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Tarves and Barthol Chapel  
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## Editor's Letter

Hello readers - welcome to the September 2020 Tarves and Barthol Chapel Newsletter.

Two Tarves groups won Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action awards in August; one for the Tarves Grass Cutters, whose work allowed children and families back to the local parks for fresh air, sociable (where possible), energy burning playtime; the other award was for Care in Tarves Community.

Care in Tarves Community was initiated by our Parish Minister, Alison Swindells who outlined her proposals in a village letter which the wider Newsletter team quickly circulated in Tarves village before actual lockdown. Offers of help came swiftly, volunteer areas were identified, donation points were established in the SPAR and the Pharmacy - and so this project began. Tarves Church was awarded a share of the Scottish Government Resilience Fund and further financial help came from Aberdeenshire Council's Community Resilience Fund via a bid from the Community Council and Tarves People's Party. This was further supplemented by the SPAR organisation in the form of vouchers to be used in the village shop. Meldrum Rotary also contributed to the project, plus various personal donations, all welcomed and carefully documented. A big 'thank you' to those who donated, and continue to donate, food/toiletries in the collection trolleys in the SPAR and the Pharmacy; these provided the first few dozen bags before the funding monies arrived. Alison liaised with Mrs Conn in Tarves School, and some of the pupils created eye catching flyers to add to the bags. These were colourful and warmly worded – a personal message to everyone. A few children went on to contribute to the June TBC with letters on their springtime lockdown experiences, with one letter as a 'guest editor' spot.

Our first 'gift bags' were delivered on Wednesday 25 March and have since continued on a regular basis. At the date of writing (20 August), we had delivered 385 bags with contents carefully chosen according to the recipient's specific circumstances, complete with the cheerful flyers and a little note inside with phone contact details for further help. The unexpected ring of a doorbell came with a hello, with a gift and contents chosen especially for them, as a message to people that the Church and community were thinking about them. There was a special bag for NHS workers in the village with thanks for their dedication to patients. A few people in the village experienced some ill-health during lockdown too, and a bag with some chocolates, cake and tea/coffee was always welcomed.

Volunteers covered all age groups from teenagers onwards, each willing to help, even those who were still working offered help when their shift was finished. This led to both initiatives being nominated by the local Community Council for the Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action Community Spirit Award, then going on to win these awards from AVA. So, to all volunteers whether part of the 'Grass Cutters', the Church project or individually helping friends and neighbours, these awards are for you. We have had so many thank you cards, phone calls and messages recently, all with the clear message of 'thank you', so please carry on being generous with your time, being kind in your actions and being thoughtful to others.

The Care in the Tarves Community project will still continue but on a lesser scale. However, we intend to help families on a monthly basis and also during school holiday time, so please keep donating in the local shops. If any readers are aware of anyone who needs specific help, please contact my [tbc.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:tbc.editor@btinternet.com) email address.

Thank you.

Ruth – TBC Editor

Dear Friends

A few weeks ago we discovered a nest of sparrows in the outlet of the cooker hood in the manse kitchen. Unfortunately one of the birds had actually found its way down into the hood itself rather than out into the fresh air. We could hear its wings beating. Sean did not feel he could take the cooker hood apart himself – or rather he could have taken it apart, but getting it together again would have been a different story. So we had to call someone out to the manse to fix it. The tradesman was very busy but promised to come round as soon as he could.

From time to time we heard the bird fluttering around. Then there would be silence. The silence grew longer just before the kitchen man arrived. And we were sure that the bird had not survived. However when the cooker hood was opened up, we discovered that the bird had flown! The mess was still there but the bird had found its way out to freedom.

If going into lock down was difficult, then this period during which we are trying to come out of it again, holds its own challenges. Those challenges are particularly acute for any who have been kept shielded. Most of us have had the opportunity to get used to a changed world more gradually and a little bit at a time. Even then, if we are honest many of us still find shopping a stressful experience, or at least I do – remembering to take my face covering with me is the least of it!

