewing from 1.00pm

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- and so much more



Full catalogue will be published on Facebook and www.tarveschurch.org

'All proceeds to Youth Hall Redevelopment'

For more information contact Susanna smbichard@aol.com or 01651 851345



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	13	Catherine Smith	Catherine Smith
	20	Fiona Sleigh	Fiona Sleigh
	27	Dawn Jordan	Duty Elder
November	3	Moir Minty	Moir Minty
	10	Ruth Nisbet	Ruth Nisbet
	17	Doreen Brown	Doreen Brown
	24	Fiona Watson	Doreen Gray
December	1	Isobel Laing	Isobel Laing
	8	Rosie Perry	Rosie Perry
	15	Kathy Morrison	Duty Elder
	22	Maureen Presly	Duty Elder
	29	Alison Walker	Alison Walker



Thank you to everyone who gives flowers and those who kindly delivers them each week. They are very much appreciated by all who receive them.

North East Scotland Support for Romania

Collections continue for the above charity. Remember, if you have any unwanted clothes, bedding, toys, books etc, please take them to the Carnegie Room at the Melvin Hall on the last Friday of every month between **12noon and 3pm. NO electrical items please**

If you need anything uplifted, please contact 851040

Collection dates for the next 3 months are:

Friday 27 September Friday 25 October Friday 29 November



The Tarves Breakfasts will start again in October. Keep a lookout for posters and road signs with dates. Always a good way to start off your day with delicious bacon, sausage & egg rolls plus endless mugs of coffee. Look forward to seeing you there.

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**We meet in the Youth Hall, at the bottom of Kirk
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and celebration time**

Hello to all Messy Church families and friends

We had the most wonderful and memorable Messy Church in June this year with Tarves' first Messy Baptism. The children made headbands and streamers to wave on their procession from Messy Church in the Youth Hall up to Tarves Church for the baptism service. Many family members and friends of the Young family joined in to see Alison baptising Iona, Tyler, James and baby Finn and a large congregation welcomed the children into our own Church family and the world-wide Church family. Amy presented Julie with a posy and the children were each presented with personally inscribed Bibles to remember this extra special occasion

At the end of the baptism service, we went back down to the Youth Hall where the Messy Church catering team had prepared a fitting celebration lunch, followed by teas/coffees and christening cake. A unique day for both the Young family and Tarves Church and thanks go to everyone who played a part in its success.

The school term has now started and Messy Church dates for the autumn/winter term are:

Sunday 15 September 2019 with a BBQ - registration at 11am in the Youth Hall

Sunday 3 November 2019- registration at 11am in the Youth Hall

The afternoon of Saturday 7 December 2019, when we will have a holiday club format to Messy – parents can leave children of nursery age and upwards, then come back and join us for a Christmas tea. Further information will be circulated in a flyer in due course.

Look out for us on Facebook too.

Thank you everyone.

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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

Hanover Residents Social Club

Hanover residents recently took part in a Step Count Challenge, with three teams of 5 taking part. Our total steps were 3,965,562, so well done to everyone. We held an open coffee morning, and everyone was presented with a certificate with their individual totals on it. Thanks to all who came along and supported us.

All our usual activities are ongoing. The next is Mike Hammer on Monday 23 September at 10.30am, so why don't you come along? Tickets are £5.00 from Jessie at 23 Hanover Court or please phone 851958.

Whist Club restarts on Monday 30 September 2019 at 2pm in Hanover Lounge. All old and new members will be very welcome to join us.

Kind regards
Jessie 851958



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Soon to be a memory because...WE'VE RAISED THE ROOF!!



All at Barthol Chapel church are delighted to announce that in less than a year through various means – church funds, grants from trusts including the Ferguson Bequest Fund, the Baird Trust and the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, a congregational giving day in April, a Quiz Night and other collections - we have raised the £78,5000 necessary to make the church wind, watertight and a little warmer.

We held a “We’ve raised the roof” family picnic in the church grounds on Sunday 18th August when the weather was good, the scaffolding went up on the 26th August and the 10-week project of work has begun to reslate the main roof, porch and vestry, to repoint the East Wall, to renew all the rainwater goods and to put some much needed insulation in the roof space.

There is access to the church during the work, using the path from the car park and main door only and for safety, the site is secured throughout with fencing around the church grounds.

During the working week, the church car park is fully occupied by the contractors. There may occasionally be work on Saturdays – but never on ‘café Saturdays”, the 2nd Saturday of the month - and there will be no work done on Sundays. Parking space at weekends is very limited, so when visiting the church, please park beside the school or on the road, and please be considerate of the neighbours and other road users.

These restrictions only apply whilst the work is underway and by the time winter comes, the church building will be warm, weather-proof and fit for the future.

