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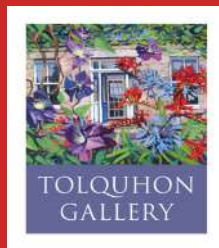


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Editor's Letter

Hello readers,

My prepared Editor's letter for December will resurface next year. Why? Two reasons – both to reinforce the value of friendship. The poem below by Michael Maruwana, and a talk in Tarves Church last week about loneliness in the 16-24 and over 65 age groups. Michael perfectly sums up what is important in our lives: contact with our close friends, and contact with those we don't know, because your kind words may be the only words spoken to them all day.

We're fortunate in Tarves to meet people in the local shops, and Barthol Chapel Café offers a monthly coffee morning, where a 'hello' could start a conversation and be an introduction to exchanging information. As well as conversation, careful listening is equally valuable

The Gift of Friendship

We all have the ability and the prerequisite to make friends and start a friendship, when we face our fear to engage with others.

We all possess the gift of love, caring and giving. We receive and experience sense of purpose when a friend says to us, 'Thank you'.

We all want to be someone's friend and to be called by them, my friend, thus we become a friend too, to that somebody.

We all feel and see the need to be a friend. We feel the deep meaning and feeling of belonging and being needed when a friend introduces you to others saying, 'this is my friend'.

We all share moments of happiness and laughter and smiles. We share of our troubles and sadness. We all sometimes miss the friendship of others brought to us.

We I have the true gift of friendship within our hearts. That makes us understand, what it means to give your time for the benefit of another (you, my friend).

We all make profound effect on someone's life when we become a friend, even for a brief moment we can; enrich, empower and enhance their life and our own life too.

Well, all we have to do is; be a friend to that someone, (my friend) most importantly share and enjoy the gift of friendship.

With kind permission of Michael Maruwana

November 2019

We're coming up to a festive season where every advert radiates family happiness and material pleasure, but let us all take a positive and leading role to demonstrate friendship and kindness as the most valuable gifts of all. There are events on throughout December so, join in when you can, help if you can, and on your own personal level, be interested in what happens in our Parish.

With good wishes from the TBC Editorial team,

Ruth Nisbet

Editor

Dear Friends

The artist Albrecht Altdorfer was born in 1480 in Germany. He inherited an interest in art from his Father and became a painter, engraver and architect of the Renaissance. Throughout his life, he was also active as a leading politician in the City at a time of great upheaval – the Reformation was sweeping through Europe. In 1526 Altdorfer became City Architect of Regensburg, and in 1533 he was a member of the City Council which decided to adopt the Reformation ideals of Martin Luther.

Many of Altdorfer's paintings and engravings included biblical scenes. One of his paintings the Holy Night Nativity, painted in 1511, (you can google it on line), shows Mary and Joseph and Jesus sheltering in a ruined building. Not one part of this building remains untouched by ruin and decay. Walls are falling down. Most of the roof has disappeared. The new family hide behind a broken-down wall. Indeed the family seem to shrink to secondary significance while the light shines on the building itself in all its decay and corruption.

When we look at this painting, we might wonder what Altdorfer had in mind when he wielded his paintbrush. What does the ruined building represent? Does it depict a Church brought to its knees by corruption or division? Does it speak of a broader dissatisfaction in civic life? Or does it point to the condition of humanity itself?

Whatever the intention of the artist, surely today this picture speaks to us of the presence of the Christchild in the midst of an overwhelmingly broken world. That is the story that is at the heart of our Christmas celebrations. And over the next few weeks in Church we will be reflecting on that story. And we will hear the words of the angel song, "Do not be afraid!"

Do not be afraid - 365 times we find these words or words with a similar meaning appearing in the Bible – that is once for every day of the year. But they are particularly prevalent in Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. "Do not be afraid". And Luke also spells out to some shepherds why we should not be afraid.

"Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour who is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:10).

"Do not be afraid" – those words lie at the very heart of the Christmas story. And still today we hear them. We hear them whispered softly to those who are grieving. We hear them reassuring an overwhelmed mother or father wrestling with the challenges of parenthood. We hear them penetrate our anxieties about the future – our own future, the future of our community, the

future of our nation, the future of the world. We hear them reminding us constantly that, in the midst of our brokenness, God is with us, and that because this is so, the way to healing and wholeness is thrown open for all the world.

Those words “Do not be afraid” are spoken for all of us and I hope that each one of you, whatever your situation, will hear them for yourself and find in them the peace that Christ offers.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas services and other events.

With warmest wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Alison I 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*



Advent Services

Sunday 01 Dec Advent One

Sunday 08 Dec Advent Two

Sunday 15 Dec Advent Three

Sunday 22 Dec Advent Four

Sunday 22 Dec 7pm United service of Lessons and Carols at Barthol Chapel Church

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Family Service at 7pm in Tarves

There will be NO service in Tarves on Christmas Day

Instead we will join our friends from Barthol Chapel and Methlick at **10.30am at Haddo House Chapel** with Rev Dr Will Stalder

What's been happening?

JAFFA at Tarves School

JAFFA (Jesus A Friend For All) is a lunchtime club using Scripture Union resources. The children enjoy a fun packed session and we are grateful to the school for being so welcoming. Thank you to the volunteers who continue to run this.

Ordination of Rev Valerie Mitchell Tuesday 22 October

Methlick Church was full of well wishers who enjoyed being part of Valerie's Service of Ordination. Her first six months will be spent at Meldrum Church. We wish her God's blessing.

Harvest Festival Weekend - Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 September

The church was beautifully decorated by a small team of willing volunteers. Thanks to them for their time and talents.

