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Hello readers

Summer has almost passed, autumn beginning and possibly a bit early for looking at Remembrance Sunday in November 2021, but I am taking this opportunity of highlighting it in this edition of the TBC, so we remember to add the November commemorations to the importance of our free life.

Present world news is disturbing – how will it be recorded for history? Let us value the basics these young men from WW1 used to share their experiences – quite simply, well-crafted words.

Some of the most moving recollections of World War 1 were written by men who were neither authors, nor poets but simply moved to record their thoughts on what they had seen and experienced in WW1 in the battlefields far from home. It used to be an annual November 'pilgrimage' with some of the Tarves Heritage Committee including the late John Thomson, to Kings College in Aberdeen to listen to Mr Tom Scotland's lectures on WWI. Mr Scotland was an orthopaedic surgeon in NHS Grampian but in parallel, was a WW1 historian and his knowledge on various war topics commanded the absolute silence of a lecture theatre. Mr Scotland could recite war poems by heart, no books, no notes but the strength of the poets' language gave voice to their experiences of military life.

I have visited battlefields and graveyards of the Somme and Flanders regions and to reflect on these young men's thoughts is so moving, when the present-day surroundings of these places are so peaceful. The only participation families could have after the tragic deaths of their sons and brothers, was 66 characters on their headstone and foreign travel at that time, even across the English Channel, was not as easy as it is today and it was rare families to ever see where their husbands, sons, brothers and friends were buried.

At least 7 war poets died on the first day of the Battle of the Somme and Wilfred Owen who was perhaps one of the best-known poets, was killed just 7 days before the end of WW1. Rudyard Kipling, author of The Jungle book, lost his son John in 1915 at the battle of Loos, aged only 18. Another death at the same battle was poet Charles Sorley, born in Old Aberdeen in 1895. The opening lines of his poem 'All the hills and vales along' depicts an almost joyful introduction to what is 'over the valley'. Sorley wrote many poems of his experiences between 1914-1915, and they were only discovered in his kit bag after his death.

All the hills and vales along  
Earth is bursting into song,  
And the singers are the chaps  
Who are going to die, perhaps?  
O sing, marching men,  
Till the valleys ring again.  
Give your gladness to earth's keeping,  
So be glad, when you are sleeping.

You may think this is a sad topic, but it is not – we owe such a lot to these young men for their sacrifice and the words they crafted into poetry so we could experience a simpler understanding of what they had lived through. I would ask readers to support Remembrance events, this year and every year, along with the present British Legion who have looked after ex-servicemen since its inception in 1921.

Stay well everyone and please be aware of families, friends and neighbours who still need a bit of extra care at the moment

Ruth, TBC Editor





## The Manse Tarves

### Dear Friends

Last Sunday was our first Sunday back worshipping in Church after lockdown – the next step in learning to live with Coronavirus. The miracle of modern technology has made it possible to worship together on-line over the last 18 months. And this, I know, has been a blessing for many. However, the opportunity to see people face to face again (even with masks on!) reminds us of how fortunate we are to live in a country where we expect and enjoy freedom to worship without the risk of persecution.

Some among us may think that the current regulations around worship are a bit restrictive. I have even heard the suggestion that we should put up a glitter ball in the Kirk and introduce dance as part of our worship! (Don't worry it is not going to happen – at least not in the immediate future!) But perhaps we might learn to think about the current restrictions in a different way – as something we can do to express our Christian love and concern for our neighbours, by seeking to reduce as much as possible the risks to which we expose them.

Love God and love your neighbour are the two commandments that lie at the heart of the Christian faith and indeed the whole Judeo-Christian tradition. And these two commandments should inform not only the way we worship but also the way we live our lives every day. The Bible reminds us that our neighbour is not only the person who lives next door to us but all who are in need, including those whom we might find most difficult to love.

In the last church where I was minister there was a stained-glass window which was divided into many panels, each with a picture of one of the stories Jesus told. At the bottom of the window, where it could be seen by the children, was a picture of a bandaged man on a donkey being led by another. When the children from the local school came to visit the church, we would stop and look at the window and they were all captivated not only by the beautiful glass, but also by Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan, which the window represented. They loved to hear about the man who helped and cared for someone who would normally be his enemy. So much so, that they would ask to hear more of the stories that Jesus told!