What that future will be is not yet clear, but making the building sound is an essential first step towards the Big Project to realise its potential for wider community and church use. We have strong support from the General Trustees and others and excellent plans to adapt the interior to create a flexible, multi-use, fully-accessible space for the community, the school and the congregation to use [see www.bartholchapel.com?the-big-project]. We must now check again that there is a real need and desire for this space in the community, that the project is sustainable and that we have the man and womanpower to carry it through.

Any comments or queries can be sent to churchproject@bartholchapel.com



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“A trip down Memory Lane at Tarves Heritage Centre”

Tarves Heritage Centre opened for the season back in April and has been enjoying record numbers of visitors this year.

This season we have an exquisite display of Victorian and Edwardian clothing and accessories. Most of these items have come from the local area and they really are worth a close look. We have a beautiful man's pocket watch which was made by Fred Law the village watchmaker.

Other displays include artefacts from some of the trades and commercial outlets in the village, eg Cummings the bakers, Gibbs boot and shoemakers, the village blacksmith, the saddler and carpenter.



The schoolroom at the back of the Heritage Centre, has been restored to its Victorian style with old fashioned desks, slates, blackboard and dunce's hat. This year schools have come from Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire to use the classroom. It is an excellent “living history” resource where pupils can experience a Victorian school day using role-play and costumes.

Our community textile work called “The Triple Hangings” is an exciting and wonderful community project which was completed last year. Local groups and individuals contributed an assortment of pieces which have been stitched, knitted, felted and more besides. Each creation depicts all aspects of life in the Parish of Tarves over the years, indeed, the centuries.

Last year Mark Stephen from BBC Radio Scotland came out to visit Tarves Heritage Centre and he produced a lovely piece about the project on his programme “Out of Doors”. After his visit, some of our volunteers were inspired to create a “Walkabout Tarves Quiz” which encourages visitors to get out and have a look at the buildings and stories in our local neighbourhood.

The **“Tarves Walkabout Quiz”** is NOW available and can be picked up from Tarves Heritage Centre, the Murly Tuck Cafe and the Aberdeen Arms Hotel. It's free and a great way to enjoy a stroll around the village and discover a bit about the local heritage too.

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We are sorry to say that John Thomson who has hosted our Winter talks for the last 14 years has decided to hand over to someone else. As yet, that "*someone else*" has not come forward yet, but we will be going ahead with the Winter talks starting in November with Mike Stephen and his topic this year is No.4, Hazlehead to the beach. This talk will be held in the Heritage Schoolroom as a trial, so please come along and join us for an interesting evening.

Tarves Heritage Centre is open from 1pm to 4.30pm, Thursday to Sunday inclusive but remember we close at the end of October, so hurry if you haven't already visited.

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A 'hello' from Tarves Primary School's new Headteacher.

It is a pleasure to have been appointed as Headteacher at Tarves Primary; I knew I wanted to work here as soon as I walked through the front door. The warm smiles and cheery 'good morning!' always brighten even the greyest of days, and the safe, positive ethos, established by Mrs Scott, is evident.

I join a dedicated team of enthusiastic staff and parents who work tirelessly to make Tarves so special. Our amazing pupils have a real hunger for learning, are passionate about their community and how we fit into the wider world, are respectful, understanding and well-rounded citizens. All children work hard and grasp every opportunity to achieve their very best. I am immensely proud to have been selected to lead such a vibrant and welcoming school with that all-important 'family feel'.

If you would like to know more about our happy school, do visit us to say hello. The children would very much enjoy meeting visitors and sharing their achievements!

Thank you again to everyone for making me feel so welcome.

Mrs Lara Conn



Just a reminder on how to use our defibrillators and save a life

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. We have 2 defibrillators in the Tarves area. One is on the wall of the **Melvin Hall**, and the other is located at the entrance to **Barthol Chapel School**.

Cardiac arrests (heart attacks) can happen to anyone, at any time. If you come across someone in cardiac arrest, the most important thing is to **call 999 and start Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)** to keep the blood flowing to the brain and around the body. After a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation, reduces someone's chance of survival by 10 per cent.

Don't interrupt the CPR to go and get a defibrillator- send someone else to get it. When you call 999, the operator can tell you if there's a public access defibrillator nearby.

Our defibrillators are easy to access - **simply open the box**, remove the defibrillator and **take the defibrillator to the patient**. The boxes are alarmed so please close the door to stop the alarm. Details of who to contact to return the defibrillator after use are shown on the unit.

Defibrillators are very easy to use. You don't need training to use one. The machine gives clear spoken instructions – all you have to do is follow them - and it won't shock someone unless they need it.