Silent Auction of Time and Talents - 28 September

Despite the appalling weather, a number of people came along on Saturday and got into the spirit of things. Bids had come in beforehand, and overall an amazing £1400 was raised for the Youth Hall Development Project. Connections are being made as folk learn to dance, knit, make a silver ring or get their garden tidied up. It certainly proved that "Tarves has Talent."

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

We enjoyed the relaxed informality as we sat 'café style' around tables for this interactive service.

Autumn Communion Sunday 27 October

The congregation was consulted about whether they would prefer to go back to using the small glasses, or continue with tincture. The preference was for 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. The communion silver was brought out for the occasion, and the pair of silver goblets dated 1618 looked splendid.

Service of Remembrance Sunday 10 November

Once again, this poignant service was well attended by folk of all ages including Rainbows and Brownies. Alison conducted an excellent service, encouraging us to remember, but also to work for peace. After the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, many folk enjoyed a hot drink and fellowship in the church.

Tarves Church online

Please check for news, updates and information. www.tarveschurch.org and the Tarves Church Facebook page.

Youth Hall Development

Norman Glen recently updated the congregation on the progress of this project. Grants are now coming in and work will start next year. We cannot underestimate the hours the team has spent on this, and it is wonderful to see their efforts bear fruit. A detailed update will be in the March 2020 TBC newsletter.

Thank you to the team!

Financial Roles

We are in a time of transition, as duties are reorganised and reallocated. Robert McGill is now managing spreadsheets and preparing the accounts, whilst Andy Clubb has taken over as Free Will Offering Convenor. Edith Innes felt that the time was right to hand over her financial responsibilities although she will continue as a District Elder. We are very grateful to Edith, who with Bert's support, has done such a good job over many years.

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 sembichard@aol.com

Nkhoma knitting news update - November 2019

Hello to all our knitting and sewing enthusiasts

We've had good news from Gordon Presbytery that once again, we have a willing volunteer to transport your knitting and sewing donations from Inverurie to the Banana Box Trust in Dundee. The people of Nkhoma are very grateful for all of the boxes that they receive.

The most useful donations are jumpers and a hat or scarf sets, knitted teddies, skirts, and small baby blankets plus larger square blankets which can be folded into a triangle and wrapped around an adult's body to carry babies on their back. Knitting and sewing can be handed into Tarves Church on Tuesday/Sunday mornings and are on display in the community corner at the far side of the Church.

However, with the agreement of a number of knitters, we recently donated 32 cosy hat and scarf sets for children age 5 and upwards to the Resource Centre in Inverurie for local use. This tied in with Joan's talk to Tarves Guild on Thursday 3 October on her work with the Children's Panel, and the need for our help locally too. The Centre was delighted with this donation and they have already started to hand them out to children in care. We will also continue to donate some larger warm blankets to Wood-end Hospital for the use of patients in the neurology, orthopaedic and stroke wards. Patients can be in hospital for a considerable time, and having a warm blanket on their knees and legs provides a level of personal comfort in a clinical setting.

We'd like to continue supporting these organisations, and hope that the knitters continue to knit both baby size plus older children's hats and scarves so we can help both Nkhoma and our own local area. If the Resource Centre have any other knitting needs, we'll let you all know so we can make a valuable contribution from Tarves Parish.

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	12	Joan McGill	Joan McGill
	19	Margaret Barrack	Margaret Barrack
	26	Janet Swinton	Doreen Brown
February	2	Ivy Lynch	Janice Paton
	9	Mabel Mitchell	Mabel Mitchell
	16	Edith Innes	Edith Innes
	23	Beth Gray	Betty Mitchell
March	1	Isobel Laing	Isobel Laing
	8	Sheila Hodge	Sheila Hodge
	15	Fran Crichton	Fran Crichton
	22	Kathleen Taylor	Kathleen Taylor
	29	Charmaine Bain	Doreen Brown

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

North East Scotland Support for Romania

Thank you to everyone who has handed in clothing, bedding etc during 2019. The charity really appreciates all that you donate. There will be no collections during December, January and February and we will resume again on **Friday 27 March 2020**. Dates will be issued in the March edition of the TBC.

Tarves Breakfast



The Tarves Breakfasts proved popular during the year raising almost £900 for the Youth Hall refurbishment. Thank you to all who came along and supported us. A big thank you to Heather who always so generously donates her lovely free-range eggs; their taste is unbeatable. Keep a lookout for dates during 2020.



A collage of three black and white photographs: an excavator loading a truck, a tractor pulling a trailer, and a close-up of a hydraulic pump assembly.

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This year we have decided to have a Messy Church Christmas fun afternoon between **2 – 5pm on Saturday 7 December 2019.**

Children can be dropped off at 2.00pm and parents/carers are free to go. We ask that you return at 4.30pm. to join us for a Christmas tea. Parents who wish to remain with their child are most welcome to do so, as we are always in need of 'an extra pair of hands'.

Messy children will enjoy crafts, games, snacks, the Christmas Story, music and much more.

Please register your child on our Facebook page to confirm their place.

www.facebook.com/Tarves-Messy-Church

We are really looking forward to a fun filled afternoon.

Messy Church 2020 dates for your diary

Sunday 9 February 2020 @ 11am in the Youth Hall

Sunday 26 April 2020 @ 11am in the Youth Hall

Sunday 14 June 2020 @ 11am in the Youth Hall

Thank you so much to everyone who has come along to Messy Church this year; with your support, we will continue to reach out to all of our families and beyond.

Tuesday Church Cafe

Tea / coffee and biscuits continue to be served between 10am and 11am in Tarves Church on a Tuesday morning so why not come along and join us. You will be made most

welcome. The last one for this year will be on **Tuesday 10th December** and we will resume on **Tuesday 7 January 2020.** Make it a date in your diary.