But for those who have been kept shielded, moving out into the world is a huge step. Suddenly the freedom we thought we longed for does not look so inviting after all. No matter how much we may have craved freedom from the restrictions that were placed upon us, most of us have found it very strange to be out and about once more. Of course the freedom we yearned for during lock down is not the one we enjoy now. Unlike the sparrow which managed to find its way out of the cooker hood into the freedom of its natural environment, we are still living in an unnatural state. The coronavirus is still with us. We are still having to physically distance which is not something that comes naturally to us. And as I write this there are still no gyms or swimming pools open and face coverings have become a regular feature of life.

As far as the Church is concerned, the reopening of our buildings has been fenced around with so many conditions that the Kirk Sessions in both Barthol Chapel and Tarves believe we can offer a better experience of worship on-line or on the telephone for those who do not have the technology. On-line there is no restriction on the numbers who can join in; we can sing our faith together in the freedom of our homes; we can chat together after the service in small groups; and we don't have to wear face coverings – we can see each other.



This freedom seems to be much more in tune with the freedom of which the Christian faith talks. In the bible we find these words “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom”. (2 Cor 3:17) That freedom is the freedom from fear which God’s love promises whatever our circumstances. It is a freedom which we can enjoy and celebrate in spite of the physical restrictions that continue to feature in our lives.

All that having been said, there may be other good reasons for our churches or hall to open and we are continually keeping this possibility under review. In the meantime on-line worship continues – if you would like to join us please contact me or one of the elders for the link to our Sunday service. If you are not sure about how to use Zoom please just ask – we will be happy to help – a few months ago none of us had heard of it –so we know how you feel – it really is an easy app to use! And if restrictions are eased sufficiently before this letter is printed then we would be absolutely delighted to welcome you to a service in Church. Check out the Church/community web-sites for up-to-date information.

With warmest wishes

*Alison I Swindells*, Parish Minister

### **The path to nowhere - the reason why.....**

There’s been much comment and curiosity over the new path alongside the Glebe field. It had originally been planned as part of a larger Government funded scheme to provide a path from Tarves to the Prop, but unfortunately this could not be fulfilled.

However, it was felt that the path could still form part of a meaningful project for the benefit of our community, although it had to be kept confidential until certain consents had been obtained, and has been yet further delayed by Covid 19.

The Glebe is owned by the Kirk, and income from its let helps with Church costs. To make it more attractive to tenants, it was decided that a new stock fence was necessary. If the new fence was to be brought 10 feet into the field, a perimeter path could be created, linking the new path round the field, to the existing dog walk.

About a kilometre in length, it will hopefully provide a useful and enjoyable path of a decent length, while keeping animals safe on both sides of the new stock fence.

It will be a grass path, similar to the dog walk, so the more it’s used, the better it will become!

Thanks are due to Chris and Tamsin for their work on the roadside path, along with the Heritage Centre/Kirk in cooperation on the project. For the perimeter path, thanks are due to the Kirk for giving use of the ground and fencing off.

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# Tarves Kirk News



Although worship has gone online, it is not virtual. We are real people, not virtual people and we are part of a worshipping community. You can join with us on a Sunday via an online device or a landline. You don't need to have wifi. If you haven't given this a go yet, please get in touch with me or your district elder for details. We can deliver a printed order of service if you join by landline so that you can share worship and sing along with the hymns. The church website and Facebook page have up to date information and worship materials for each week.

During July and August we have been 'meeting' with our friends in Barthol Chapel for joint worship. Over 30 people come together and it is even possible to have fellowship in smaller groups afterwards. Such are the wonders of Zoom! Christine McWhirter, candidate for ministry, will be leading two services while Alison and Sean are enjoying a well-earned holiday.

The minister and elders continue to stay in touch with folk by phone, letter or chatting over the fence! Please get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you at this time.

We are continuing to progress the work on the Youth Hall as circumstances permit. The new hardwood floor will be laid during August / September. The church has had 2 large TV screens installed, creating greater flexibility for worship. We are exploring all possibilities for the safe reopening of the Youth Hall and the Kirk and will keep you informed.