To use a defibrillator, follow these simple steps:

Step 1: Turn the defibrillator on by pressing the green button and follow its instructions.

Step 2: Peel off the sticky pads and attach them to the patient's skin, one on each side of the chest, as shown in the picture on the defibrillator.

Step 3: Once the pads have been attached, stop CPR and don't touch the patient. The defibrillator will then analyse the patient's heart rhythm.

Step 4: The defibrillator will assess whether a shock is needed and if so, it will advise you to stand back and automatic shock the patient without further prompt. Do not touch the patient while they are being shocked.

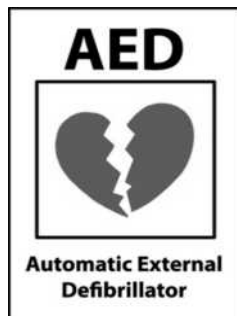
Step 5: The defibrillator will tell you when the shock has been delivered and whether you need to continue CPR.

Step 6: Restart chest compressions and rescue breaths until the patient shows signs of life or the defibrillator tells you to stop so it can analyse the heartbeat again.

There is a demonstration video, by the British Heart Foundation, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbjcCjSNvUY> as our Defibrillators are fully automatic you will not be asked to press an orange button.

*(From the British Heart Foundation
website: www.bhf.org.uk)*

There will be training sessions on the defibrillator and CPR in Tarves later in the year.



‘Speeding through our villages’

Once again concern has been expressed over the number of vehicles observed apparently speeding through our local villages. It has been noted that this matter is not restricted to the younger drivers; many adults of both genders also appear to disregard the maximum speed designation, regardless of how many signs are in place for each respective area. We are fortunate that recently we have not incurred any major incidents. However, with the increasing population, number of vehicles and pedestrians including children using our roads, the prospect of an incident will regretfully increase unless our residents take greater care. As a community, we appeal to all road users to be mindful of the increased risks presented when travelling through built up areas. Police do set up speed traps at intervals, rotating around the area including the B999 and our local villages, with a number of cautions and penalties issued. The statistics are passed on to the Community Council by the Police Traffic department at our monthly meeting.

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will be from **Wednesday 6th to Sunday 10th November.**

Make a note and keep it free- everyone will be most welcome.

Fairtrade is a simple way to make a difference to the lives of the people who grow and make the things we love.

As Christmas approaches it is an excellent time to think of others and buy some wonderful fairly traded presents.

Bonnyton will be turned onto a treasure trove of fabulous gifts, cards, clothes and food.

A selection of some of last year's popular crafts.

So looking forward to seeing everyone soon!



Barthol Chapel Indoor Bowling Club

After the summer break, our members are looking forward to the start of the new season and new challenges. We gain great experience by taking part in the many short mat competitions, plus we enjoy meeting people in the area with similar interests. However, we welcome new members to expand our branch where we have ample room for more matches. So, on Tuesday 17 September we have a come-and-try evening free of charge to see if you like this very enjoyable game. New players and experienced players alike are invited. We can lend bowls for the evening but we ask you to bring flat clean-soled shoes or slippers to protect the carpets. Players under 16 should be accompanied by an appropriate adult to comply with current legislation.

We meet every Tuesday during the school terms from 17 September 2019 to April 2020 in Barthol Chapel Primary School from 7:30 to 9:30pm. – Hope to see you there.

For more information please contact Club Secretary, Hazel Skinner on 01651 806888



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Tarves Guild

“Whose we are and Whom we serve”

We are in the second phase of our 3-year strategy “One journey, many roads” and this session’s particular theme is “Companions on the Road”.



The Guild Dedication service will take place during morning worship on Sunday 22 September.

Our first meeting of the new session will be on Thursday 3 October when our very own Joan McGill will talk about her work on the Children’s Panel. Then on Thursday 7 November, we will have a speaker from one of the Guild Projects that we are supporting this session. Cross Reach, the Church of Scotland’s Social Care Council Organisation, will be talking about their own project “Join the Dots” which aims to tackle loneliness and social isolation in Scotland. Thursday 5 December is party time with entertainment and festive fare.

All our meetings take place in Tarves Church starting @ 7.30pm, so please feel free to come along to any of our meetings which might be of interest to you. You will be made most welcome. Remember, we are no longer the Women’s Guild – it’s for men too!

Edith 851179

Jean 891081

Nkhoma knitting update

Our local, and further away, knitters continue to create hat and vest sets, hat and scarf sets, tiny cardigans, teddies, cosy crocheted and knitted blankets for the Nkhoma appeal. These are all sitting in the community corner in Tarves Church, so come and have a look and see if you can add to the present boxes. There are knitting and sewing guidance to take away, and if you would like to make little skirts, I have plenty of cotton material I can give you, so please get in touch with me via tbc.editor@btinternet.com. We are still waiting to hear if another co-ordinator has been found to transfer the boxes down to Dundee, before their long land and sea journey to Malawi.

