

Tarves and Barthol Chapel Quarterly Newsletter December 2021





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Hello everyone

Welcome to the last TBC of 2021, and a thank you to the delivery volunteers who have willingly walked round areas of the village in June, September and now December. Unfortunately, because of Covid we were unable to print and deliver the March edition but it is still on the Tarves Church website if you want to reflect on the early months of this year.

When you look through this TBC, and can I emphasise, please do look through it and have a look at all the services, businesses and organisations available in the parish.

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So many different ways of serving customers have been on show this last year (and longer) and we owe these skilled professionals in whatever their role, our commitment to using village businesses as the norm. They adapted different working practices in their premises, in their shops, in the food businesses – all to assure us of their commitment to public safety. That high quality of oustomer service, assures them of maintaining their local base and assures the security of businesses and their families.

Shop locally please It has been welcoming to see specialist food vans, such as a fish van and a game dealer continuing to

provide a regular weekly service, at the same time, at the same place - usually in the Square in Tarves. These were services which were part of everyday life many years ago, but car ownership and big supermarkets have somehow cancelled efforts to stay and shop local. I hope these vans, plus the fairly new pizza 'hut' and the well established 'fish and chip' van who travel a fair distance to get here and who very rarely lets us down on a Thursday evening, continue to offer their commitment to rural areas and we in turn, offer them our regular custom.

Please continue to offer your custom to all local trades; they have survived the last 18 months and we owe to them to continue in the future.

The team at the Tarves and Barthol Chapel Newsletter would like to say thank you and best wishes for 2022 to all our readers and to the businesses who regularly advertise with us and allow us to produce this newsletter – that includes our new local printer/publisher - thanks Gordon!

It takes all of us in rural areas to make our villages thrive.

Ruth, Editor - Tarves and Barthol Chapel Newsletter



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Dear Friends

Shortages! Shortages! Shortages! From toilet paper at the start of the pandemic, to petrol, to gas, to the traditional turkey for your Christmas dinner table! Some of these shortages have been short-lived, aggravated by panic buying. Others are very real. In Tarves Kirk one of the reasons that refurbishment work on the Youth Hall has not made progress is because shortage of construction materials has delayed other projects and caused deep concern and uncertainty for builders.

Many things have been blamed for the shortages. We had just entered a new phase of Brexit when Covid-19 struck. Then there was the blockage of the Suez Canal by a grounded container ship and the hold-up of other container shipping. Lack of wind over Spring and Summer meant a dearth of renewable energy and aggravated the shortage of gas.

Having said all that, I am very aware that in whatever ways we have been, or may be, affected by the shortages, we still enjoy a harvest of plenty when we look at other parts of the world. Refugees fleeing from their homes have little more than the clothes they stand up in. And perhaps we may have to make do with less if we are to make progress towards a more just and fairer world, and tackle the challenges of climate change that face us.

There is a verse in a modern Advent hymn that speaks to this

"When people wander far from God Forget to share their bread They find their wealth an empty thing Their spirits are not fed. For only just and tender love The hungry soul will stay And so God's prophets echo still "Be blest, prepare the way!"

One thing that is never in short supply is the love of God. As we look forward to Christmas, we celebrate that love taking human form in Jesus, and bringing a message of hope for the world. And we are reminded of our own responsibilities to love others. This Christmas we are still facing some restrictions in the Church, but by offering a variety of services and opportunities for reflection for all ages we pray that you will find an opportunity to experience the amazing breadth and depth of God's love for you.

You will find details of these events elsewhere in this letter and I look forward to welcoming all who come along in person or on-line. We will also keep you posted of any necessary changes through the church and community websites and face-book pages.

Finally, I wish you all the love and joy and peace of Christmas. If you manage to find a turkey enjoy it - but remember there is always another alternative!

Vith warmest wishes Alison I Swindel's, Minister

Kirk News December 2021

Sunday Worship

- 9.30am in Tarves Kirk followed by refreshments
- 11.15 in Barthol Chapel Church preceded by refreshments

We are getting used to regular Sunday worship in the church. The café style layout enables us to talk around table during and after the service. Most people stay for a cuppa and a blether. At the Guild Dedication service, it was so uplifting to sing to the organ again. We look forward to having Wilf Jowett playing regularly.

Unfortunately, the Youth Hall Redevelopment Project has been delayed due to contractor issues and shortage of building materials. Hopefully, we'll have more to report in the spring 2022 edition of the TBC.

At the time of writing, Remembrance Sunday is coming up and once again the uniformed organisations will be represented. Soon it will be Advent when we anticipate peace, joy and hope for the season. Please check out the list of services coming up. There will be an all-age service on Christmas Eve, but because Boxing Day falls on a Sunday it has been decided not to have a service on Christmas Day this year.

Formartine Churches Together

Monthly planning meetings are taking place with representatives from Barthol Chapel, Tarves, Udny/Pitmedden and Methlick. Please have a look at the news brief that is issued after each one of these. The newsletter can be sent to you by email, found on the website or a hard copy picked up in the church. Should you want to be added to the email list please get in touch with me. The joint event at Haddo in August was well attended and got us off to a good start. Next year Alison Swindells and Will Stalder will visit a different church once a month to lead worship. This will help them to get to know the other congregations in the grouping. So, look out for 'Rotating Revs'!

Please get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you or someone you know. Thank you to elders and members for continuing to put your faith into action in very practical ways at this time. If you have time to volunteer, please let me know as we can always use extra help.

Up-to-date news and information can be found at www.tarveschurch.org and the Facebook page.

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Tarves Church Guild - 'Whose we are and Whom we serve

It is good to be able to get together and join in Fellowship again along with our friends from Udny and Pitmedden Guild. We have already

had two meetings; one giving us an insight into one of the projects the Guild is supporting this session, more about this further on. The second meeting had Graham Ritchie taking us on a trip to the South Atlantic and Antarctica, complete with his beautiful slides and background information. Quite appropriate in the year of COP26 as Antarctica is one of the areas most threatened by climate change. We were able to see the area much as how it is meant to be.