Church finances have recovered somewhat, thanks to your generous and ongoing support.

Thank you to elders and members for continuing to put your faith into action in very practical ways at this time.

More news and information can be found at [www.tarveschurch.org](http://www.tarveschurch.org) and the Facebook page.

Keep safe and keep praying.

**Susanna Bichard – Session Clerk:**  
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Just in time before TBC goes to print – a big thank you to the volunteers, teenagers included, who moved chairs / tables in both the Church and the Youth Hall on Sat 22 August.

The clear floor space now allows the Church to be deep cleaned.

The Youth Hall is now ready for the flooring contractors.

The promise of a 'thank you' tea and a fine piece will remain in the diary until it's safe again!

**Tarves Kirk**

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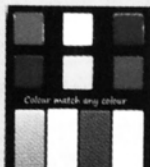
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## **Update on Aberdeenshire North Foodbank**

Tarves Church were able to deliver a few boxes of donations to the Aberdeenshire Foodbank's main warehouse just before lockdown. Since then, all your very kind donations via the Spar and the Pharmacy have gone towards local needs via the Care for the Community initiative.

The Foodbank coordinator has been in touch with us with an update. They were fortunate in receiving some very generous and sizeable donations from businesses and local organisations during July, plus continuing support from shoppers who were able to donate in the larger supermarkets.

The Foodbank are pleased to report that the food banks in Ellon, Peterhead and Huntly have opened again, welcoming clients in person to pick up food, albeit socially distanced and observing all the guidelines necessary to keep everyone safe. • Hopefully at the end of August, they will be able to launch their latest food bank in Fraserburgh, provided all goes well with fitting it out and recruiting enough volunteers to man it.

We will not be collecting for the main Foodbank in Tarves just yet, our Church is still closed and we have a lot of work to do before opening it safely. In the meantime if you'd like to continue to donate in Spar and the Pharmacy, we will ensure it goes to someone who could still do with a little local help at the present time.

Thank you all for your kind consideration for others over these last 5 months.

Ruth

Tarves Church

## **A Hello from Messy Church**

Hello from the Messy Church Team

We have not forgotten you!

We are glad to see schools are back and that things are slowly getting back to normal.

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions Messy Church cannot go ahead as yet. We know you will share our disappointment, but we must be patient and as soon as it is safe to do so, we will contact you with our opening details.

We hope you have had a good summer and are trying the activities on our Facebook page.

Keep well and safe! We hope it won't be too long until we can meet again.

The Messy Church Team



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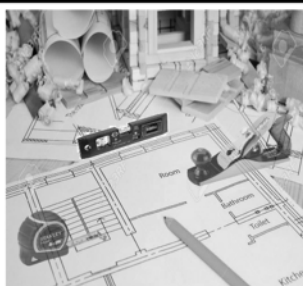
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However things are slightly better now and a "new normal" as they call it is beginning to emerge, and it's good to see more people going about and the children back at school.

The village square is looking lovely even though at the start we didn't think there would be much colour, but it is really looking great especially the flowers around my feet. My trusty staff have been busy weeding and watering but I must keep an eye on them you know. Have been known to stop and blether when they should be working!!

Hopefully the weather will be good in the weeks ahead so that the farmers can get their harvest done; nowadays it seems the combining is no sooner done than the fields are ploughed and sown again for the next year. Not like it was in my day, but that's progress so they say.

Finally, many thanks to the kind person who gave me my mask - must be careful & stay safe like everyone else

Take care everyone and stay safe.

*The Tarves Plooman*



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## Hetty Heritage Mouse



Dear all

I sat in this flowerbox without a care, can you see the building behind me? ... it's in The Square.

If you want food and drink you can find them right here and somebody told me there's a good range of beer.

Where was I and what do the initials on the flowerbox stand for?

Lots of love

Hetty Heritage Mouse x



Dear all

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## Parish Knitting News

One of the positive outcomes from this lockdown is the dozens of wonderful baby hats, scarves, vests, blankets and teddies, which have been produced by our regular knitters.