For those who don’t knit or sew, you can also make a welcome contribution by sponsoring each box on its route to Malawi. It costs £15 each box for transportation of 12,750 kilometres: there is a donations bag on the community corner table, with a map of the journey showing the sea and land journeys out to Africa.

On behalf of Gordon Presbytery, thank you all so much for your consistent kindness to the young babies and children at Nkhoma Hospital.

Ruth

TBC Diary

Date	Event	Venue / Time
Sat 14 Sept	Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support Appeal	10:00 - 11:30am in Barthol Chapel Church
Sun 15 Sept	Messy Church followed by BBQ	11:00am in Youth Hall
Tues 17 Sept	Tarves Community Council Meeting	7:30pm in Tarves School
Wed 18 Sept	Barthol Chapel SWI - Suitcase of Artefacts with Deborah Leslie	7:15pm in Barthol Chapel School
Thur 19 Sept	Barthol Chapel Community Association	7:00pm in Barthol Chapel Church
Frid 20 Sept	Playgroup fundraiser - see article on page 29	7:30 in Melvin Hall
Sun 22 Sept	Tarves Guild Dedication Service	11:15 in Tarves Church
Mon 23 Sept	Mike Hammer entertains	10:30am @ Hanover Court
Sun 24 Sept	Playgroup Christmas Fayre	7:30pm in Melvin Hall, Tarves
Frid 27 Sept	Collection for Romania Appeal	12noon - 3:00pm in Melvin Hall
Sat 28 Sept	Silent Auction	1:00pm in Tarves Church
Mon 30 Sept	Whist	2:00pm @ Hanover Court
Tues 8 Oct	Tarves Community Council Meeting	7:30pm in Tarves School
Wed 9 Oct	Barthol Chapel SWI - Felting with Fiona Crosswell	7:15pm in Barthol Chapel School
Frid 26 Oct	Collection for Romania Appeal	12noon - 3:00pm in Melvin Hall
Sun 27 Oct	Autumn Communion	11:15 in Tarves Church
Sun 3 Nov	Messy Church	11:00am in Youth Hall
6 - 10 Nov	Fair Trade Sale & Open House	@ Bonnyton Farmhouse, Pit-medden
Sun 10 Nov	Royal British Legion Remembrance Service	11:15am in Tarves Church
Tues 19 Nov	Tarves Community Council Meeting	7:30pm in Tarves School
Wed 20 Nov	Barthol Chapel SWI- Concert with Garioch Blend	7:30pm in Melvin Hall, Tarves
Frid 29 Nov	Collection for Romania Appeal	12noon - 3:00pm in Melvin Hall
Tues 17 Dec	Tarves Community Council Meeting	7:30pm in Tarves School

Weekly / Monthly Events

Date	Event	Venue / Time
Every Sunday	Church Services	Barthol Chapel Church 9:45am Tarves Church 11:15am

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Date	Event	Venue / Time
Monday - Friday Thursday	Tarves Playgroup Toddler Group	Youth Hall 9:30am - 12noon Youth Hall 1:15 - 3:00pm
Thursday	Chair Exercise Class	Hanover Court @ 9:00 - 9:45am
Second Saturday of every month	Barthol Chapel Church Cafe	Barthol Chapel Church 10:00 - 11:30am
Third Sunday of every month	Tarves Folk Club	The Bistro, Aberdeen Arms Hotel - 8:30 - 11:00pm
Monday evening (during school term time)	Tarves Youth Group - The Hut - ages between 12 & 21	The Hut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S3 7:00 - 8:30pm • S3 - S6 8:00 - 9:30pm
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	Ellon Men's Shed	Hospital Road, Ellon 10:00am- 4:00pm
Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday	Coffee Morning	Hanover Court from 10:30am
Every 2nd Monday	Hanover Court Whist after- noons	Hanover Court - 2.00 - 4.00pm
Every Monday and Wednesday evening	Udny Station Indoor Bowling Club (winter only)	Youth Hall - 7:30 - 9:30pm
Every Tuesday morning	Tarves Church – Tuesday coffee morning	Tarves Church - 10:00 – 11:00am
Every Tuesday after-noon	Bowling “Golden Oldies” (summer only)	Tarves Bowling Green 2:00 - 4:00pm
Every Tuesday after-noon	"The Chatty Knitters" knitting session	Hanover Court - 2:00 - 4:00pm
Every Tuesday	Barthol Chapel Indoor Bowling starting 17 Sept 2019	Barthol Chapel Primary School 7:30 - 9:30pm
Every Wednesday during term time	Meldrum Academy Christian Union	Meldrum Academy 1:15pm
Every Thursday during term time	JAFFA - Tarves Primary Scrip- ture Union	Tarves School @ lunch-time
Every Wednesday evening (term time)	1st Tarves Rainbows	Tarves School 5:00 - 6:00pm
Every Wednesday evening (term time)	1st Tarves Brownies	Tarves School 6.15 - 7:30pm
Third Wednesday of every month	Barthol Chapel S.W.I.	Barthol Chapel School - 7:15pm
Last Friday of every month	Barthol Chapel School coffee afternoon	Barthol Chapel School - 2:30pm