We also had our Guild Dedication service in early November to present our aims and ambitions to other Church members and receive God's blessing on our efforts. Now we look forward to our December meeting when we shall enjoy a meal and some festive entertainment.

The Woman's Guild was originally set up in the late 1800s to provide women with a way of contributing to the Church life when women had little input to the Church. The Guild has changed much since then, expanding its role in the Church and is now a worldwide organisation.

Here in Scotland, we have a scheme to support projects throughout the world. For the next 3 years, the Guild organisation will be supporting 6 projects and each local Guild can chose which one(s) to support. Tarves has chosen 2 for this session; the first one is The Vine Trust, an ambitious programme establishing the Kazunzu Village of Hope in Tanzania. This is a development of a community of homes, school, health centre and a community hub. The large homes will enable families to serve as foster parents to orphaned children. Selfsustainability will come through agriculture, gardening, fish-farming and development. Our second project is nearer home; 'Blether with Beat' here in Scotland. This project will help those with eating disorders which have a huge impact on young people and their families. The scheme will help develop a network of young ambassadors who will work with schools, colleges and universities as well as Church congregations. The Boys' and Girls' Brigades and school chaplains will also be working to raise awareness of the impact of eating disorders and encouraging those affected to seek help.

As the choice of projects changes every 3 years, this gives us a chance to learn about problems and difficulties faced by communities throughout the world. The Guild's role in these projects is to raise awareness and then to raise funds to help the projects grow. Most of the fund raising we do in Tarves, such as the Soup & Sweet is part of our contribution to the projects. How we proceed with fundraising under present Covid rules is still under discussion. When we do begin fundraising again, we will always appreciate the support we receive from the wider community in Tarves.

On the spiritual side, we have an overall strategy for the next 3 years 'Look forward in faith', quite an appropriate one as we slowly come through the Covid pandemic. Under the umbrella of 'Look forward in faith', we have a theme for this year. It is 'Light and bushels' which is based on the New Testament, Luke chapter 2, verses 33-36, reminding us we are God's light in the world. Changing the themes and strategies regularly allows us to understand and identify different areas of our faith.

Please feel free to come along to any of our meetings that interest you, you'll be made very welcome. Meetings are normally held in Tarves Church on the first Thursday evening of the month from October to December 2021, and Febnuary to May 2022.

December 2021 - Festive evening and entertainment

February 2022 - The Ythan Singers

March 2022 (meeting in Pitmedden Church this time)– Makaton Sign Language

April 2022 - Blether with Beat

May 2022 - Spring lunch outing

Remember we are no longer 'The Women's Guild', we are now quite simply:

'The Guild'

Further information from Jean on 891081 or Doreen on 851040

Wishing our readers a very Happy Christmas and Healthy 2022



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Barthol Chapel and Tarves Christmas Services

Every Sunday during Advent and Christmas

- Tarves Church @ 9.30am (this service is usually also available on Zoom)
- Barthol Chapel @ 11.15 am

Special Services



Sunday 12 December @ 3.00pm Blue Christmas Service in Tarves Church



This is a quiet reflective service – an opportunity to come together and remember all those whom we have lost during the pandemic..... There will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory.....

Saturday 18 December 10.00am to 4.00pm Walk through Nativity

Churches will be open during the times shown below – drop in at any time and follow the Christmas Story as you walk around the Church. The schools will be coming in during the week so you can see what the children have been doing.

- Barthol Chapel from 10.00am to 12noon
- Tarves Church from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Sunday 19 December all age Nativity Service

- Tarves Church 9.30am
- Barthol Chapel 11.15am

Friday 24 December Christmas Eve

7.00pm in Tarves Church - Family Worship followed by refreshments

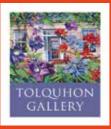
Sunday 26 December Boxing Day

- Tarves Church 9.30am Readings and Carols for Boxing Day
- Barthol Chapel 11.15am Lessons and Carols

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Tarves Primary and Nursery School news

I hope everyone is safe and well. We have started the new term busier than ever here at Tarves Primary and Nursery. Our Forest School sessions are happening throughout (we especially love playing in the mud kitchen!), fundraising is in full-swing for Children in Need led by our Primary 7 pupils in addition to sup-



porting the Shoebox Appeal through Rota Kids. We have been lucky to have some members of the SSPCA Education Team visit us last week where we took part in workshops and enjoyed learning all about their roles and how to look after our pets and other animals.

Speaking of which, we have been so grateful to receive funding for a new project. Tarves Primary School and Nursery are pleased to announce that we will be rescuing 10 hens via the British Hen Welfare Trust. Their website is <u>www.bhwt.org.uk</u>. We have been granted funding to support and work has been undertaken throughout the October holiday to ensure the outbuilding at the rear of the school is suitable; we will also be purchasing an outdoor run and large hen house. Once our hens are happy and settled in their new home, we hope to start a community project, which involves the children taking responsibility for growing vegetables to feed them, caring for the hens and ensuring their welfare, and collecting any eggs they lay amongst many other positive learning experiences. A huge thank you to everyone involved, and also to Gray Feed Services for their kind donation of food and bedding. If you would be interested in taking part in our project, through volunteering some of your time or making any donations, then please do get in touch!

Lara Conn, Head Teacher

Welcome to our Forest School

All pupils at Tarves Primary School have started Forest School sessions! Miss McBeath, who recently passed her practical assessment, is working her socks off towards becoming a fully-fledged Forest School Leader.

Our pupils of all ages are embracing the opportunities of child-led play including discovering amazing insects, designing and building dens and shelters (which were tested by torrential downpours!), serving delicious food from the extremely popular and busy 'Mud Kitchen', to lying in the calm embrace of the hammock, climbing trees, building rope ladders and swings. Here are some quotes from our pupils to sum-up their experience so far:

"Forest School makes me feel calm and happy. I LOVE it!"

"I think it was even BETTER as it was raining!"