We live in a time when we are ever more aware of the fact that the way we lives impacts on others around the world. Heatwaves, raging wildfires, melting ice-caps, flash flooding are sober reminders of this. As world leaders prepare to meet in Glasgow this autumn to discuss climate change, it is



important for us to think about what we personally can do to show our concern for our neighbours. Small acts of love and compassion replicated many times can make a big difference.

With warmest wishes

*Alison I Swindells*

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## Tarves Kirk News

### Sunday Worship

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

On Sunday 15 August we were able to welcome folk back into the church for face-to-face worship. A new beginning and an earlier start! It's been such a long time coming and many remain cautious about being in large groups. I hope that everyone who attended the service felt both comfortable and welcome. For those who remained at home I am pleased to report that the 'technical team' managed to get Zoom working from the church. This hybrid approach is certainly the way forward if we are to be as inclusive as possible. The church is set out café style to allow us to serve refreshments to the tables and there was quite a buzz as people enjoyed a cuppa and a blether. Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to keep folk safe.

Up until Sunday 15 August Zoom joint worship continued with Barthol Chapel. Tarves Church was open for those who have no internet to share Zoom worship. The large screens in the sanctuary have made all the difference.

Zoom meetings will continue as appropriate, especially over the winter when it will avoid braving the weather and heating the church. Session business is dealt with regularly and we continue to find ways of working together with the parish grouping.

We are looking forward to Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> when we will be gathering at Haddo for some singing and activities with Barthol Chapel. Udney/Pitmedden and Methlick. A conference for all office bearers within the grouping will take place in September so that we can build the relationship further.

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





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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](http://www.tarveschurch.org) and the facebook page.

Susanna Bichard – Session Clerk:

01651 851345 or [smbichard@aol.com](mailto:smbichard@aol.com)

### Hanover Court news

Hanover lounge is still closed, so we can't welcome our coffee and knitting visitors. However, our knitting ladies are still clicking with their needles and our stock of wool is beginning to dis-



appear, so we'd to get the store built up before winter again. If anyone has any spare double knitting and baby wool they'd like to donate, please get in touch with me at my number below.

Also, we had a day to celebrate recently and here is a photo of Mrs Christian Clark on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday receiving flowers from our Social Club Chairperson Mary Robertson.

Take care everyone, hope to see you sometime soon.

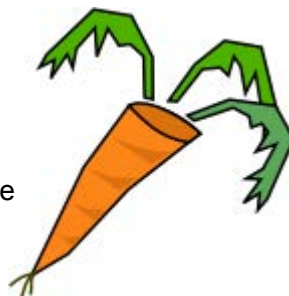
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### Update on Tarves allotments

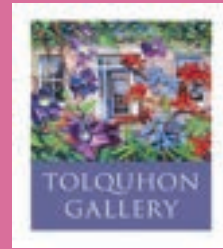
The allotments have all been very productive this year, with plenty of beans, tatties, peas and fruit to keep us all healthy. And of course, the usual supply of weeds! There's a short waiting list for plots at the moment, but if anyone wants to know more about the allotments, please get in touch.

*Tamsin Morris*





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## Knitting update



Yes, a **huge** thank you to all our knitters ranging from Laurencekirk, south of Aberdeen up to the north of Aberdeenshire, and our regular knitters in this area.

Knitting has been shared widely over these past few months:

- 2 'banana boxes' went to the Romanian appeal in June along with 3 bags of warm blankets. Gemma at Ardlethen Quarry co-ordinates these donations, and similarly for the Special Care Baby Unit in ARI.
- The SCBU is always in people's minds, and many tiny hats/matinee jackets and pastel-coloured blankets have also been delivered to Gemma.
- Mixed sizes of winter hats/scarves went to Aberdeenshire Council Education Dept to share where needed.

- Woodend Hospital started taking blankets again after a long lockdown and here is their response to your recent donations:

*We wanted to thank you, and all the knitters in Tarves & surrounding areas for the lovely blankets you handed into Woodend Hospital a couple of weeks ago.*

*These have all been handed out to patients in our Elderly wards across the site and the patients were delighted with them. The lovely bright colours cheered everyone up as well as giving them some cosy comfort during their stay in hospital.*

- The Archie Foundation were recipients of a large bag of eye-catchingly bright teddies and gnomes.
- Ythan Valley Rotary again have more adult hat/scarf sets to add to their clothing warehouse.
- Neck-warmers – a big bag of fisherman's neck-warmers was handed into Peterhead Fisherman's Mission during the first week in August. There are crewmen from overseas who have not seen their families for 18 months and donations are very welcome.
- .....and where it all began, Nkhoma Hospital who will again benefit from all your work. We sent 7 boxes in August with dozens of vest/hat





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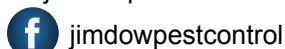
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sets, hat/scarf sets, small skirts and brightly knitted and crocheted baby blankets, all packed in banana boxes. We had funds to send these 7 boxes and a 'thank you' goes to those who have 'sponsored' a box.