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Tarves Playgroup & Toddlers



Tarves Playgroup

Welcome to a new academic year. We would like to welcome all new and existing families to the Playgroup and Toddlers, we hope you all settle in well and enjoy your time with us.

We are registered to provide a day care of children service to a maximum of 20 children aged from 2 years to those not yet attending primary school. In partnership with the local authority, we provide funded pre-school education for children aged from three to five years. Funded and non-funded places are still availa-

ble, so if you'd like more information on joining this group please email tarvessecretary@outlook.com

It has been a very busy summer behind the scenes for playgroup. Firstly, I would like to introduce the new committee, co-Chairs are Loretta Ross and Claire Stephen, Treasurer is Joanne Harrison, Secretary is Sarah Dockree and our team of fundraisers are Jenny Sangster, Julie Fraser and Stacey Barr. We are all looking forward to working alongside the Playgroup team - Manager is Naomi Summers, Practitioners & Support Workers are Julie Christie, Chloe Catnach and Brenna Phillips.

Our Tarves Topsy Tea was a roaring success with over £2000 raised. A huge thank you to all involved in the day: singer, raffle donations, home bakes, scones, sandwiches, room decoration etc, and not forgetting the Topsy Tea Team who worked very hard to deliver a fantastic afternoon full of giggles, bubbles and cakes.

We finished off before the summer with a Garden Party to celebrate the playgroups 50th Year. A huge thank you to everyone involved in the organising of this and a thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate with us.

With the new term starting brings exciting times ahead. We are currently in discussion with Aberdeenshire Council regarding the expansion of playgroups hours, this is very exciting for the playgroup and the community. More information will be detailed in the December TBC.

Relief staff are being recruited to ensure the playgroup continues to deliver a high standard of care and education throughout the year covering absences and when numbers of children increase.

Our first fundraiser of the year is an audience with Maureen Smith (Clairvoyant) on Friday 20 September in the Melvin Hall. Tickets are available from Joanne Harrison on 07793 860706 at £20.00 each.



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Also in the planning process is a Christmas Fayre, provisionally booked for Sunday 24 November, if you are interested in having a stall at this event please contact Stacey Barr on tarvesplaygroupfundraising@outlook.com

Playgroup and toddlers have been receiving new resources too, so all fundraising is very much appreciated.

We have a Baby and Toddler Group which runs during term time on a Thursday from 1.15-3pm in the Youth Hall, Tarves. All are welcome with children up to pre-school age. A great way to get to know other parents/carers and for the children to play and learn. Snack for the children and a cuppa for the parent/carer is also provided. No need to book just come along. If you'd like more info please email tarvestoddlers@outlook.com

Regards

Loretta Ross & Claire Stephen

1st Tarves Brownies

We finished last term with a very successful sleepover at Tarves Youth Hall and the Brownies completed their 'Having Adventures' skills badge. The weather was glorious and the girls enjoyed cooking their supper outside, some very enthusiastic singing around the camp fire and obligatory toasting of marshmallows. On Sunday morning we invited dads to join us for a special Father's Day breakfast and they spent time completing activities and learning campfire songs with their daughters.



After the lovely summer break, we are looking forward to a busy term ahead. Our much-anticipated Indoor holiday at Templars Park in September will challenge the girls to work together, and use their survival skills to stay safe and healthy for an action packed 'I'm a Survivor' themed weekend. We will be hosting our popular Macmillan Coffee evening in support of Macmillan Cancer charity and also taking part in Girl Guiding's 'Future Girls' Initiative: an annual week of action where we join together to make changes to create a better world for girls and young women from all over UK. Built around topics they really care about we will be focusing this time on being 'Planet protectors' and taking action against plastic pollution.



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>



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Ellon and District Men's Shed

The Shed's first year of growing vegetables in raised beds has been successful and the produce enjoyed by members. We will have to have an entry in next year's Tarves Flower Show to give Sandy some competition? The flower filled raised beds are also good. The second greenhouse has been erected, and the glass panes have been donated by Mel at Stuartfield Farm, Cornhill, Banff.