News brief of the Formartine Area Churches - 12 November 2021

What in the world is happening to our churches? You might have heard some of the following comments or rumours floating around in conversations of late:

> I hear our church is closing I hear we won't have a new minister I hear it won't ever be the same

It's true. It has been a particularly challenging time for our churches. The Church of Scotland is having a huge reduction to its nationally funded posts, which affects all the churches in the Church of Scotland. There will be fewer ministers allocated to our area, which covers Tarves and Barthol Chapel, Udny & Pitmedden and Methlick.

That said the challenges haven't been met without grace and courage, faith and a sense of adventure. This is a chance to do something new. This is a chance to turn an unfortunate situation into an opportunity to be stronger, better, more versatile, effective and loving.

So, while some of the rumours might be true, at least in part, the general feeling is that God is faithful, he will provide, let's do this.

This is what is happening at the moment: Tarves and Barthol Chapel, Udny & Pitmedden and Methlick churches are working together!

On Sunday 19 September 2021, there was a Joint Session Meeting at Haddo, which gave the churches an initial opportunity to explore how they might work together. There was an opportunity to raise questions and concerns as well discuss what should be the priorities going forward. A summary document of the day came to seven pages and covered upwards of 15 topics: communication, Covenant Agreement, discipleship/training, fabric, finance, youth, general comments/feelings, ministry/ministers/pastoral care, mission, Presbytery and the General Assembly, relationships and fellowship, structure, technology and vision. If you have trouble with insomnia, let me know, I can get you a copy J

Since the initial Joint Session Meeting, a working group has been established, with representatives from each of the respective congregations and with the remit of addressing the questions, concerns and suggested priorities raised on the 19 September 2021.

For our first Working Group meeting, we met at Pitmedden Church on Tuesday 12 October 2021, 7:30pm. During the first part of the meeting, we started looking at our vision and purpose, that is, what will (should) be the guiding principles of our working together. We then set out exploring what should be our next steps in our working together. We had a really good, open and honest conversation about the issues affecting us all. There actually was a genuine excitement about what God could do. We looked at the following questions:

What are the key issues that we need to address first? Who should address them? How should we address them? When should we address them?

It was amazing! We could have been all over the map with these questions, but there was a remarkable consensus on what should be the immediate focus of our attention. It was decided that three things should be the focus of our energies in the lead up to our second Working Group meeting in November 2021:

Communication Vision and Purpose Exploration of Ministry Models

Action Points were assigned, and we then spent time praying for our respective churches and communities and then closed with Grace. We finished before midnight tool

At our second meeting in Tarves Parish Church on 9 November we began to formulate our vision and purpose and we explored one possible model of future ministry for the area. Again, there was a sense of excitement and enthusiasm and God's leading as we looked at the challenges together. We will continue to look at these items and their implications at our next meeting on Tuesday 14 December 2021, 7:30pm at Methlick Parish Church. In the meantime, we have agreed that from the beginning of next year, Will Stalder and Alison Swindelis will preach at Udny Pitmedden once a month so that we can begin to get to know the people of this part of our area and they can get to know us.

We would like to hear from you! We believe communication is really important, but we also believe that communication is a two-way street. While we hope to communicate often and clearly throughout this process, we also want to listen, hear any questions or ideas you might have about the churches working together. Please free to contact your minister or Interim Moderator and we will be happy to feed your thoughts back to the Working Group. The more input we have from church and community the better.

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Rev. Dr. Will Stalder, Minister of Methlick Parish Church and Rev. Dr. Alison Swindells, Minister of Tarves and Barthol Chapel

On behalf of the Formartine Area Churches Friday 12 November 2021

CHRISTMAS EVENTS CALENDAR

Booking is essential for all Christmas events, so to save disappointment please call on 01651 842346 or email cafe@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk to reserve your place.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday **4**th December Saturday **11**th December Saturday **18**th December

9.30 – 11.30am each day (last entry 10.15am) **Cost £9.95 per child**

£5.00 per child aged two and under



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Another action-packed term has been experienced by all at Barthol Chapel School. We have continued to develop our skills for leaming, life and work to enhance our learning experiences in school.

We started the session with our whole school learning context "Destination Barthol Chapel" where the children developed their knowledge of our local area. Developing the skill of teamwork, clas-

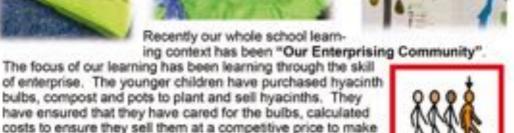
ses engaged in map work activities to produce detailed maps of the local area. Working outdoors and exploring the village, the younger pupils produced a map of Barthol Chapel complete with grid references to plot features in the community and plan different routes. The older children worked in teams to develop their knowledge of contour lines and produced 3D relief maps.

> Recently our whole school learning context has been "Our Enterprising Community".

bulbs, compost and pots to plant and sell hyacinths. They

a profit. They have advertised their bulbs as Christmas gifts

and produced suitable packaging. Enterprise The older children have been participating in the Make £5 Grow initiative which gives young people the experience of starting a small business with a little bit of help from Virgin Money. It has provid-











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School Show

This year's production follows the adventures and escapades of Ratty, Mole, Badger and the infamous Toad in Wind in the Willows. From designing the props, backdrops and costumes, the children have had a fantastic learning experience to develop their creativity skills.

Our annual school show continues to be one of the highlights of the school year. It is unfortunate that restrictions have prevented the community coming to together to enjoy our performance and celebrate the children's hard work. However, we produced a school show at home pack complete with hot chocolate and popcorn for families to enjoy.

Remembrance Day

On Thursday 11" November, Barthol Chapel School marked Remembrance Day. This year we also celebrated 100 years of the Poppy as the national symbol of Remembrance. Red poppies have been worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community since 1921. To celebrate the important milestone, we participated in Poppy Scotland "Light up Red". Pupils designed a poppy and wrote an individual message on the poppy. We used each poppy to decorate a "Tree of Honour" in our playground. We were joined by Rev Alison Swindells.