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Tarves Development Trust

Tarves Development Trust were kindly hosted for our AGM at the Aberdeen Arms on Tuesday 26 November. Thank you to everyone who came out on a wet November evening.

David Hekelaar, the Chair outlined the events of the year – most notably securing funding from the Scottish Land Fund to buy the building of the Community Hub, which houses the Murly Tuck. This means that the community now own the building, through the Development Trust.

The main topic of discussion was around the ideas proposed for the Old Tennis Court. The TDT ran a wee draw over the summer to encourage residents to put forward their ideas. Kim McPherson was the lucky winner of lunch for 4 at the Murly Tuck – well done Kim !

The ideas that the Trust are going to take forward over the next 12 months are:

- A boules/petanque court at the Old Tennis Court
- Further discussion and consultation on options for a building to store community assets, such as the equipment used to keep Tarves looking lovely
- Investigate if and how safe walking/cycling routes around and to the village can be progressed

The Trust also announced a series of free key digital skills drop-in sessions at the Melvin Hall, starting in January. These will help folk learn to use the internet, to email, to use Skype etc, on laptops or smart phones.

Hanover Residents Social Club

On behalf of everyone at Hanover Social Club, we would like to thank you all for attending our recent coffee morning when we raised £254. Donations will be going to Kayleigh's Wee Stars and Hamish Dear's Warm Hugs.

Our activities at Hanover continue with our whist club meet on Monday afternoons from 2 - 4pm every 2 weeks, with the first November meeting on 11 November. Our knitting group meet on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm in the Hanover lounge where they create blankets, hats, vests, and scarves. Our chair exercise classes are on a Thursday morning from 9 to 9.45am.

We have the Fyvie Community Choir joining us at 7pm on Wednesday 11 December in Hanover lounge. We will be holding a Christmas raffle at this meeting, and donations will be welcome. Look out for posters closer to the time. Thank you.

Jessie Simpson,
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Tarves Guild

“Whose we are and Whom we serve”



We must thank Alison our Minister, for leading the annual Guild Dedication Service in September. Committee members took part in the readings and also performed a lively sketch on this session's theme – 'Companions on the Road'.

For our October meeting, we had one of our own members Joan McGill, talking about her work with the Children's Panel. Thank you Joan, for a most informative evening.

Our November meeting heard Sheila Robertson talking about her work with Crossreach, particularly dealing with loneliness and isolation within our communities. We also had a bring and buy sales table which raised almost £140 and this money will go towards the Guild Projects we are supporting this year.

Now we are looking forward to our Christmas Party on Thursday 5 December when we will have fun entertainment from our committee members, and lots of festive food.

There is no Guild meeting in January. Our first meeting of 2020 is Thursday 6 February, with Gillian Innes talking about her work with NERVS – North East Riders Volunteers Scotland.

Saturday 22 February 2020 is our popular Soup & Sweet Lunch in the Melvin Hall from 12noon – 1:30pm. Do come along and join us for excellent home-made fare.

For our Thursday 5 March meeting, the Rev Sean Swindells will tell us about his involvement with the Luxemburg interfaith marathon which fits in well with our overall 3-year theme, 'One Journey - Many Roads'.

On Thursday 6 March, we are hosting the annual World Day of Prayer in the Church at 7:00pm when we will be joined by fellow members of Barthol Chapel and Methlick Guilds. Please join us if you can.

We meet at 7:30pm in the Church on the first Thursday of the month, except January, and you will be made most welcome to any of our meetings. Men are welcome too.

For more information contact Jean on 891081 or Edith on 851179

The Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland, which invites and encourages women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.



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A message from the Aberdeenshire North Foodbank Co-ordinator in Inverurie

Still as ever, we were delighted to see the cavalcade of cars arriving from Tarves and very grateful for all the useful goods that you brought with you from your Harvest collections in October. Please pass on our very sincere thanks for the donations from both Tarves and Barthol Chapel congregations. We are lucky to have such faithful supporters as yourselves. Thank you so much.

Foodbank use has risen from 2016 when 568 meals were supplied, and new figures from 2019 show use has almost doubled with 957 meals supplied to 573 adults and 384 children. The sad fact is that year on year, the numbers keep rising but the Foodbank staff are eternally grateful that donations are likewise always increasing.

All food from Tarves Church has now been delivered to the warehouse for use over December and early January, and there will be no journeys across until after the New Year. Please keep giving though, we have a monthly 'wish' list on Tarves Church noticeboard and boxes are kept in the community corner.

Thank you.

Friendship Club

The monthly meetings of the Friendship Club are on hold at the moment until we find a new leader/organiser, but we will be having our Annual Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11 December in the Aberdeen Arms. Pupils from Tarves School are coming along to give us a short programme of entertainment.

Also, in February we intend having a Haggis Lunch and entertainment, details of which will be given nearer the time.

For more information please contact Jean on 891081.

Tarves Folk Club

The Club continues to meet on the third Sunday of every month in the Aberdeen Arms Hotel from 8.30 – 11.00pm, when all musicians, singers and audience are very welcome. Thoughts are now turning to the 8th Tarves Rant next April and arrangements will be announced at a later date.

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Another season has rushed by with record visitors, and our Heritage Centre has now closed to visitors during the day. However, we are to conduct our Evening Winter Talks in the schoolroom, so please bring a cushion!