Donated small trees in pots now decorate the Shed entrance. Donated shrubs have also been temporarily planted until their final location is decided. The poly-tunnel position in the garden has been decided and the frame foundations are being decided. Grass cutting is much easier with our new sit-on lawn mower. The Co-op Local Community Fund has now paid out £2,307 for the Shed garden development. Thanks also goes to the Ythan Fiddlers for their generous donation to the Shed operation.

The Shed computer area is now in the caravan annex as this undisturbed area is better for computer use. A new computer and printer have been bought with Ellon Rotary Club money. This. A 2 drawer or 4 drawer filing cabinet would complete the set up. The Shed loft activity areas are being used and there is still plenty of scope for further hobbies of members choice. The workshop area has had the machine cuttings/dust collection system improved with good advice from John Urquhart from Craigdam.

The motorbike group have had a buyer for the refurbished Piaggio moped and now have a BSA Bantam to refurbish.

A small boat arrived at the Shed for refurbishment and will continue its life as a flower display at a nursing home. The refurbishment of the Strathspey steam railway station barrows is coming to an end, with the final challenge of the large wooden spoke wheel repair.

The Shed open day in May had a steady flow of visitors who also enjoyed the BBQ burgers and the home bakes made by member's wives.

The Park Villa garden open weekend in Ellon at the end of July had good weather and was a great success raising funds for the Ellon Church, Alzheimer's Association and the Ellon Men's Shed.

The best time to visit the Shed is between 10am and 4pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm. The wood turners use it on Thursdays from 6pm to 9pm.

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Barthol Chapel Guild



Looking back to the beginning of the summer months, we met in June as a group of friends to enjoy our Guild summer outing. After lunch together at the Buchan Hotel in Ellon, we met up with Alan Cameron, a volunteer instrumental in the restoration of Ellon Castle Gardens. Guided by his extensive knowledge and enthusiasm, we were to enjoy an interesting and leisurely wander around the garden. We learnt a lot about its intriguing history, as well as enjoying an insight into the proposed redevelopment of the old walled garden, castle ruin and ancient yew trees. A very special place known by so few.

May we thank Alan for his time with us, both as a speaker at one of our meetings and as our guide for the day. We wish him and the team the very best with their on-going project.

With the autumn evenings now coming upon us, we turn our thoughts to meeting up again as a Guild group for another session.

The Church of Scotland Guild theme for this year is the second in a three-year strategy, "One Journey, Many Roads". The theme for 2019-20 is "Companions on the Road" which follows on from last year's theme "Seeking the Way". We aim to keep this theme in mind, when we invite guest speakers along to our meetings to join us as we come together in praise, prayer and fellowship. We also look forward to meeting and supporting our fellow Guilds throughout the year, in the raising of funds for the various Guild Projects, and for times of shared fellowship.

Barthol Chapel Guild is a small, informal group who usually meet on the first Wednesday evening of the month throughout the Session, starting on Wednesday 2nd October. Our meetings start at 7.30pm and are held at 'Fuathcul', Barthol Chapel. Details of our speakers will follow in the next issue.

We would be delighted to welcome you along to our gatherings to enjoy some shared time together.....followed by a cup of tea and snack!

If you would like to join us or if you have any experiences, interests or charitable work you could share as a guest speaker, please get in touch.

Helen Mennie 01651 806366 helen.c.mennie@gmail.com

Barthol Chapel Community Association

The next Barthol Chapel Community Association meeting which will be held on Thursday 19th September at 19:00 at the Barthol Chapel Church. This will be the annual AGM followed by a general meeting.

Tarves Flower Show Results 2019

Challenge Cup for Exhibitor with highest aggregate points in the Confined Section
Challenge Cup for best Exhibit Overall in Pot Plants
Trophy for best Exhibits in Pot Plants – Confined Section
Trophy for Best Dahlias – Confined Section
Trophy for Best Exhibit in Fruit – Confined Section
Trophy for Best Exhibit Cut Flowers Open Section
Diploma Best Entry in Pot Plants
Diploma Best Entry in Cut Flowers
Best Entry in Vegetables
Diploma Best Entry in Fruit
Challenge Trophy Best Exhibit Roses
Silver Tray Highest Aggregate Points in Baking
Challenge Cup for Under 18 Baking
Challenge Cup Highest Aggregate Points in the Industrial Section
Challenge Cup Best Exhibit in the Industrial Section
Challenge Quaich for most points in Home Produce
Challenge Cup Most Points in Floral Art
Perpetual Trophy Best Exhibit in Floral Art
Challenge Trophy Best Exhibit Children's section
Perpetual Garden Scheme Best Kept Allotment
Perpetual Challenge Cup Best All Round Garden
Perpetual Challenge Cup for most attractive Small Front Garden
Perpetual Shield for Most Attractive Private House Garden
Challenge Shield Most Points Vegetables and Fruit Open Section
Trophy Most Points Children's Section
Best Hanging Basket Trophy (Gardens)
Best Tub Trophy (Gardens)
Best Exhibit in Pot Plants – Open Section
Best Exhibit in Vegetables – Open Section