Barthol Chapel School COP26 Pledge

With the COP26 Conference in Glasgow last month, the pupils at Barthol Chapel School carefully considered our own school's carbon footprint. The children identified different ways we can reduce our impact on climate change and held a vote to select the top 3 suggestions. The areas that Barthol Chapel School will work on are:

- To create a 'wild' area where we have bird feeders, houses for animals grow wild plants/flowers.
- Collect rainwater to water plants in our school garden.
- 3. Create a no idle zone outside the school

Creating a no idle zone outside our school generated a lot of discussion. We discovered an idling engine can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. The children have created signs to display outside our school.

Rag Bag Recycling Scheme

A reminder that we have a Rag Bag Container in our school playground. The 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in Scotland. The scheme increases awareness about







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.

How Good is OUR School?

Learners at Barthol Chapel School have been working closely with Mr Anderson to lead and evaluate aspects of our School Improvement Plan. It is important that our pupils have a say in how well their school is doing and how it can be improved. Groups of children have been involved in exploring five themes to gather evidence to let Mr Anderson know:

How are we doing?

How do we know?

What are we going to do now?

The five themes are:

- Our Relationships We have looked at friendships and how staff help us feel safe in school. We have looked at how we promote positive relationships in and around our school.
- Our Learning & Teaching We have worked together to evaluate how challenging and enjoyable our learning is and how our teachers listen to our views when planning our learning. We have looked at our resources to see if they are easily available and in good condition.
- Our School & Community We have had our say in how our school building and facilities can be improved and the reputation of our school in the community.
- Our Health & Wellbeing We have made sure we understand the wellbeing wheel and use it to talk about our health and wellbeing.
- Our Success and Achievements We have used our school values to evaluate how we support everyone to have opportunities to be successful and achieve.

Each group has shared their findings and evidence at our whole school assemblies. The results are displayed in our school hall for all to see.

Hanover Court Social Club news

Hello everyone, we at Hanover are trying our best to have you back with us in 2022.

The knitting ladies are still hard at work making all sorts of garments. We have our coffee mornings but they are still for residents only. We're also planning a meal out at Christmas. We are all getting our boosters and fu injections so we should all be well protected.

May we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy happy new year. God bless you all.

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Duthies of Tarves – Part 2

This was formalised with a change in trading title in 1883, when Adam took on external partners to help develop the business.

Adam Duthie & Co Ltd

A flurry of new adverts appeared, seeking dressmakers and tailors. Clothing eventually took over the upstairs floor above the main shop: everything from supply of fabrics to suit and dressmaking. In 1888 the partners expanded by taking over an established business of grocers, drapers & ironmongers, in Oldmeidrum. Once again, John Duthie Webster was involved in arrangements for the future the business was to continue as a private joint stock company.

The 1920s saw the death of most of the original partners but there was sufficient confidence to take over a seed and bulb selling business in 1930, at Hadden Street, Aberdeen, a part of the granite 'New Market' building, beside the com exchange.



The depression and then the second world war may have been what restricted the business in the 1930-40's but the model of a 'general store' selling groceries, hardware and clothes, plus seeds, and agricultural machinery, was definitely

looking dated by the late 1960's. Even specialist staff couldn't turn the tide. Duthie's retreated from Aberdeen in 1969 and from Oldmeldrum in 1971. Yesterday's 'merchant complex' for locals arriving by horse or on foot may have changed into today's 'village shop' serving commuters – but the solid stonework of William Duthie and proud name of Adam Duthie & Co. lives on.

Lindsay Mathewson – November 2021



Ellon and District Men's Shed

Remembering Keith Stoker

Keith was a founding member and trustee of the Elion and District Meris Shed. He was key to the progression of the Shed from an idea, to a thriving Shed community and he was the Shed's fund-raiser in chief. To convert the buildings, we had to raise £75,000 - Keith was responsible for raising the bulk of this money. But Keith contributed far more to the Shed than his fund raising - he was wise counsel to the other trustees, an enthusiastic supporter of the Shed, a willing pair of hands and friend to everyone.

We were all shaken by his passing, a hole has been left in the Shed community. We grieve along with Arlene and his family and friends. He will be missed, but not forgotten by his friends in the Shed. We were honcured by Arlene and family asking for donations in Keith's memory to be made to the Shed.

Ellon and District Men's Shed activities

Over the last couple of months, the Shed has continued to get back towards normal operation. But, during this time we were shaken and are having to come to terms with the loss of Keith Stoker who, amongst many other things, used to write these articles.

The number of people coming to the Shed every week is increasing and new members are coming along. Pre-pandemic activities are reappearing - Tuesday lunchtime burgers are back on the menu. Unfortunately due to Covid numbers, we had to cancel our planned November open day and also our December fund raising quiz, but will reschedule in the new year.

We are of course, Covid aware, and a steady trickle of members are having their booster jabs. However, we must all be careful as case numbers overall are worryingly high, and although many of the recent cases are amongst the school age population there are significant case numbers within the older population resulting, sadly, in hospital admissions and deaths. The vaccines are fantastic (we encourage everyone to be vaccinated), but they do not give 100% protection.

The men have been refurbishing garden furniture (see pictures), assembling flat packed furniture, and undertaking their own hobbies. We are making new community notice boards to go around Ellon and Belhelvie.

The tomatoes and beans (see photos) are now finished for the year, and we are starting to plan garden activities for the winter months. Advice on the garden plan would be great! We have received some great donations of furniture, equipment, and tools - including garden chairs and tables, a wood turning lathe and a dust extractor. We either refurbish the items and keep them for Shed use, sell them to help fund our activities or pass them on to other needy Last year we received funding from the Co-op and the Stafford Trust to improve our loft storage area and to increase the men's workspace and numbers of work benches. To increase the workspace, we are refurbishing a steel container by installing insulation, lining and work benches (see photo). The next phase will involve extending by 2m an existing wooden workshop. Our static caravan is also in need of some attention as it has suffered from the weather and from being unused during the pandemic.

In the last magazine we referred to the Shed's break-in during August. We are very pleased to say that Alpha Fencing have generously repaired the fence for us free of charge. We were also very grateful for the offers of tools and for the donations to our Just Giving page.