Some highlights of this year include primary school visits from as far afield as Rothes in Morayshire to our own local Tarves primary. Many thanks to Liz for organising and hosting these informative and fun events, which give the children a great insight into the life of their grandparents and great grandparents. It's always interesting to have the children handle and experience many of the items, maybe especially a big old black telephone from the 1940's. Trying to press the numbers doesn't really work, and more than one has asked how to send a text?? Dialling 999 seems to them, and on reflection, to us, rather odd that in an emergency, the longest dialling has to be used!

Doors Open weekend went extremely well, with our volunteers getting into the Victorian mode of dress. We were as excited as the visitors about our special items of interest for the weekend: a 1920's Bullnose Morris Cowley, and a 1930 Triumph NSD 500cc Motorcycle. The Motorcycle has not been restored, just loved, and has a wonderful patina. The Bullnose, on the other hand, has been beautifully restored and looks magnificent. It can show a very clean pair of heels with its 1500cc side-valve engine, and its abilities were found all the more remarkable when we learned that prior to its purchase locally, it was driven up from the South West. No, not Dumfries and Galloway - the South West of England! October 5th saw a very special guest appear for a visit, HRH Prince Edward, styled in Scotland as the Earl of Forfar. He met some of our volunteers, was most interested in the Tapestry, met a few of the contributors, and was much amused by the story of the 'Coo stuck up the Prop'. A brief tour of the Museum and Photographic archive was followed by a visit to our classroom, which had about twenty children, appropriately dressed, slaving away over their slates under instruction from Miss Hamilton - a rather severe Schoolmarm. The Earl was happy to join in the scenario, acting the part of a visiting Inspector to 'speir at the weans on their Three Rs'. The seriousness departed when he hunkered down and blethered to the children for a good while - surely a memorable day for them and for Tarves!

We now have to get back to business, and start the winter's backroom work which is crucial to keeping the Visitor Centre running. This includes new displays, archiving donations, researching family history, designing posters and the like for future events and developing IT and Social Media. These things all take time and effort, so if you have a special talent, or can spare an hour a week, the Heritage team would love to hear from you. Of course, we are always looking for volunteers to assist during the Open Season, April to October. We are a friendly bunch and will make you very welcome.

September 2019 – Tarves Heritage 100 Club draw

£100 - 203	£50 - 136	£50 - 201	£25 - 130
£25 - 172	£25 - 144	£25 - 129	

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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 "Bah Humbug".

"It's Christmas Eve and what a night! Or so it proves for the miserable, miserly Ebenezer Scrooge, who finds himself visited by some rather unexpected characters! Through encounters with Jacob Marley and three very different ghosts, Scrooge is given the chance to revisit his past, weigh his present and glimpse his future. Will he take this once-in-a lifetime opportunity to change, or will he choose to remain in the bleak and lonely world he has created for himself, bound by chains of selfishness and greed?"

Performances will be on Wednesday 11 December at 2pm and Thursday 12 December at 6:30pm. Tickets cost £3.

Leadership Opportunities

We are continuing with our approaches to develop the leadership skills of our learners through our own unique skills development, linked to our school vision and values. At Barthol Chapel School, we are committed to preparing young people for a world where change and innovation is constant.

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.

The Health & Wellbeing Group organised a "Dress Down Day" for Children in Need. The children wore something bright and made a donation to Children in Need on Friday 15 November. The Health and Wellbeing Group also organised a "A Pudsey Makeover Competition" where the pupils had the chance to give Pudsey a Makeover.

The Eco Group have recently installed Water Hippos in the toilet cisterns. Every time a toilet is flushed, the Hippo saves approximately 3 litres of water. It will also help to reduce our school's carbon footprint. With 9 toilets in our school, it will save a huge amount of water.

Our digital leaders have been busy organising a Lunchtime Club in school. They will be looking at Coding using Dot and Dash and Sphero and Makey Makey. We look forward to some exciting coding projects.

The Junior Road Safety Officers are looking forward to Monday 25 November when our new bike/scooter shelter will be installed beside the shed. It means we will have plenty space to park our bikes during Bikeability Training. It will also have a cover to keep our bikes dry. The JRSOs have also worked hard to develop a School Travel Plan to encourage safe travel to school. Follow the link to read this important document. We thank officers at Aberdeenshire Council for their help with putting this together.

<http://bartholchapel.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/School-Travel-Plan.pdf>

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 Playgroup

TARVES PLAYGROUP

Can you believe how quick the first term has gone? We had a fantastic first term, the children have all settled so well along with new staff. It's now the countdown to Santa coming!!

After consulting with parents and carers, we have extended the playgroup hours to 9am-12.30pm Monday to Friday. From August 2020 we will be offering longer sessions and providing lunch for the children, more information on this will follow nearer the time.

The staff have been busy arranging resources to make them more accessible and inviting for the children to become independent in making choices. The walls are now covered in beautiful fabric donated from **Fraser's of Ellon**, and we have flowers on the windowsills to make the environment more warming. We purchased a new kitchen to encourage imagination and role play, and have been planning our garden tidy up. If anyone can spare any time to help with the garden please do get in touch with playgroup on

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tarvesplaygroup@live.co.uk We would be most grateful of any help – it's a big job!!

We are looking for old pots and pans with holes in the handles so we can hang them in our outside kitchen. If you have any, can you please drop them off at the Youth Hall or email the playgroup.

Stacey at **Love Paper Co.** has kindly designed a new poster for us, keep a look out for it, its eye catching.

Our first fundraiser of the year was a audience with Maureen Smith (Clairvoyant), it was a roaring success making a huge amount of £463. There were some very good readings on the night too.

Our Christmas Fayre took place on Sunday 24 November. A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising, attending and donating towards this event.

The children of both Playgroup and Toddlers designed their own Christmas pictures which were gorgeous. Parents ordered copies which were printed as actual Christmas cards, gift cards, wrapping paper and mugs. The commission from this is still being calculated.