The bright, small sizes will be reserved for Nkhoma, but with the agreement of the knitters, the parish will support more local groups in future.

Woodend Hospital is always pleased to get knitted blankets to share among patients in the orthopaedic, neurology and ortho rehabilitation wards. The ever filling box in the Church will be handed over when present circumstances change.

Social Work in Inverurie - the donation box is almost full with hat and scarf sets for older children, some larger size cardigans, and a selection of bright and appealing teddies ready for a cuddle. Again, these will be handed over when safe to do so.

The Special Care Baby Unit in Aberdeen is the newest recipient of baby knitting. The first donations of tiny bonnets and small blankets have already been handed over to a local co-ordinator. She sent a lovely thank you note which has since been shared widely with the knitters.


There are printed sheets with instructions for preferred sizes and colours of baby bonnets and blankets for the SCBU. You can collect from Jessie at Hanover by arrangement or email me at [tbc.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:tbc.editor@btinternet.com) to arrange collection.

For anyone keen on sewing, the same co-ordinator welcomes 'drain dollies' for patients in ARI's Anchor Unit. I have a pattern if anyone is interested in making these cotton fabric bags, sample photo to the right. One proviso is the fabric must be able to withstand a 60° wash.

Thank you everyone - you do make a difference with the care and kindness you put into your handiwork.

Ruth  
Tarves Parish Church



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People have so far been jumping at the chance to collect (or have delivered) new books, hearing aid batteries from the NHS and Curricular Support Resources.

Some new services have been added to Click and Collect at Library HQ in Oldmeldrum. Customers will be able to book a slot to collect reading group collections as well as Bookbug Baby and Bookbug Toddler bags. Photocopying will also be added to the booking system where a member of staff will carry out the photocopying on your behalf. Customers can either book a slot for this service or add it onto a drop off or collection booking.

While Live Life Aberdeenshire's digital library services have been very well used during lockdown, there has been great demand for increased access to materials only available in libraries.

The new services are being introduced to allow customers and staff to remain socially distant and safe, while still getting what they need to make lockdown more bearable.

A new online system has been developed alongside an easy-to-use phone service to book time slots and resources. A "Live Chat" function is also available on the Live Life Aberdeenshire website. Customers can return items to any of the participating sites.

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We hope you are all well and starting to enjoy the new norm. Aren't children amazing in how resilient they are! We should all take a leaf out of their book; love, live and laugh. We are all so very proud of the children in the community.

The Youth Hall is currently getting new flooring installed so playgroup will reopen when this is complete, we are very excited to see it all finished. This was also a job delayed by COVID!

We are in full swing getting ready for reopening, we have risk assessments and procedures all done and just being checked over before making them final, we want the children to have fun but keep everyone safe at the same time. Transition work is also taking place, we are working on some photo collages, poems and videos to send to our families so children can be a little more familiar with the staff before starting. I'm sure the children will love to see the staff's smiley faces again.

You may ask yourself, "What is the difference between **Playgroup** and **Nursery**"? The answer is they are **both the same**. They both follow the same Early Level Curriculum for Excellence, they both provide exciting learning opportunities, they both track children's progress through regular observations and monitoring, they both have robust risk assessments, policies and procedures, they both have highly trained staff or staff undertaking training and both have fantastic resources.

The only differences are that Playgroup is run by a voluntary parent led committee which is very rewarding to be part of and a great way of making friendships and we provide day care of children aged from 2 years.

We are in partnership with the local authority to 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 the group please email Lois at [tarvessecretary@outlook.com](mailto:tarvessecretary@outlook.com)

We have a new committee this year and are very grateful to our wonderful community for stepping up and offering their time to support us.

We would like to welcome Mandi and Carol as Co-Chairs, Lois as Secretary, Nicola as Treasurer and Julie as Fundraiser, however we would love some more fundraisers to join our team; **MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!** Please email [tarvessecretary@outlook.com](mailto:tarvessecretary@outlook.com) if you can spare any time or skills from making phone calls, creating posters, booking venues, baking or just coming up with fab ideas and contacts!