If you want to know more about the Shed and/or are interested in joining please drop in during our opening hours (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10am – 4pm) and please follow our websites for Shed info:

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Tarves Folk Club

No firm decisions have been made for re-starting the Club. It is hoped to arrange something before the end of the year, so keep an eye on the village notice boards and we'll keep you posted.

John Dickson 01651 851317

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Tarves Heritage - end of 2021 update

Cataloguing continues with textiles (from corsets and christening robes to Greatcoats and ghillies' plus fours) numbered, recorded and tape tags sewn on.

We have however, unearthed some interesting items - a small silver, battered coin dated 1569 with inscription 'Regina Elizabeth D.G.ANG.FRA.ET.HIB. was found in a box. After much investigating and googling, it turns out to be a silver hand hammered coin in the reign of Elizabeth 1st of England, France and Ireland.



Louisa Smith was the daughter of the one of the past janitors at Tarves School and was a member of the Haddo Choral Society.

We were kindly gifted some money by Louisa's family earlier this year, and have collaborated with Tarves Amenities group to purchase some new planters. Look out for them in the springtime as you pass the Heritage Centre or walking around the village.

Keeping our fingers crossed that by Easter 2022 we will open our doors to welcome our friends, old and new into the Heritage Centre again. In the meantime, we are happy that Murly Tuck continues to utilise our outdoor space.

Jane Cattanach Secretary



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Smoked Chicken pomegranate, lemon & thyme dressing

Whipped Goats Cheese beetroot jam, toasted nuts & seeds

MAIN

Goulash Braised Beef Cheek poutine stuffed baked potato, garlic & thyme sauce

Traditional Roast Turkey skirlie, roast tatties, kilted chipolata, roasting juices

Seared Fillet of Cod black spice winter greens, salsa verde

Chicken Schnitzel tomato & mozzarella, rigatoni

Cheese Fondue Pie puff pastry, swiss raclette, leek & chicory sauté (v)

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The Hut

The Hut Youth Project 7-9pm Mondays (term time) for local youth aged 12-25 (behind Tarves Primary School).

Thanks to the Peoples Postcode Trust we have been able to buy new sports equipment for the young people to enjoy at The Hut which has had plenty of use this term. The outside lighting funded by Tarves Bowling Club and generously installed by Mike Gray, has been invaluable in helping us continue to meet with the young people each week. We've played games, problem solved, celebrated National Toasted marshmallow day! taken part in activities for World Mental Health Day, hung out, chatted, laughed and wore our yellow socks as part of the youth led 'Lonely not alone campaign'.

We are looking forward to doing our village collection for Aberdeenshire Foodbank on Monday 6th December. Please look out for leaflets through your door and support us if you are able. Last year we collected an incredible 447.45Kg so have quite a target to match this year!

We are thrilled to have been chosen by The Coop as one of their local causes. Please choose to support us and every time you swipe your blue membership card in store 1p from every £1 comes to us at no extra cost to you! You can share this link: https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/64510 and we can be supported by friends and family shopping in any Coop store up and down the country.....

Thank you in advance for helping to support the young people in our community.

Please check out our Facebook page to keep updated on what we are getting up to:

The Hut Youth Project Tarves.







Knitting update

Yes, a huge thank you again to all our knitters ranging from down in the Meams to north Aberdeenshire, our Parish somewhere in the middle, plus a welcome to knitters from Pitmedden too.



Since the last TBC in September, more knitting has been shared: We have an almost full box of

baby hat, cardigans, blankets for the maternity units in Aberdeen and the shire. The Special Care Baby Unit will benefit from many tiny baby hats/matinee jackets. As always, the knitting goes over to Ardiethan Quarry where Gemma co-ordinates the transport to the recipients.

Primary school sizes of winter hats/scarves have again gone to Aberdeenshire Council Education Dept and these will be shared where needed.

Woodend Hospital had 2 full bags of blankets recently – here's their 'thank you': Thank you very much for the lovely blankets. The porters brought them up to us on Monday. We have let all the ward senior charge nurses about the delivery of them, so they will be snepped up for their patients in no time.

Thank you for dropping them off and thank you again to all your lovely knitting group.

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Neck-warmers – always welcome at the Fisherman's Mission in Peterhead, along with a box of hats and scarves. The staff at the Mission thanked you all for your generosity.

AberNecessities is a local charity based in Dyce; they provide essentials to families who are finding it difficult to manage their home circumstances. A recent post on the local Facebook page highlighted their needs, and 2 large bags of bigger size blankets and a bag of teddies and toddler size knitting were passed on to this organisation.

Nkhoma Hospital again benefit from all your work with another 6 boxes ready for the first stage of their journey. There are dozens of vest/hat sets, hat/scarf sets, small skirts and brightly knitted and crocheted baby blankets, all packed in banana boxes. We have funds to send these 6 boxes and a 'thank you' goes to those who have 'sponsored' a box since reading the article on transportation costs in the September TBC - further details below.

A box costs £15.00 to transport by lony via the Bananabox Trust in Dundee. This involves a long sea journey to South Africa, plus 2 overland journeys to Nkhoma. If anyone reading this would like to sponsor a box in future, please get in touch with me at <u>the editorightmemet.com</u>. Transport costs are so crucial to helping overseas.

Knitting and donations of wool can be handed to Jessie at Hanover (01651 851958), or I can collect via arrangement – please email me at <u>the editor@btintemet.com</u>. Every piece of knitting is welcome, and is a personal donation of both time and care for others by those who continue to knit.

Thank you everyone. Ruth. on behalf of Tarves Church



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1st Tarves Brownies



We are delighted to be back inside in time for the cold dark nights and its great not having to weather watch each week!

Thank you so much to residents of Murray, Pringle and Braiklay Avenues and



Stuart Crescent for supporting our Halloween trick or treat with a twist this year. Instead of sweets we collected pre-arranged donations for Aberdeenshire North Foodbank. We collected an incredibly 146.4Kg of donations – thank you so much for supporting this very worthwhile cause.

We were proud to attend Tarves Remembrance Day service, show our respect and lay our hand-made wreath in remembrance of those who have died in the wars. On this special 100 anniversary of the remembrance poppy, the girls had a very challenging, but productive evening making their poppies and developing their sewing skills to sew on centre piece buttons to make the wreath.