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Mike Nicol
Sandy Davidson
Anna Jamieson
George Simpson
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George Jamieson



W I N N E R S

We were very pleased with the turnout both in competitors and visitors to our 71st Annual Flower Show, which was officially opened by Susan Burgess, Assistant Producer of the Beechgrove Garden television show. Susan gave us a very interesting and entertaining speech on the origins of the Araucaria Araucana tree (*which is the Monkey Puzzle tree to you and me*) before presenting the trophies to the winners in the different categories.

The entries in all the classes including the children's section were up on last year's numbers, which is very encouraging for the future of the Flower Show and it also indicates that the community spirit is still well to the fore in this busy thriving village of Tarves and surrounding areas.

Once again, thank you to all who entered the show and to each and every one who contributed in time and effort to making the day a great success. Date for your diary, next year's show will be held on the Saturday 8th August 2020, hope to see you all again then.

Sheila M Ewen - Chairperson



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Barthol Chapel Scottish Women's Institute

We are currently enjoying a short summer break after our June meeting, when Mike from the Inverurie Whisky shop enlightened us on the making of Scotch whisky and the flourishing of the Scottish gin industry. So many varieties of flavours and botanical ingredients have taken the country by storm. There was also a fair amount of tasting to do. This meeting was open to all adults and drew quite a mixed audience.

Our next three meetings are as follows:

- September 19 – Suitcase of artefacts with Deborah Leslie
- October 9 – Hands on evening of felting with Fiona Crosswell
- November 20 – Concert in Melvin Hall Tarves at 7.30 with Garioch Blend.

The September meeting with Deborah Leslie a published author, is open to all and will be interesting and humorous with a touch of Doric. Our St Andrews Day concerts in November continue to be highly popular and attract thundering applause. Do come and see for yourself.

I appeal to all potential new members and visitors. This is the time to come to an SWI meeting before winter sets in. You can try new hobbies or simply meet new people. We meet at Barthol Chapel Primary School at 7pm on the third Wednesday of the month. Dates may vary for school holidays.

For more information please contact
Hazel Skinner on 01651 806888.



Ongoing appeal for Aberdeenshire North Foodbank

The Tarves area continues to donate to the central warehouse and the staff are very appreciative of the regular donations. The September requests are for boxes of breakfast cereals, cereal bars, UHT milk, biscuits, diluting juice and sponge puddings. They are also quite short of shaving kits, toothpaste, toothbrushes shower gels, shampoos and deodorants. If you would like to donate, please bring items to Tarves Church on Tuesdays from 10.00 - 11.00am or on Sundays from 10.30am - 12.30pm.

We'll put up a list in both the Church and website during October and November with the donations needed for their Christmas food parcels. Please note that all Christmas donations must be with Tarves Church by the end of November at the latest.

On behalf of the main Foodbank warehouse team – a big thank you.

Ruth, On behalf of Tarves Parish Church

Britannic Expedition – May 2019 Kea Island

“As you descend, the water turns from pale turquoise to sapphire to an even deeper blue until out of the blueness you see her. All shipwreck divers imagine in their mind’s eye what a wreck will look like up close and in person, but nothing can prepare one for their first glimpse of one of the world’s great ocean liners – *Britannic*. She is massive, mysterious, and perhaps most importantly, full of limitless opportunities for exploration and discovery”.

On May 10, 2019, a group of ten divers set sail from mainland Athens to Kea Island, Greece to dive the famed ocean liner *Britannic*.

The team was made up of two Americans, an Australian and British members. **George McClure** (3rd from left) who lives in **Fyvie** (and is a veteran of a number of past major historical diving expeditions) and **Steve Pryor** (far right) from **Barthol Chapel** made up the local representation.



HMHS Britannic is the third vessel in White Star Line’s Olympic line, the line that included *Olympic* and the most famous of the three sisters, *Titanic*. Unlike *Titanic*, *Britannic* never realized her potential for luxury because she was requisitioned by the British Royal Navy as a WW1 hospital ship shortly after her launch in 1914 and refitted for that purpose. On November 20, 1916, *Britannic* was carrying almost 1,100 seamen, wounded soldiers, and hospital personnel when she struck a mine laid by a German U-boat.