The fundraisers have been busy planning our next big events in **2020**. These are the **Soup and Sweet on Saturday 14 March** and an **80's Disco on Saturday 6 June**, both in the Melvin Hall. More information will follow closer to each event. We will be looking for donations for our tombola stall at the soup and sweet ,and raffle tickets will also be on sale with some fab prizes to be won.

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** and also have funded places for **eligible two year olds**. Funded and non-funded places are still available so if you'd like more information on joining this group please email tarvessecretary@outlook.com

The Baby and Toddler Group 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. A snack for the children and a cuppa for the parent/carer are also provided. No need to book just come along. We are looking for a new Toddler Representative to run the group. If you'd like more info please email tarvestoddlers@outlook.com

Regards

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News from Tarves Primary School

We have another action-packed term ahead with Children in Need and Remembrance before we get into the full Christmas and Nativity swing! We are taking part in a lot of fundraising events this term, and the children are passionate about getting everyone involved. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for help, support and donations which make a real difference.



Fundraising

Primary 5/6 are fundraising for three charities this year, Radio Lollipop, the Pyjama Fairies and Edinburgh Children's Hospital; all who have done a fantastic job of supporting local families and our pupils. Last term, we enjoyed dressing up in our pyjamas and as fairies (or both!), to support this wonderful cause. Thank you for your generosity.

More information can be found here:

- <https://www.radiolollipop.org/>
- <https://www.pyjamafairies.org/>

Additionally, Primary 5/6 are holding a **Community Coffee Morning** on **Friday 6 December** at Tarves Primary School from **9.30 until 11.30am**. Entry is charged at £2 and you will receive a cuppa, some cake and entertainment from Tarves' finest singers! Why not also do some Christmas shopping with us? We have crafts and sweets for sale as well as a raffle! We look forward to welcoming you.

Christmas Service

We would love for you join us at our **Christmas Service** held in **Tarves Parish Church** on **Thursday 19th December at 9.30am**. Please use the upstairs seating as the School will be seated downstairs.

Fundraising events for early 2020

We will be holding a **Beetle drive** on **Friday 31 January 2020** in the Aberdeen Arms. It will start at 6.15pm and tickets cost £2. Tickets will be available from the school closer to the time.

The PTA will be hosting a **race night** on **Saturday 7 March** in the Aberdeen Arms – tickets will be £10 and start time will be confirmed closer to the event. We will be looking for horse sponsors in the weeks running up to the event and prizes/donations would be appreciated. Please speak to any of the parents on the school PTA for further information.

Later that evening, there will a disco after the race night for all those looking for a boogie.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Did you know that Tarves Primary School is a recycling drop-off point? We are doing what we can to help the environment and local community by collecting the following items for recycling: **batteries, pens, spectacles, foreign coins, stamps and crisp packets**.

A Royal Encounter!

On Saturday 5th October, some of our pupils attended Tarves Heritage Centre where they were transported back in time to the Victorian era! They dressed up in waist-coats and pinafores and took part in a Victorian classroom experience attended by HRH Prince Edward. Alastair (Primary 6) said, *"I thought it was lots of fun, even though I accidentally put my finger in some ink! It was interesting to see how the classroom was run in Victorian times and I even found out about where the Scottish potato came from... Sir Francis Drake!"* Emma (Primary 7) added, *"It was an enjoyable experience and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet Prince Edward. I was a little bit nervous because he is a Prince, but he was actually just normal!"*

Mrs Lara Conn



Hello,

1st Tarves Rainbows have had fun recently at Lochter Activity Centre, having an adventure walk up the Prop of Ythsie and we had a fantastic sleepover in October. We play games and do crafts in our weekly meetings and are currently earning our 'Reflect' badge. We are looking forward to Christmas crafts 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).

Call for Help – Rainbows has been successfully running in our village for 4 years. Sadly, I intend to step down from Rainbows after Christmas, so we are looking for a new Rainbow Unit Leader and helpers. It would be a desperate shame for the Unit to fold with so many girls involved with it. Please could you consider what you could offer, and ask around friends and family.

Being the Unit Leader is very rewarding, and you have the privilege of seeing young girls discovering new ideas, learning new skills and having fun together. The Girl-guiding program is very supportive of new leaders, as are our fantastic group of volunteers in Haddo District. If you could offer to help, or have any questions, please be in contact with Kate or our District Commissioner, Jill Taylor. You would be welcome to come along and see what it is about, with no obligations.

Best wishes from

Contact: Kate Massey 01651
851467,
tarvesrainbows@yahoo.com

Jill Taylor, 07411 161893, jill@jandjcoaching.com.