We are looking forward to finishing the term with Christmas crafts and games and a much-anticipated trip to Inverurie pantomime with Brownie, Guides and Rangers from Haddo District to see Sleeping Beauty.



1st Tarves Brownies (for girls aged 7-10) meet on a Wednesday evening 6.15 -7.30pm at Tarves Primary School. Please email <u>Tarvesbrownies@gmail.com</u> for further information or check out https://www.girlguiding.org.



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Tribute to Mrs Frances Whyte

It was with great sadness that we had to announce the sudden but peaceful death of Mrs Frances Whyte on the 9th of September 2021, late of Nether Kirkton, Barthol Chapel and Tarves.

Frances moved into the parish following her marriage in the 1950s to her late husband, farmer Jimmy Whyte of Nether Kirkton, where she raised her family.

During this time, Frances was also a committed part of the community and Church here in Barthol Chapel. Whether it be her continued interest in the life of the Primary School, her participation in the SWRI or an interest in the issues of the community.

Within our Church, Frances was very much at the heart of our congregational family, always there on a weekly basis to greet us at the door. She was a dedicated long-serving member of our Church Board where her wise advice and willingness to serve the church was invaluable.

Frances also devoted her life to the work of the Women's Guild, being President for many years in our own group. The fellowship she shared played a large part in our Church and in the National Guild movement, something Frances fully embraced and supported.

We will remember Frances, 'Mrs Whyte', not only for her years of commitment to the Parish of Barthol Chapel, but also for her lively outlook on life, her open, friendly character, her instant laughter and quick sense of humour, her beliefs and values, her devotion to and interest in family and friends.

We will miss her amazing memory for remembering events and people from the past, with stories of Barthol Chapel from days gone by our link with how things used to be.

For those of us who were lucky enough to have known Frances Whyte over the years, we can feel blessed and thankful for having shared in her long, valued and fulfilled life and will remember her with fondness and respect

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Barthol Chapel Church Guild Centenary - 1921-2021

We were delighted this year to be able to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our Guild here in Barthol Chapel Church.

At a special service held on the 7th of November, we came together with our Guild members, family and Church friends to honour the occasion as well as enjoying a time of chat with coffee and a celebration cake.



Our Centenary Service followed this year's Guild theme of 'LIGHTS AND BUSHELS' as we remembered the part played by the Guild women of our Parish over the last 100 years since its formation in 1921.

'Shining our light through the century' we recalled from past Minutes, events when our Guild has served the Church, Community, nation and world. Well known for its annual village concerts, Sales of Work, Whist Drives and many other such vital rural village events aimed at providing social gatherings and means of fundraising for worthy causes. The Guild was a support through good times and bad, especially the years after the First World War and on through to the impact of the Second World War on our nation.

We gave thanks for their faith, dedication and fellowship which has continued through many generations of well-known local names.

Today it continues to shine a light and the Church of Scotland Guild is now one of Scotland's largest voluntary organisations providing support and funds for their current Project Partners locally and throughout the world.

During the service, we also took time to 'shine a light' into the future of the Guild and to think how we might go into a new and different century by following our current Guild strategy 'LOOK FORWARD IN FAITH.'

As a way of marking our Centenary, we were delighted to be able to dedicate a Papercut picture designed and made for us by Freya Hepburn, depicting the history of Barthol Chapel Guild. We look forward to having it hung in pride of place in our Church as a memento of this special Anniversary.

Helen Mennie



Update on the 'Terracycle' programme

Thank you to everyone who has supported the 'Terracycle' plastic recycling programmes which I have been running from my house in Barthol Chapel. Unfortunately, I had to stop running most of them at the end of August 2021. The programmes had become so big that balancing the workload associated with them alongside 'normal' life, is becoming more and more tricky. With both the Co-op in Meldrum and Tesco Inverurie now recycling the majority of plastics that my programmes covered, it seemed like a good time to step back from this.

To give you an idea of how much has been recycled at the time of writing in total 40,000 pieces of normally unrecycled plastic has been recycled. This has included 17,857 crisp packets, 5,610 sweet wrappers, 2,208 bread bags, 6,521 pet food packets and 6,638 biscuit wrappers. I estimate that there are probably another 10,000 items sitting in my garage to send off so probably by the time the programmes closed, there will be 50,000 bits of plastic that would normally have been sent to landfill and I appreciate everyone's efforts in making this difference.

I will still do the dental, personal care and beauty programmes as the Co-op does not accept these types of waste - please contact me if you want details of what these programmes cover. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, and I hope that everyone will continue to recycle and take their plastics to the Meldrum Co-op and the other supermarkets who are doing similar.

Lindsey Taylor

lindseytaylor13@icloud.com

The following items can be recycled at the Co-op:

Biscuit wrappers Bread bags Crisp packets Fruit & veg nets, bags and wrappers. Kitchen towel, toilet roll, nappy bag, cotton wool wrappers Plastic sauce sachets. Pouches - microwave rice, pre-cooked mussels, petfood, etc. Thin plastic lids of all types

Barthol Chapel Bowling Club update

Barthol Chapel Bowling Club are pleased to be back in operation on Tuesday nights at Barthol Chapel school. Our membership has increased and we are very busy.

We recently sent a couple of teams to the Garioch Indoor Bowls Short Mat tournament in Inverurie. The results were mixed but the competitors were happy to be taking part again. There is still plenty of scope for new members if you fancy a go. It's a nice way of filling in a winter evening and a great way of meeting people.

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Tarves Development Trust

The outdoor gym at the Old Tennis Court is fully functional after a couple of adjustments/ rectifications from the installers. Looks like it is getting some good use and is a great addition for the village.





Petanque at the Old Tennis Court. The Tarves petanque group held its introductory meeting on the 29th of September and were blessed by a dry evening as pictured below.

Anyone interested in joining the group can contact Steve Adams (0750 466 2111) or Sarah Whitman (sarah@deffinity.co.uk / 07984 620431) for more information. They have boule sets available for players.