- Each box costs £15.00 to transport by lorry via the Bananabox Trust in Dundee. Next is a long sea journey to South Africa, then the boxes have 2 overland journeys to Nkhoma. If anyone reading this would like to sponsor a box in future, please get in touch with me at [tbc.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:tbc.editor@btinternet.com). 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 [tbc.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:tbc.editor@btinternet.com). 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

### **News from the Square**



Hope you are all having a good summer although recently it is beginning to feel a bit autumnal especially now that the farmers are starting to harvest. And the children are back at school!! Where did that 7 weeks go?

The plants in the square are still looking nice & colourful and hopefully they will continue to do so over the next couple of months before they are lifted and the winter bulbs and plants put in.

I love the changing seasons and even though autumn and winter is just around the corner, I wouldn't want it any other way.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and hope we have some nice weather still to come.

*The Tarves Plooman*



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## **Tarves Development Trust**

**Outdoor gym at the Old Tennis Court** - has been installed and ready for eager users.. The five pieces of equipment are:

- A Sky Stepper – similar to a cross trainer, for a cardiovascular workout for the whole body
- A Double Slalom Skier – which mimics the slalom skiing action of left-to-right leg movement. For cardiovascular exercise as well as improving balance and co-ordination
- A Double Health Walker – for a gentle workout and light muscle building; ideal for users needing rehabilitation after injury
- A Combi Pull Down Challenger & Power Push – for building up per body and arm muscles
- A Double Squat Push – similar to the traditional leg press, it builds leg muscles and improves flexibility in the hips



We intend to hold a couple of introductory sessions, which we will advise you of via social media.

### **Petanque at the Old Tennis Court**

This is available for anyone to play on. A Tarves petanque group is currently being set up, which will organise matches within Tarves and with neighbouring villages, such as Collieston and Oldmeldrum. Steve Adams (0750 466 2111) and Sarah Whitman ([sarah@delfinity.co.uk](mailto:sarah@delfinity.co.uk) / 07984 620431) are setting up a Tarves petanque group and are looking for players! Now that Covid restrictions have been relaxed, they are planning an introductory event.





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## Application for a new path

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**Tarves Development Trust**

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## News from Tarves School

### **What would we like in Tarves?**

I would like a new roundabout as the old one is getting very rusty. I think this will benefit everyone as many small children enjoy playing on the roundabout.

Also, I would like for someone to help get the rope swing (located in the woods) down lower because someone has moved it up high and tied a knot under it. I'm not sure if this was done purposely or not but we can't get on it or untie the knot.

Finally, I would like to say how nice it has been growing up here and how nice the people are.

***Written by Isaac, P7***

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### **In Primary 7 its much more different than last year.**

We have a new system but its not as hard (in my opinion). We still have to wash our hands before lunch and break and have to go outside before lunch.

We still have lots of jobs in Primary 7 like the cloakroom monitors, they help with keeping the cloakrooms clean and the messenger which sends messages from the teacher.

We are allowed to take our bags in now and we can use the cloakrooms now but we still have a one-way system though. I'm excited for the rest of Primary 7 and beyond!

***By Lily, P7***



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## What it's like being a Primary 7!

As we know, the world hasn't been like it normally is because of the pandemic which means there has been a few changes in school.

I have only been in Primary 7 for a couple of days but there are lots of new and exciting responsibilities that we have got to take on such as buddies, house captains, looking after the little ones at lunch and break when we're indoors and lots more.... In further detail buddies are for the new Primary 1s and Primary 7s, a P1 gets a partner from P7 to help them settle in and help them if they need help. House captains are chosen P7s from each house and represents them on sports day etc.....

It is weird being the oldest class in the school but also fun!

There is still a year to go and many more things to do before secondary school! I can't wait!