TBC Diary

Date	Event	Venue / Time
Thurs 5 Dec	Tarves Guild Christmas Party	Tarves Church 7.30pm
Fri 6 Dec	Community Coffee Morning	Tarves Primary School 9.30 - 11.30am
Sat 7 Dec	Messy Christmas	Youth Hall 2.00pm
Sat 7 Dec	Ellon Men's Shed Open Day - see page 39	Ellon Men's Shed 11.00 - 3.00pm
Wed 11 Dec	Friendship Club Christmas Lunch	Aberdeen Arms Hotel
Wed 11 Dec	Fyvie Community Choir	Hanover Court 7.30pm
Wed 11 Dec	Christmas Show "Bah Humbug"	Barthol Chapel School 2pm
Thurs 12 Dec	Christmas Show "Bah Humbug"	Barthol Chapel School 6.30pm
Tues 17 Dec	Tarves Community Council Meeting	7.30pm Tarves School
Thurs 19 Dec	Tarves School Christmas Service	Tarves Church 9.30am
Thurs 19 Dec	Haddo House Choral & Operatic Society Christmas Carols	Tarves Church 7.30pm
Sun 22 Dec	Lessons and Carol service	Barthol Chapel Church 7.00pm
Tues 24 Dec	Christmas Eve Carol Service	Tarves Church 7.00pm
Wed 25 Dec	United Christmas Day Service	Haddo House Chapel @ 10:30am
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Wed 15 Jan	Barthol Chapel SWI Armchair Exercises with GCRA	Barthol Chapel School 7.15pm
Fri 24 Jan	Heritage Project Winter Talks World Scout Jamboree by Alisdair Glen	Heritage Centre 7.15 for 7.30pm
Fri 31 Jan	Tarves School PTA - Beetle Drive	Aberdeen Arms Hotel 6.15pm
Thurs 6 Feb	Tarves Guild - Talk from North East Riders Volunteers Scotland	Tarves Church 7.30pm
Sun 9 Feb	Tarves Messy Church	Youth Hall 11.00am
Fri 21 Feb	Heritage Project Winter Talks Triple Hangings Tapestries with Fran Crichton	Heritage Centre 7.15 for 7.30pm
Sat 22 Feb	Tarves Guild "Soup and Sweet Lunch"	Melvin Hall 12.00 - 1.30pm
Thurs 5 Mar	Tarves Church Guild - Talk by Sean Swindells on the Luxembourg interfaith marathon	Tarves Church 7.30pm
Friday 6 Mar	Tarves Guild - World Day of Prayer	Tarves Church 7.00pm
Sat 7 Mar	Tarves School PTA Race Night	Aberdeen Arms Hotel
Sat 14 Mar	Playgroup Soup and Sweet	Melvin Hall
Sat 8 Aug	Tarves Flower Show	Melvin Hall 2.00 - 4.00pm

Weekly / Monthly Events

Date	Event	Venue / Time
Every Sunday	Church Services	Barthol Chapel Church 9:45am Tarves Church 11:15am
Monday - Friday	Tarves Playgroup	Youth Hall 9:30am - 12noon
Thursday	Toddler Group	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 afternoons	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 afternoon	"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 Scripture Union	Tarves School @ lunch-time
Every Wednesday evening (term time)	1 st Tarves Rainbows	Tarves School 5:00 - 6:00pm
Every Wednesday evening (term time)	1 st 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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With over **120** people involved in making the Group function it's a remarkable result. **2020** is a special year, which we are sure many of you will want to share with us.

Although based in Methlick, we serve all over the surrounding area, including both Tarves and Barthol Chapel.

We will kick off our centenary year with a family ceilidh, held in the Beaton Hall, Methlick on Saturday 4 January with music from Talisman Ceilidh Band. Tickets available from **Tim Stephen** of the Scout Group or email below. (BYO drinks and food).

On Sunday February 23, as part of our Founder's Day celebrations, we plan to dig-up, refresh and re-bury the time capsule which is in the threshold of our Scout Hut.

In May, we have planned a "grand day out" for all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and leaders.

In June, we will have a "group camp" at Haddo where all the Group sections will be camping together for the first time in a long time!

Friday 28 August will be our annual BBQ alongside our counterparts in Guiding. This is always a fun event with plenty food available and fun stalls for the kids to enjoy.

On Sunday 20 September, we will celebrate our actual 100th birthday with a "Big Birthday Bash" at the Pheasantry at Haddo. This will be open for the public to celebrate with us and maybe learn a little more about Scouting.

We will round off the year next December with a Group Christmas party for all the youngsters to have even more fun!

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Both the book and calendar are available to purchase from the Scout Group, or by emailing:

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TBC - Tarves & Barthol Chapel Quarterly Newsletter

Final copy dates for 2020 newsletters

March 2020 edition final copy date – Friday 14 February 2020

June 2020 edition final copy date – Friday 15 May 2020

September 2020 edition final copy date – Friday 14 August 2020

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1st Tarves Brownies

In October 1st Tarves Brownies joined with units all over the UK as part of Girlguiding's Future Girls Initiative to focus on plastic. We discussed recycling, re-using, reducing and ultimately re-thinking our use of 'single use plastic' for a better environment. We learnt that crisp packets in particular are a huge 'plastic' problem due to the difficulty in recycling by regular means. In consideration of this we are very excited to be supporting '**Crisp Packets for Helimed 79**' a charity set up to raise funds through the re-cycling of crisp packets (in association with Terracycle), to support a second air ambulance to be based at Dyce in 2020. Tarves Spar have kindly agreed to be a collection point and we look forward to receiving your donations of empty crisp packets to pass onto this very worthwhile charity.

The Brownies once again hosted a very successful Macmillan Coffee Evening for friends and family, raising £218 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.

Our 'I'm a Survivor – Guide me out of here!' camp at Templars Park was great fun and the girls enjoyed, amongst other things, archery, climbing, bush tucker trials, map reading and making fires!

We've had a busy start to this term with unit representatives taking part in the Remembrance Service at Tarves Church on Sunday 10 November, where they laid a handmade wreath to remember and commemorate those who have died in the wars. Thank you to everyone who supported the girls at Tarves Bonfire Night. They had a busy evening selling sweet treats and cakes to help fundraise for their Jamboree next Summer.

We are looking forward to a fun couple of weeks including STEM activities at Aberdeenshire libraries in Meldrum, carol singing at Hanover, our annual Foodbank collection and a trip to Inverurie Pantomime to see Peter Pan. A special mention of thanks to Meldrum Rotary for their generous donation to the unit to purchase new cooking equipment, we look forward to lots more cooking opportunities next term.