We must speak about the disappointment we faced a few weeks ago when checking on the hall and garden. The shed windows have been broken twice

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and some of the outdoor equipment has been broken and damaged. This has caused much upset in the community knowing that people think it is ok to do this, WELL IT IS NOT. We have put a lot of money, time and effort into creating a wonderful space for children to explore and learn. So much learning can take place outside while having fun but this has been spoilt due to idle hands!!

Our Baby and Toddler Group is still closed and will remain closed until it is safe for non-educational groups to reopen. Keep your eyes peeled on Facebook for more information Tarves Baby and Toddlers or email [tarvestoddlers@outlook.com](mailto:tarvestoddlers@outlook.com)


We would like to thank Joanne and Sarah for all their hard work while being Treasurer and Secretary, we have loved being part of the committee and developing our playgroup and wish it every success in the future, it's in the safe hands of Sally our Manager and her team.

Regards

Loretta Ross & Claire Stephen  
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Hello from Hanover, where we are still staying in lockdown with no idea of when we'll be able to open our lounge again. We are all so thankful for the gift bags we have received from village volunteers. You've all worked hard so hope you get some rest soon.

We would also like to thank everyone who has donated wool for our knitting. Though we are in lockdown, the knitting needles keep clicking and we're busy with baby hats for the Maternity Hospital at the moment. If anyone out there would like a copy of the baby hats and baby blankets pattern with a note of preferred colours and sizes for the Special Care Baby Unit in Aberdeen, please contact me to arrange collection. Thank you.

On behalf of Hanover Court, stay safe and God bless you all.

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## **1<sup>st</sup> Tarves Brownies**

Restrictions around Covid-19 continue to pose challenges to our 'usual' meetings so this term we've opted to try out some virtual catch-ups instead with a packed programme of games, challenges, baking, campfire songs and a puppet show all in the comfort of our own homes and with maximum social distancing!



Many of our Brownies enjoyed taking part in our latest virtual county event: Llama Lympics (at the end of August) a day full of fun, frolics and good old-fashioned Guiding challenges.

Brownies have continued to work hard towards interest badges of their own choice and we have been delighted to recognise their achievements in a variety of topics including Performance, Aviation, Languages, Collecting, Plant/vegetable growing & Charity work. We are very proud to have presented two Brownie Gold Awards (the highest awards possible in Brownies) to Emma Pirie & Tess Davidson in recognition of all their hard work and commitment to Brownies. We wish all our girls going onto Methlick Guides all the best in the next chapter of their Guiding adventures.

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Tarvesbrownies@gmail.com) for further information or check out <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>

## **Haddo Arts Festival goes Virtual**

The coronavirus pandemic has forced some changes, but Haddo Arts Festival 2020 is going ahead **from 3-8 October**, thanks to the Trustees' decision to move the show online.

The programme has had to change slightly but we still have a varied menu of events ranging from chamber music to our Song for Haddo children's project via comedy, Byron and jazz piano. All events will be pre-recorded, some at Haddo, and will be released as YouTube Premieres.

The shows will be free to view, but the Trustees will be inviting donations to help Haddo Arts continue supporting the performers, and to plan for a very special programme for the 10th anniversary of Haddo Arts Festival in 2021.

More details will be available via <https://www.haddoarts.com/events/haddo-arts-festival-2020/> (the Haddo Arts web site), or contact [info@haddoarts.com](mailto:info@haddoarts.com)



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## Tarves Heritage Centre

The NHS Scotland sign on the Heritage railings was the creation of Ian Masie, one of our committee members. Inspiration for the sign came from Ian seeing a Facebook photo of a laser sign on the side of Crathes Castle, thanking NHS Scotland.