**By Maisy, P7**

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I am now a P7. So far it seems no different to P6, but I am sure it will in the future. I can already feel the responsibilities of it all, such as handing out the bands, doing the lunch trolley, buddies, cause masks are still worn and hand sanitiser is still used but has house captains and many more. School is still quite different eefinitely had a change from when we came back from home schooling. We also don't have to quarantine anything anymore. Though all the restrictions are annoying I am happy that we have come this far as a school. It is frightening to know that I will be in academy this time next year but I am also excited too.

**By Rowan, P7**

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Being in Primary 7 is a whole new chapter for me! It feels weird being the oldest class in the school. My teacher is lovely and kind and so is my class! I have so many friends in my class. Schools been pretty different since I came back. We are allowed back in the cloakroom, we can have backpacks, we don't have to quarantine stationery anymore and teachers don't have to wear masks that much in class as last year. Restrictions have eased a lot since the summer holidays. I don't have to wear a mask anymore as I am under the age of 12! Cases may be going up but I believe we can power through this and COVID-19 will be over and we can live in peace!

**By Emma, P7**

## Duthie's of Tarves - Part 1

**William Duthie** was a mason's son and married into a family of Tarves shopkeepers. In a letter from 1836, his wife tells of him improving the original one-story building from thatch to slate, a step in his progress towards building up the business and growing into his nickname – 'the merchant'.

William became the postmaster for Tarves and also expanded his grocery and hardware business to supply seeds and fertilisers for farmers. Adverts show that he was also used as a reference and a judge of character by prospective employers and employees alike. He was trusted to act as a sort of executor when local people died.

By the 1860s he had become a bank and insurance agent. He was part of the "Inverurie Association for Promoting Engagements", (i.e., job placement). He also dealt in luxuries like wine, spirits and tea.

William got a legal slap on the wrist for infringing post office rules, in which he was nonetheless described as a "very respectable person".

It was in this decade that he drew up plans to update and improve the shop, to give the frontage we are familiar with today. What had been a village croft evolved into a two-storied, statement merchant complex. The retail frontage faced the square with farm shop, warehouse and working areas behind, reaching to the old bank house. A house and garden were tucked away to the left of the shop entrance.



Photo from Tarves Heritage Project - circa 1875

## W. & A. Duthie

Two of William's sons took over the merchandising business in 1872. While William Junior, was the driving force in other parts the family's operation, (farming, banking & insurance) Adam took the lead with the shop.



## Adam Duthie & Co

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



About 70 people in all were employed at the two villages. Some staff in Tarves lived at Duthie Terrace, purpose-built housing across the road from the shop.

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Adam married in 1916, aged 67, but died in 1921. His affairs were wound up by his older brother, William, and nephew, John Duthie Webster. Two years later William Duthie Junior died. About 70 people in all were employed at the two villages. Some staff in Tarves lived at Duthie Terrace, purpose-built housing across the road from the shop.

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*Lindsay Mathewson*

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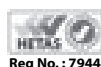
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# Tarves Youth Hall Redevelopment Project

## Update

It will not have gone unnoticed that the anticipated redevelopment of the Youth Hall has not yet started.

It is with a sense of enormous frustration that we have had to delay works for several reasons. Chief amongst them are the unfortunate supply and procurement difficulties currently being experienced by the building trade.

We understand that both Brexit and of course Covid 19 have had an effect on contractors' ability to fulfil commitments, not least of which is the fact that completing existing contracts, in themselves delayed, have a knock-on effect on our project.

All is not, however, doom and gloom. With a fair wind and some good luck, the Kirk Session is still committed to improving the Youth Hall. Materials costs have risen over the last few weeks and months, so we will 'spend smart' when the work can get under way. Always looking for best value for our money, we will have to be creative in achieving our aims.

Our external funders have been very supportive in extending deadlines for drawing down their grants. Some will or even have remitted funds against work to be done, for all of which we are most grateful. Fundraising efforts continue and a recent award of £9,999.00 from the Lottery Awards for All Scheme, with a further £2,500.00 from the Beatrice Laing Trust are much appreciated and will help enormously. These and other awards, in these difficult times, underline the faith these organisations have in the value of the project to all of Tarves.



We sympathise with Playgroup's position in all this, having to relocate to the Melvin Hall with all their equipment – we are confident that the wait will be worthwhile for them and all Hall users. We look forward to welcoming all back to the Hall, hopefully in the not too distant future.