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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‘A Final Family Reunion’

I was delighted when ‘A Barthol Chapel Family Reunion’ was included in the TBC Newsletter in March 2018, regarding my family plaques being transferred from Kettering to Barthol Chapel Graveyard.

Since then, my family research uncovered facts that my great grandfather, Charles Rennie and his second wife Margaret Donald had unknowingly been buried in this same family grave as my grandparents William and Helen Rennie, and their dear daughter Ella who died in infancy.

Close examination of the Rennie family headstone showed there was space to allow a suitable inscription for both Charles and Margaret. These have been added, through the goodwill of many of our extended family, and the headstone cleaned and all inscriptions beautifully painted.



Thank you, Members of the Rennie Clan.....All Flobbets Fans!

From Derek Mutch, Old Sawley, Nottinghamshire

Barthol Chapel Church repairs.

The North Wind doth blow and we shall have snow...but all will be warm and dry in Barthol Chapel Kirk!

By the time you read this, the roof on Barthol Chapel church will have been completely re-slatted, the East Wall repointed and the roof space insulated. So, the Barthol Chapel welcome - which is always warm - will be even warmer!

This has been possible through the generosity of the congregation, various trusts including the Bard, Ferguson and Allchurches, the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland and some marvellous, unexpected gifts that made all the difference. Thank you very much to all who have helped us “raise the roof”.

We are also very grateful to Martin Dow Slaters for a fine job, working in all weathers, to JHJ Insulations and to Covell Matthews and Phil Booth for project managing the works.

So now all is ready for the BIG Project to re-order the interior to create the multi-use, accessible, flexible space imagined in the exciting plans, (www.bartholchapel.com/copy-of-the-big-project) when and if there is interest and energy to carry the plans forward. If you are interested in being actively involved in the next stage, please contact Jennie Chalmers [873963] or e mail churchproject@bartholchapel.com

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Ellon and District Men's Shed

October 2019 marked 6 years since the first meeting took place in October 2013 to establish a Men's Shed in Ellon. The Shed's official opening followed in June 2017 and continues to be a success. Our concerns over the Shed lease from the council have been eased by the guarantee date being extended from October 22 to October 2025.

Our Shed open day before Christmas will be on Saturday 7 December 11am to 3pm, so come along and see what we men get up to, and what has been made in the Shed.

We had an enjoyable evening talking to the Barthol Chapel Guild in October about the Ellon Men's Shed, and good to know that the Guild and Men's Shed objectives are aligned in generating companionship in the community and beyond. I am still singing "if I had a hammer", which only the Guild will understand.

Generous donations from local residents have continued, and we have had joinery tools from Dorothy Reid, book shelving from Mick Gordon, a filing cabinet from John Revel, office supplies/scanner from Ken Johnson, stationary engine from Mike MacDonald and a variety of tools just dropped off at the Shed. Bill Higgins is a further welcome member, and has sorted out concrete blocks and anchor plates for the polytunnel frame foundations, so we should now have an operational polytunnel by next Spring. If anyone is getting rid of a stainless-steel sink top, the Shed garden group would make good use of it.

The BSA Bantam motor bikes are still being worked on, and a bicycle refurbishment area is up and running. The Strathspey railway barrow is being refurbished and just needs some final touches, and a Santa sleigh is being constructed for a Christmas display on Boat of Garten station. The model railway is still going strong with more to set up.

The photography group is coming together, and the wood turners are very active.

The Co-op local community fund have included the Ellon Men's Shed in their awards for 2020, so become Co-op members and let the Shed receive 1% from Co-op purchases, which includes funeral plans. The Shed quiz night at the Ellon Golf club in October raised £775 and thanks goes to all our supporters

Shed open times are: 10am and 4pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday. The wood turners use it on Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9pm.

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Barthol Chapel Guild



The darker evenings of winter mean a welcome return to our Guild meetings, and time to enjoy the fellowship and friendships we are lucky to share in Barthol Chapel.

Our first guest of the session in October was Keith Stoker from Ellon and District Men's Shed. We were most interested to learn about the ethos and work of this charitable group, especially as it complements the theme of our Guild this year 'Companions on the Road'. They have developed a large and varied work area as 'a place for men to

meet, have a laugh or pursue a hobby'. May we wish them well in all their future plans, and we will continue to read their updates in the TBC Newsletter

Our November guest unfortunately had to reschedule, but we look forward to having Christine McWhirter, our Ministry Student, join us at a future date to share her 'Faith Journey' and have some time when we can get to know each other.

In December, our meeting takes the form of an informal Christmas get-together when we look forward to an evening of socialising and sharing some festive fayre with friends and guests.

Barthol Chapel Guild is a small, informal group who usually meet on the first Wednesday evening of the month throughout the session, our next meeting is on Wednesday 5th February.

We start at 7.30pm and meet at 'Fuathcul', Barthol Chapel. We would be delighted to welcome anyone along to our evenings to enjoy some shared time together in fellowship, prayer, praise and friendship as part of the Church of Scotland Guild.

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

Udny Station Indoor Bowling Club

The Club continues to meet every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Youth Hall, Tarves, until April. We seem to be going from strength to strength with an increased membership this season.

The Club hosted this season's league triples competition over one weekend in November and will host the competition in January. Our own competitions have started and will continue over the course of the season.



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Barthol Chapel Kirk News

This autumn we celebrated Harvest with a colourful array of produce which was sent to the Foodbank in Ellon. Thanks to everyone who decorated the church, transported the food and gave donations so generously. We also marked Remembrance Sunday with a well-attended service.