During the first weeks of lockdown, Ian was tidying his workshop and found strips of wood, originally saved for kindling. • The memory of the sign he had seen on Facebook inspired him to try and make one for our village. • It took a day to make most of the lettering, and although the big 'S' was difficult, he didn't realise the little 's' would be even more difficult – another 2 days work! However, he was very happy with the end result, and its prominent display in Tarves Square has been a fitting gesture to the hard work and dedication of NHS Scotland.

During the lockdown, more Heritage volunteers have been busy insulating and plaster-boarding the loft, creating more storage space to ensure all artefacts and Heritage collections are kept in safe and dry conditions.

Some maintenance in roof coping and repointing was also completed just in time before the torrential downpour on the morning of 12 August.

We are also currently working on an audio-visual project which will enable us to showcase our excellent archive of images and some films. • This is proving to be quite challenging, as most of the volunteers are a little behind in the technology available for this type of system, but talking to the correct people we are confident that it will be a great asset.....eventually.

Always remembering the children who visit our museum - we have a Hetty Heritage Mouse Postcard Quiz which can now be downloaded from the website under the news heading or click on this link. <http://www.tarvesheritage.org.uk/index.php/news-events>

This is a fun quiz for families and involves a bit of exploring and walking. If anyone would like to share photos when they are out and about then please send them to us. Hetty is now back in the Heritage Centre and you can see her peeking out of the window.

In fact, Hetty is very excited that the Murly Tuck Cafe will be opening up and using the courtyard in front of the museum for an outside dining area, weather permitting and whilst social distancing is in place. • We look forward to doing what we can to help our neighbours on The Square get going again - just what we've all been trying to do these last few months.

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*Please see Heritage photos on pages 11 and 28*



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## **Barthol Chapel Church news**

All is quiet both inside and outside the church:

Outside, as previously mentioned, the church bell has been conspicuous by its silence over the past few months. It would appear that the connecting wire to the bell was disrupted by the roofing work but it has been difficult to pinpoint the problem. Efforts are ongoing to resolve this and restore the ringing, so let's hope for some sound soon.

Silence likewise within the church itself, with services still only on Zoom, but these have been really good. In July and August these gatherings have been joined up with the Tarves congregation also. It has been grand to worship together and to meet each-other online and chat to some familiar, and some less familiar, faces. Continued thanks to all who facilitate these online services.

We are hoping to return to sounds within the church, maybe some time in September in the form of some sort of Sunday service, but the guidelines issued by the Church of Scotland are rather onerous and it will require significant adaptability, especially if the restriction on singing remains in place. The Kirk Session will be discussing the way forward at the start of September, so let's hope that a workable path to live church services can be laid out.

Strange times, so please keep an eye on your emails, social media and the church notice-board etc for updates.



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# Barthol Chapel Scottish Women's Institute

Hello everyone,

Here we are in limbo again, hoping that we can resume our meetings soon. Meanwhile, over the last few months our members have been keeping busy with handicrafts for next years 'Country Comes To Town'.

Communication between our members has been through the internet and telephone. We hope to have a Zoom meeting soon, but being a terrible technophobe I am leaving it to someone else to organise.

I have very conscientious chickens and have distributed the extra eggs to villagers. People have been busy, as I've have received back jars of marmalade, lemon curd, beetroot, tomato plants and various baked goods. A good balance of production and communication.

For fear of us becoming estranged from the Scottish Women's Institute here are a few questions to ponder over.

- 1) Which year did the Scottish Women's Institute celebrate its centenary?  
• a) 2015 • b) 2013 • c) 2017
- 2) The first Scottish Women's Institute was founded in which village?  
• a) Longriggend • b) Longforgan • c) Longniddry
- 3) For what reason did the Women's Institute start singing 'Jerusalem' ?  
• a) The end of World War 1 • b) Queen's Coronation • c) Women's Suffrage
- 4) What handicraft items were made to commemorate the centenary ?  
• a) Banners • b) Quilts • c) Knitted Toilet Roll Covers?
- 5) Which of these activities is popular with Scottish Women's Institute members?  
• a) Ruralympics • b) Urbanalympics • c) Knittingalympics
- 6) Which of these is the latest in Scottish Women's Institute competitions?  
• a) Running darts • b) Walking Netball • c) Skipping Golf
- 7) What is to be used for the Scottish Women's Institute virtual Annual General Meeting on 26 August?  
• a) Boom • b) Zoom • c) Doom
- 8) In which fictional Yorkshire village was the film 'Calendar Girls' set?  
• a) Mapely • b) Knapely • c) Stapely
- 9) What is the Scottish Women's Institute monthly magazine called?  
• a) Women United • b) Women Together • c) Women Emancipated
- 10) Which of these royals has not joined the Women's Institute?  
• a) The Queen • b) Duchess of Cambridge • c) Princess Anne