*Norman Glen*

**Property Convenor**

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## Future plans for Forest School sessions in 'The Jungle'

Tarves Primary School and Nursery are running Forest School sessions in 'The Jungle'. These sessions will be led by Miss McBeath, one of our PSAs, who has created this fire circle / gathering area and cleared some of the many nettles for the safety of our pupils. Miss McBeath is excited to work alongside Tarves Playgroup to develop the site and be part of the journey of improving this space.

The children are very excited to get started and look forward to learning more about our natural world, local community areas and the benefits of child-led play through use of this amazing area.

Further updates to follow. Watch this space!

*Jackie McBeath*

Pupil Support Assistant / Forest School Leader (Trainee)

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## Tarves Guild

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Here we are looking towards the start of a new Guild session. Everything seems like a new beginning after the shut down of so many aspects of our lives. There's the easing of restrictions and a “new norm”. The Guild has a new 3-year strategy, “Look Forward in Faith”, a very appropriate one in the current circumstances. Also, our friends from Pitmedden will be joining us at our meetings and we heartily welcome them.

The theme of the first year is ‘Lights and Bushels’ which comes from the instruction Jesus gave after the sermon on the Mount, that we should let our light shine and not hide it.

For our first meeting on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, we will have a speaker from the Vine Trust, one of the projects the Guild is supporting over the next 3 years. This is a project establishing the Kazunza village of Hope in Tanzania, working with the Vine Trust and their partners on the ground. The Guild will help them take forward the development of a sustainable village with homes, a school, a health centre, a community hub and 40 individual homes. The large family homes will enable young families to serve as foster parents to 4 or 5 orphan children, identified by the Church in partnership with community leaders and social services. Self-sustainability will come through agriculture, gardening, fish-farming and the development of a transport business.

Before that, we hope to organise a meal in September with our new members from Pitmedden Guild, giving us all a chance to get to know each other in an informal setting. We will be in touch with arrangements for that.

On **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November** our speaker will be Graham Ritchie, a Lay Reader who is no stranger to the folks of Tarves Church. He will be recounting his experiences of a trip to Antarctica and he will have some interesting slides of his visit to show us. We hope to have our usual ‘Bring and Buy’ sale at this meeting, restrictions permitting.

Then we come to our last meeting of 2021 on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, when we will be holding our Christmas Party with entertainment and festive fare.

All our meetings are held in the Church in the @ 7:30pm. Do join us at any of the meetings that might interest you. You will be made most welcome. Remember we are no longer just the “**Woman's**” Guild – men are always welcome too.

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# Eat Drink Stay





## 1st Tarves Brownies



As restrictions around Covid-19 continue to relax, we are looking forward to returning to a degree of 'normality' with indoor face to face meetings resuming at some time this term. Whilst we love being outside, the unpredictability of the Scottish weather does make program planning a little challenging... there are only so many nights jumping in puddles, singing in the rain and going home with cold wet feet is fun

This term we are working towards our 'Know myself' badge to tie in with Mental Health awareness day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Self-awareness can be key in improving our mental health and wellbeing. We will be 'getting to know each other a bit better: discovering the fascinating world of genetics and finding out what we have in common with each other and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

Come Halloween we will once again be 'Trick or Treating with a difference and collecting much needed donations of food for Aberdeenshire North Foodbank – we hope to improve upon our amazing 155kg collection of 2019. Please look out for flyers through your door and support us if you can. Every little helps.

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>

### **Aberdeenshire North Foodbank**

Aberdeenshire North Foodbank continue to welcome donations, so if you would like to continue to give, then please add groceries to the donation trolleys in the larger supermarkets in Ellon and Inverurie when you do a main shop. Helpline numbers for local foodbanks are below.

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Following the distribution of the 'Build Back Greener' booklet and the recent online climate cafes, UCA is considering how to support the community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions further. The two biggest emitters at domestic level are transport and home heating, and we are currently focusing on how to address the latter.



## Home Heating - a challenge

Feedback and national surveys show that most of us are confused about the options and concerned about the potential costs of changing our systems.

In the future for areas without gas, such as Udny and surrounding communities, hot water and central heating will come primarily from heat pumps and not from oil or LPG as it does now. The Scottish Government's target is "that around 50% of homes, or over 1 million households, will need to convert to a low carbon heating system by 2030": ambitious, but achievable with effective government support.

People need to be well informed, changing systems needs to be financially viable and the process not too disruptive. UCA is considering how the path forward can be smoothed.

The slides used in the online cafes are available on our website:

<https://climateaction.udny.org/2021/06/23/udny-climate-cafe-presentation>

These include information about the future of domestic heating and the financial support available for this and improving insulation.