However, the court is available for anyone to play on; just head on down and have a go.

Fireworks display on Sunday 7 November 2021

The TBC Team wish to place on record our appreciation on behalf of the residents of our wee village of the effort by the members of the Tarves Peoples Party in organising such a fantastic Bonfire and Fireworks Display.

We look forward to next years' event.

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Melvin Hall update

The Melvin Hall Annual General Meeting was held in the hall on Wednesday 6 October. It was our first AGM since October 2019, due to Covid restrictions. Whilst income from activities had fallen by 50% due to the hall being closed for 6 months in 2020, the hall had received some grant income for support through closure and to help put in place enhanced cleaning and Covid mitigation such as sanitisers. When it was received, regular hirers and the hall cleaner maintained a strict Covid cleaning regime.

At the beginning of 2021, the Melvin Hall was again closed for a further 4 months due to Covid restrictions. However, it has since been fully operational with continued enhanced cleaning and Covid precautions. The hall has also had a refresh of exterior paintwork, and there are plans in hand to replace the carpet flooring of the Queens Room with more easily cleanable vinyl.

In terms of hall management, David Presly retired as Chairman of the Management Committee having served as a Trustee for over 50 years. The members present thanked him for his loyalty & commitment over the years.

The Management Committee consists of the descendant of Lord Aberdeen, 5 Trustees, plus a minimum of 2 ratepayers plus User Representatives.

The permanent Trustee members appointed by the Trust are Alison Walker, David Hekelaar (Chair), Bob Davidson (Vice-Chair), Fiona Smith (Treasurer) and Colin Taylor (Trustee). David Presly was appointed as a Ratepayer member.

Ann Reville stepped down after 25 years' service and was thanked for her work sending out the accounts. Gordon Brown stepped down as Vice-chairman but will stay on the committee as a Ratepayer member.

Doreen Brown stepped down as secretary, having held this role for 16 years. Doreen was thanked for the service she had provided to the Hall Committee.

Mark Ross & John Reville were appointed as Ratepayer members.

Kerry Bruce & Hilary Caldwell were re-appointed as User representatives.

The Committee would welcome additional members; we typically meet every 2 months for 1- 2 hours. Individuals with experience and knowledge of buildings/ facilities management and fund-raising would be very helpful.

Fiona Smith Treasurer fiona.smith@tarves.org.uk



The formation of Udny Community Shelf -November 2021 update

In early 2021, several local residents met to discuss how a community shelf could be set up. Their aim was to look at what could be done to support the local community in reducing food waste and encouraging people to share surplus food with others. As a result, Udny Community Shelf (UCS) was formed in April 2021.

On 25-26 September, UCS hosted its first "pop-up" community shelf, sharing donated surplus food with the local community, thus helping to raise awareness on food wastage. The pop-up shelves were set up outside the Pitmedden Community Hall, who kindly offered their support.

Local businesses and residents donated every single item of food, toiletries, cleaning products and pet food, including donations from Smith & Co shop and post office in Potterton, Pitmedden Coop and CLD (Community Learning Development team) and more that donated at the event.

Over 49 visitors visited the "pop-up shell" over the 2 days. UCS was delighted with the uptake and the responses they received during the two days. The positivity and the volume of items donated before and during the event, were terrific. Everyone involved appreciated the level of enthusiasm and support from the community shelf and are determined to find a way in which to become a more permanent fixture within Pitmedden.

Due to the success of the pop-up event, UCS is looking to host another shelf event within the coming months in Pitmedden.

UCS is still in its early stages of development but has already built up a small following on social media who have expressed an interest in this scheme. The past few months have been spent researching local requirements and talking to other community fridges about projects already in operation within Scotland. The group are now in the throes of becoming a registered charity, which will enable them to do more. To find out more about UCS, visit its Facebook or Instagram page.

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Fond memories of Les Donaldson Fran Crichton, Liz Hamilton, Moira Minty & Danny Paterson

Fran's memories - As a founder member, Les was totally committed to the Heritage, always the friend and teacher, sharing knowledge and information with enthusiasm.

Frances and Les lived the Heritage: always ready to open up to visitors out of hours: ever willing to turn out if there was a volunteer shortage. Les loved to take visitors to outlying farms and areas to show them where their ancestors came from.

From the early days in the old Library to the rebuilding of the centre in the Victorian School, Les has been there with measured wisdom and knowledge of local and Scottish way of life and language. He is screly missed and will be a big loss to the Heritage centre.

<u>Liz's memories</u> - I volunteered alongside Les and Frances to do the school visits. Les was a great mentor to me and I could tell he must have been a great teacher. He was very kind and with his guidance, he made "doing" the school visits so much fun.

He ensured that I was comfortable doing the groups and he really enjoyed telling me about the museum artefacts and village history. He had a real skill in sharing information without giving a lecture and I think this was because he had a genuine interest in all aspects of social history. I learnt so much from him and that will stay with me for ever.

His approach to visitors was relaxed and welcoming. A cup of tea and a fine piece was always offered and he strived to do his best to help advise visitors who were researching their family history. There were many times when he would take a visitor around the village and even out in his car up to the Prop or Tolguhon Castle.

Les also did a lot of the oral history work in the early days of the Heritage Project. These recordings are invaluable and really provide an amazing and important link to a very different era.

<u>Molva's memories</u> - Les was an active member of the rambling group in the 1980s and 90s traveling all over the North East as well as into Perthshire and Fife. Ramblers and friends went much further afield when Les organised a number of bus tours to Germany giving a lot of those on board their first experience of a foreign holiday. A lot of work went in to planning these trips – coach hire, ferry bookings and accommodation, as well as research into interesting places to visit. Before one of these trips, we had the opportunity to meet up in Dr Laing's meeting room when Les arranged a German teacher to come along and encourage us to learn some German words and phrases. The German equivalent of 'do you speak English?', 'sorry, I do not speak German' and 'can you speak more slowly please' seemed to stick in the mind!

These trips will long be remembered as being very relaxing and full of fun and laughter thanks to Les' calming influence.