**Answers 1-c 2-c 3-c 4-a 5-a 6-b 7-b 8-b 9-b 10-b**

We hope to attract new members when it is safe to meet in public. Until then, please stay fit and alert.

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## **Barthol Chapel Guild**

Over the past few months, we have found ourselves moving from lockdown and isolation to a more hopeful situation of 'social bubbles' and careful distancing within our communities and further afield. During this time, we have moved from early Spring, through the Summer months and now into early Autumn.

It has been a strange and challenging year for us all to look back on.

Our Guild meetings are still on hold but, as friends in our church group, we are very much in each other's thoughts.

We can of course continue to feel part of the national Guild group by following their annual theme. As part of the three-year Strategy 'One Journey, Many Roads' we now enter the third and final theme when, as a Guild, we are challenged to go 'The Extra Mile' by putting our faith into action.

Although we are not yet in a position to meet up at our usual evening gatherings, may I encourage you to keep in touch, if possible, with the work of the Church of Scotland Guild through their Facebook page. Here you can share time with other Guild Projects, read the Guild weekly Newsletters or find Guild events and services to be part of. For example, the Guild Annual Virtual Gathering held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.

It is good to discover that the restrictions of Covid-19 have failed to restrict the work and fellowship of the Guild.

Here in Barthol Chapel, we wait patiently and look forward to the time when we too can once again share our fellowship in each other's company ... and enjoy a chat and 'fly-cup' together.

Helen Mennie

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### **TBC - Tarves & Barthol Chapel Quarterly Newsletter**

#### **Final copy dates for 2020 newsletters**

December 2020 edition      final copy date - Friday 13 November 2020

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](mailto:tbc.editor@btinternet.com)**. Thank you.





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## **Tarves Church Guild and Friendship Club**

Because of the current circumstances, we have no plans made for meeting this coming winter session for either of these groups. If things ease enough, we may look to having some informal get-togethers. Meanwhile, I have been in contact with members for a chat over the phone and hope to eventually be in contact with everyone else as time goes on.

On a personal note, and as travel restrictions eased, Wilf & I decided to venture into England for a short break in Shropshire – a relatively sparsely populated rural area. So, what happened - but a small outbreak of coronavirus at a camp not too far from the small hamlet we stayed in. We then travelled to West Yorkshire to check on our eldest son Simon, who has a learning disability. We found him coping well and was his usual cheery self.

Simon plays for a disability football team and those who remember him from our time in Tarves, may be interested to know that he was selected to play for the Mencap England team last year for a 5 a side international tournament in Switzerland. He was also due to attend trials for the England team for the Special Olympics but, like so many other events, this too has been cancelled.

We left Yorkshire on the day of the tighter restrictions coming into force there. On our arrival home, we had a necessary appointment in Aberdeen two days before the extra restrictions there. Did COVID-19 follow us around or did we follow it? Once home, we put ourselves into self imposed lockdown for 2 weeks which we have successfully survived. So, for the foreseeable future, it is a case of staying near home for us.

Wilf is missing playing the church organ, although he keeps his fingers active on our piano at home but he says to expect a few “bum” notes on the organ pedals when Church services can finally restart.

We are both missing seeing members and friends in Tarves, and we wish you all well in the current crisis

*Jean Jowett (and Wilf), Fyvie*

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The scheme has been running in Barthol Chapel for a couple of years now and, so far, we've managed to save over 20,000 pieces of plastic from going to landfill.