The blast flooded six of *Britannic*’s watertight compartments – damage more substantial than that which crippled *Titanic* but damage the ship was nonetheless designed to handle. The ship’s captain, Charles Bartlett, ordered the ship to shore intending to run her aground on Kea Island. Earlier in the day and against standing orders however, the ship’s nurses had opened the portholes to ventilate the sick wards. Water came pouring through the open portholes as she steamed causing the ship to list. The disaster was further compounded by some who launched lifeboats against orders while the ship was underway. Those passengers were killed when they were sucked into *Britannic*’s enormous propellers. Captain Bartlett eventually gave the order to

abandon ship, and more than 1,000 people boarded the lifeboats from which they were soon rescued. Thirty perished, most of whom prematurely boarded the lifeboats.

The damage eventually sent the 50,000-ton *Britannic* to the bottom of the Aegean Sea. She currently lays on her starboard side in 116 meters of water in the channel between the islands of Kea and Makronisos. Many of her portholes are still open. Her colossal propellers are still intact.

Blessed with unusually good weather, the expedition team made six dives to *Britannic* in an eleven-day period. This allowed them to explore, document and photograph numerous areas of the vessel.

If you would like to see some amazing photographs of the 2019 expedition please do not hesitate to contact Steve Pryor on 07710 7933035.

The expedition represents a major technical undertaking with some dives being of nearly 5 hours duration.

As a newly retired person this expedition represents a big tick on my bucket list and an experience which I will never forget!

Steve Pryor
Barthol Chapel

News from the Square

As I write this, it feels that summer is almost over and autumn is around the corner. But hopefully we will still have a few more sunny days before I have to put on my red winter scarf!

The Square has looked lovely and colourful again this summer, and thanks for this must go to all the willing volunteers who planted the tubs and baskets in the spring - Mary, Sheila, Doreen, Bill, Sandy and Gordon. Thank you also to the men and their trailers who collected the plants from El-lon. All of this would not have been possible without your help.

The Formartine in Bloom team were here for the August judging, and we will have to wait until October to see how we got on. But as they say "*its not the winning that matters but the taking part*". As long as we make the village a place that locals can be proud of, and visitors who will remember the colourful displays, that is what we hope for.

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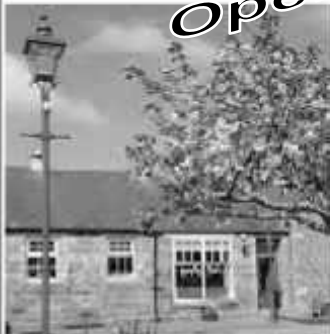
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The Hut

The Hut Youth Project, situated behind Tarves Primary School, meets at 7-9.30pm Mondays (term time) for local youth aged 12-25. Years S1-S3 meet 7pm – 8.30pm and S3 and older are invited 8pm - 9.30pm

The new times and introduction of the tuck shop are going well and suiting for all ages.

Several drop-in sessions have been held over the summer and were well attended with the young people enjoying various challenge activities, games and relaxing with friends. Some of the existing members made a short evaluation film regarding the refurbishment and what it means to them. This will be shown later in the year to other young people and invited guests, at an event that will take place in National Youth Work week in November.

The group have enjoyed several STEM challenge evenings, including marshmallow and spaghetti towers and the Pringle Ringle. We have done lots of cooking, a murder mystery night, developed our hammer and nail skills with tin can lanterns and helping out at the school fete running the popular bungee run.

The new 1st years have been attending The Hut on a regular basis and getting involved with games and activities. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again after the summer break to start planning more activities, challenges and organising fundraising ideas.

We look forward to hosting our annual pub quiz in October\November time. Look out for posters.

Please check out our Facebook page to keep updated on what we are getting up to: ***The Hut Youth Project Tarves.***

Jane Thom Bequest

Mrs Jane Thom was born at Craigdam, she died in the 1930s and left a modest bequest which is now managed by a local committee. The terms of the trust state that funds were intended to be disbursed to persons of any age residing in the Parish of Tarves who may have a legitimate need and would otherwise find difficulty.

To date we have funded a wide variety of individuals and would encourage persons of any age to make an application if they feel they have a legitimate need. All approaches will be considered and dealt with in the strictest of confidence by the committee.

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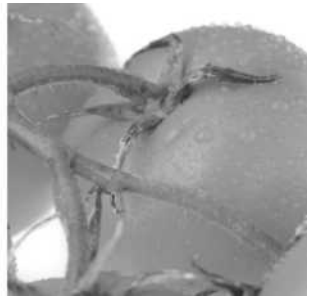
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