Danny's memories - Les was my technical teacher at Tarves School and during that time he influenced me and many others to try different forms of practical engineering.

From showing us how to use engineering lathes which turned metal bar into items such as 'plumb bobs', and garden tools and using wood working lathes, upright drills and band saws, all safely of course. Les even taught us the correct way to use a saw and hammer. (Yes, there is a right way and wrong way to use a hammer). He brought an old car into the school and the engine was removed and refurbished in the technical room; the engine was then returned to the car with the big loons eventually getting it running.

One of the biggest projects that he undertook in the school was building a boat, which was eventually tested at Stonehaven harbour. The name of the boat was 'Sectar', Secondary and Tarves shortened and voted favourite by most of the school.

boat sank) and took us to the Aberdeen beach baths, a lot of Tarves children learned to swim during his time there.

I think I have been very lucky having Les as a teacher as he always encouraged you to be your best, and hopefully I didn't disappoint him too often.





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Udny Climate Action- next steps

COP26 is over and the delegates have dispersed around the world: now for the hard graft of delivery. Can we be optimistic? Let's hope so!

What's all this about heat pumps? The government has signalled that to meet net zero, domestic heating must change. For communities without gas, like Tarves and Udny, the future is heat

pumps. To date, the government has provided little information about what this will mean. To fill this gap, Udny Climate Action, along with Zero Carbon Daviot, is planning to publish a guide to retrofit and heat pumps for circulation to households in Udny and Tarves.

Reuse/Recycle event

We are joining forces with Udny Community Shelf to run a reuse/recycle event in March 2022 in the Pitmedden Hall. Details to be finalised but as well as the Community Shelf making unused food and cleaning products available, we hope to include a 'swop-shop' of other goods, a collection of small electrical devices for donation to Stella's Voice for resale, information about waste reduction and refreshments courtesy of the Formartine Fairtrade group.

Tree Nursery Initiative and tree planting

We're again receiving 400 mixed species whips under the Woodland Trust's 'Free Trees for Schools and Communities' scheme. We'll be planting these in publicly accessible spots in next March. Volunteers needed!

To obtain a long term, sustainable source of trees, we are planning a tree nursery. To start this, we organised seed collection at Haddo in October led by the knowledgeable John Malster (Curam, Fyvie). John was Park Ranger at Haddo and planted many of the mature trees you see there now. What a legacyl The Autumn colours were magnificent. The seeds collected were taken home by folk to plant and, once grown, the young trees can be passed back to us to plant or left to mature in people's gardens. We intend to collect seed, plant and grow trees with interested groups in the community, so if you know of any such groups, please put them in touch with us.

Want to help with tree planting or other initiatives? Please contact us- we aren't just Udny?

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Udny Station indoor Bowling Club

I am pleased to report that indoor bowling will be held in The Youth Hall, Tarves, from Monday 22nd Nov. 2021 from 7.30 - 9.30pm. It is hoped this will continue until Christmas time to start with. All existing and new members will be most welcome.

John Dickson 01651 851317





As the nights get darker earlier Police Scotland is reminding you to review your home security.

Some advice on keeping your home secure.

- Use ferrer switches on lights end redies to make it look as if your home is occupied
- Ensure all doors and windows are secure when you leave and when you go to bed
- If possible use security lighting at the host and back of your property
- Make sure all garden tools and ladders are lacked away when not being used
- Use a good quality lock on any garden sheds and outhouses

- Make a note of all mokes, madels and setal numbers of your property
- Create a FREE private and secure inventory of all your personal property at www.immobilise.com

If you notice anything suspicious in your seighbourhood report it to Police Scotland on 101.



News from the Square

Hello everybody, its me again reporting from the Square. Our autumn weather is past I'm afraid and winter is upon us so its time to get my warm scarf on. My team have been busy lifting all the summer bedding, some of which was still looking good, but space had to be made for the bulbs, polyanthus and pansies.

Remembrance day is past once again and we must never forget the sacrifice that was made all those years ago. I wear my poppy with pride and in the background of my picture you can see the net of poppies hanging behind the memorial.

Wishing you all a happy & healthy Christmas. The Tarves "Plooman"



Tarves School Parent Teacher Association -update

Contact with parents over the last 18 months has been mainly through the PTA Facebook page, and all parents /carers of children currently attending Tarves School are welcome to join. We've been meeting up every few months via Zoom to go through school council issues and PTA fundraising ideas. There is always space for more parents/carers to join the group; it's not a major commitment and the more people that are involved, the less work each individual has to do to help during larger events. It has also been a great way for Mrs Conn to communicate to the group about school and council issues – especially during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

The School PTA have always relied on the generosity of the village folk during various fundraising activities and once the pandemic ends, all going well, we can arrange an event of some sort to celebrate. The School Council and PTA team would like to pass on our thanks to Emma Liddel for her plant stall fundraising over the last 2 years – this has been really appreciated. Also, we would like to thank Anna Best for taking on the tennis lessons and Gill Newlands for taking on the netball sessions. Unfortunately we have not been able to secure a football team coach – so if any parent or carer is interested in taking on this role, either contact one of the PTA team or Mrs Conn. No experience is required and Aberdeenshire active schools will assist as required with PVG background checks and supply of equipment.

Liam McKinney Chair



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Tarves Flower Show

A "Date for Your Diary" hopefully, after a two year absence due to Covid restrictions, the Flower Show next year will be held on Saturday, 13th August 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 2022.



Sheila Ewen Chairperson

Jane Thom Bequest

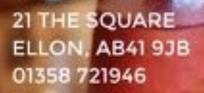
Mrs Jane Thom was born at Craigdam, she died in the 1930s and left a modest bequest which is now managed by a local committee. The terms of the trust state that funds were intended to be disbursed to persons of any age residing in the Parish of Tarves who may have a legitimate need and would otherwise 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 <u>TCC.Chairman@tarves.org.uk</u> or Julie Main <u>gram.haddohv@nhs.scot</u> alternatively by post or self-delivery marked private and confidential to Jane Thom Bequest, CC Post Box, Tarves Post Office, The Square, Tarves, Ellon, AB41 7GX.

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