Our Christmas services include:

Sunday 22 December – 9:45am All-age worship
7:00pm Lessons and Carols service

An opportunity to sing some of your favourite carols and enjoy some festive refreshments.

Sunday 24 December – 7.00pm United service at Tarves

Please note that there is no service on Christmas Day at Barthol Chapel or Tarves. However, there is a traditional Christmas service held at Haddo House Chapel at 10.30 am.

The Café has been continuing to draw a good crowd of people from the local community and sometimes a little further afield! It is a lovely way to meet, catch up and eat some fine pieces! We had a very successful morning in aid of Macmillan in September raising nearly £370 – a big thank you from Anna Jamieson to everyone who helped make it such a success.

We continue to meet every second Saturday of the month, and could do with more volunteers to serve the refreshments and wash up afterwards. No catering experience required – there is lots of friendly assistance on hand!



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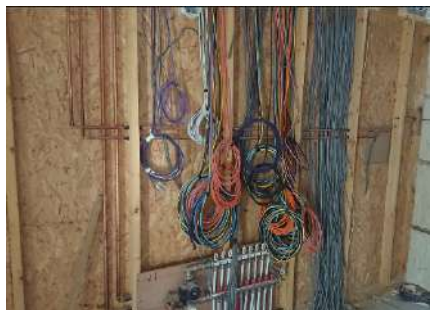
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Barthol Chapel Scottish Women's Institute

Since the September newsletter, the branch has enjoyed an outing to the Garioch Loco Works in Inverurie. We found this very informative and a great tribute to the town's history and community life.



We also enjoyed the 'suitcase of artefacts' by local authoress Deborah Leslie. Much of this was expressed in poetry/story-telling and was extremely humorous and entertaining. In October, we did hands on felting with Fiona Crosswell – a new craft for us to try. It was fun and creative with natural wool and sharp needles. No serious injuries were reported!

Our November concert took place on the evening of Wednesday 20 November when we had a evening of music and song from "Garioch Blend". Our next meetings are:

- * January 15th – Armchair exercise
- * February 12th – Recycling for CLAN

In January a GCRA+ representative will be demonstrating exercises for members and their less active relatives/friends as recommended. The February meeting with Lindsey Taylor will be giving advice on recyclables we are unsure of.

As always, Barthol Chapel SWI would welcome new members to our branch. You need no particular skills but may enjoy taking part in fun activities or just enjoy meeting people. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at Barthol Chapel School. However, dates vary due to school holidays so please phone the number below for up to date information.

For more information please contact Hazel Skinner (secretary) on 01651 806888



Haddo House Choral & Operatic Society

The above Society invite you to a concert of Christmas Carols in Tarves Church on Thursday 19 December 2019 at 7.30pm. Come and hear Dr Roger Williams on the organ, sing old favourites and hear some lesser known carols conducted by Dr Paul Tierney. **Tickets are £10 on the door.**

If you enjoy singing opera, oratorios and other music, please join us in The Peatyards at Haddo on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm with all welcome - especially a budding Pavarotti out there. Check our website or contact Andy Clubb 01358 761226

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.



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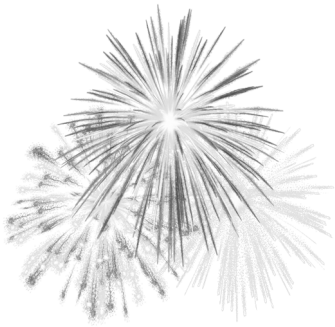
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Tarves Bonfire Night

Once again, our indebted thanks go to the team behind the organising of this event, and I am sure the firework display just gets better and better with every year that passes.

On behalf of the community, thank you for all your hard work and long may our bonfire night continue.

As I write this, the Christmas Lights are being put up in the square and along the street, *and as one little one said it is like a fairy tale wonderland when all the houses are lit up* - keep up the magic for them. I'm sure this year's display will be as great as in previous years. Thank you to all who help with this.



Tarves Flower Show

A 'Date for Your Diary' -

Tarves Flower Show will be held on Saturday, 8th August 2020 in the Melvin Hall

On behalf of the Flower Show committee I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year and we look forward to your continued support and goodwill in 2020.

Sheila Ewen

News from the Square

Didn't the Square and surrounding area look beautiful this summer and thanks must go to all my hardworking team who keep the village looking colourful. Their efforts were rewarded with **"Runner-Up"** in the **Formartine in Bloom** competition at the awards ceremony in September.

The have been hard at work again lifting all the summer bedding and the tubs & boxes have all been planted up with bulbs, polyanthus and pansies. Keep a look out in the spring for **"Pink"** daffodils. Something a bit different!

Winter is here with cold frosty mornings so take care everyone as you walk around the village. Think it's time to get my woolly scarf on!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Health & Happiness in 2020.

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A big thank you to Ray Still a Pitmedden First Responder, and Pauline Robson from Grampian Care Skills who, in-line with 'Restart a Heart Campaign', ran a defibrillator awareness session for our young people. 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. Thank you to Tarves Community Council for helping cover costs associated with the evening.

We have enjoyed a variety of activities including water fights, marshmallow toasting, a Halloween themed evening, 'getting to know you' games, a leaflet drop for Tarves Kirk and lots of Minecraft! Mental Health was discussed for Mental Health awareness week and chatter-boxes made to promote the importance of 'starting conversations'. We are now making plans for our annual collection for the Aberdeenshire North food bank, and an end of term ten pin bowling night.

The young people have challenged themselves whilst having fun and enjoyed working towards their High 5s, an accredited Youth Scotland Achievement Award Scheme.

Thank you 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.***

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.

To apply contact Bob Davidson (Chairman) Tel 01651 851112

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