The programmes are specific with regards to what plastic they will take so if you would like to take part and reduce plastic waste, please email me for a full list of accepted waste and instructions on how to drop it off.

If you have been collecting in the past and are ready to get started again, then a reminder to please separate your recycling into their individual programmes and wash out pet food pouches before dropping them off!!

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions.

Thank you.

*Lindsey Taylor*

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## Update from the Hut Youth Project, Tarves

Due to social distancing issues, the Tarves Youth Project usual 'Hut' building will remain closed until January 2021. • However, we are looking at larger, alternative premises for after the October holidays and will keep you posted. • Keep an eye on our updates via our Facebook page and also on the local community pages.

But on a brighter note ... we hope some of you managed to join us on Monday 31st August, when The Hut had an outdoor socially distanced meet, and allowed the youth workers time to catch up with some familiar faces, and hopefully meet some new faces too. This was open to all S1 - S6 from the Oldmeldrum Academy catchment area from 7-9pm weather permitting, hot chocolates and marshmallows will be served.

We would like to show we are supporting the village food packages donations. The Church are continuing the food packages and we would appeal for donations to be given to the Tarves Spar or Pharmacy. This is a much-appreciated service to help others in the uncertain times we are facing, and we at the Hut would like to spread the word on how important it is for communities to pull together during tough times, so if you can donate even the smallest items please do. We are all in this together.

Suzanne will still be available for the collection of free sanitary products in conjunction with Aberdeenshire Council within the village and surrounding areas. • These can be collected from The Hut at an agreed time. Suzanne can be contacted on the Hut's Facebook page by private mail, or email address in the strictest confidence as always. Email us at [huthelp2020@outlook.com](mailto:huthelp2020@outlook.com)

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## **Ellon and District Men's Shed**

The Ellon Men's Shed is coming out of lockdown and the trustees and members are looking for the Shed to get back in to operation. It will be quite a different operation with the Covid-19 controls in place for some time until we can get back to a more normal operation. The Men's Shed is going to be even more important to helping men's wellbeing after lockdown. It will be important to get men back in to the social environment and activity areas the Shed provides. The trustees work load is going to be much greater in order to ensure that the Covid-19 controls being put in place are maintained to ensure everyone is safe. If you feel that you would like to help the trustees and enjoy the Men's Shed banter, then please follow our website for Shed reopening progress and get in touch.

Through gallant efforts by the dedicated trustees, the garden area has been maintained to perfection with grass cutting, strimming, hedge cutting and weeding and we greatly thank the trustees involved. The 540 plug plants delivered at lockdown have mainly survived with the planting out and care by trustees and members.

The painting team have spruced up the workshop, social area, hall, and toilets with emulsion paint to make the Shed ready for re-opening and a big *thank you* is also due here.

Shed members have been borrowing tools and portable equipment to help with their home projects to keep themselves busy.

A further review of the Ellon Men's Shed finances was required when it was realised that Covid-19 controls were going to be in place for much longer than previously expected and that we would be lucky to have our funding streams back to normal before the end of 2021.

The Scottish Government 'Small Business' grant scheme administered by Aberdeenshire Council has come to our aid to ensure our Shed resilience and we thank them.

Formartine Rural Partnership have also awarded the Shed £500 to help with our polytunnel project and for which we are very grateful.

The plan to get the Shed back in operation has been made, and consists of a Covid-19 risk assessment which identifies the controls to be put in place to protect our trustees and members, along with other visitors to the Shed. Hand washing, sanitising, hygiene, PPE, social distancing and attendee numbers are the main areas of the Covid-19 controls. Member guidelines will also be issued so that visits to the Shed can be enjoyed safely.

Please follow our websites for Shed reopening info:  
<http://ellonanddistrictmensshed.blogspot.co.uk>. We are also in the midst of building a new website <https://ellonmensshed.org/>, it isn't finished yet, but you can go there for a preview.

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