COP is nearly here- tell us your plans

This make-or-break conference in Glasgow will be with us very soon. World leaders must ensure real progress on the ground and not hide behind sound bites and targets. If you are inspired by the conference to do something to reduce your carbon foot-print drop us an email, we're keen to know. We are thinking of publicising what people are up to (anonymously, of course!).



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We are also on Facebook.

*George Allan*

(Udney Climate Action)

## Grampian Psychological Resilience Hub



### Did you know...?

The Hub was set up to directly respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is led by senior psychologists from Grampian and staffed by a range of professional groups. As of January 2021 the Hub has supported over **2350** people.

The Hub is for all adults, children and young people in Grampian and Orkney who need support to manage feelings that have become difficult due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

You can complete a self-referral or access self-help resources at:

[nhsgrampian.org/covid-19/covid-19-public-information/subpages/mental-health-support](https://nhsgrampian.org/covid-19/covid-19-public-information/subpages/mental-health-support)





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## The Hut

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

We had a great session at the end of last term with the local P7s who, in the absence of a physical transition period to the academy, had lots of questions for the youth workers and some current S1s about what to expect come August. It was great to meet them all, have a good chat, offer some reassurance and finish with a game of rounders in the park. We hope that everyone had a positive start to the new academic year.

Youth workers ran a well-attended session in the park to tie in with International Youth Day on August 12<sup>th</sup>. They enjoyed games and activities including mocktails (thanks to Coop for their generous donation of juice, glasses, straws and umbrellas!) and learned about graffiti art under guidance of youth workers and local professional artist.

As the new school term starts and covid restrictions gradually relax, we are looking forward to catching up regularly with everyone again. Youth work sessions are still limited to being outside but hopefully we may be allowed to meet inside again before the evenings get too cold and dark! In the meantime, we are very grateful to Tarves Bowling Club for funding outside lighting for us and to Mike Gray for generously installing it so we can continue to meet even when the nights start to draw in. Thank you. We are also very grateful to Oldmeldrum & District Rotary for funding the new window cages and Neil from NB Fabrication for fitting them. Hopefully we'll have less footballs through the window now!

On behalf of all the young people at The Hut Youth Project Tarves, we would like to thank everyone in the community who supported us through our 'just giving' page and helped us raise a fantastic and much needed £510. Also, to Tarves Community Council and Tarves People's Party for their generous donations, all of which will help us to continue supporting our youth through what has been such a challenging time for them (as it has us all), and help us to keep this project going.....

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some debate, Mr Duthie, bank agent, farmer and noted shorthorn breeder, got the money for a Public Hall. It displaced a very tired third-rate wooden structure commonly known as "The Temple".

The Carnegie Library Room was added later after Mr Duthie had met with Andrew Carnegie and told him that Tarves was the first county parish in the North of Scotland to adopt the Free Library Act. Carnegie's response was to offer £100 to build the Library Room which is on the west side of the Hall. It opened in 1892 and was quickly filled with some 3,000 books by a wide range of well-known authors. Over the years the library ceased to be used for its original purpose especially when the mobile library service came to Tarves and it is now used mainly as storage.

Today the hall is managed by a local committee appointed annually by the community, some of whom want to retire having served on the committee for many years. In order that the Hall can continue to serve the community, we need new members to ensure the long-term future of the facility.

It is a cornerstone building for Tarves, and is used by several community groups as well as hosting events and activities such as a dance school, dog classes, IT training, concerts, ceilidhs and, not least, the annual Tarves Flower Show. The school and playgroup also use it.

What is involved?

As much or as little as you are able to give – attending meetings every 2 months or so is the minimum commitment required.

The Hall is used regularly and is in a stable financial position so if you are interested in helping, please join us at the AGM on Wednesday 6 October @ 7:30pm and hopefully put your hand up when we ask for volunteers to join the committee. Without new members, there is a real and significant risk that the Melvin Hall will have to close. AGM meeting venue still to be decided but it will be announced on social media and posters nearer the time.

For more information please email [melvinhall@tarves.org.uk](mailto:melvinhall@tarves.org.uk) or contact David Hekelaar on 07717 564607

## Ellon and District Men's Shed

The Ellon Men's Shed were pleased to have their promotional stand at the Ellon Castle Gardens Open Day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May. the weather was fine and we sold Shed made garden seats and took orders for more. The Shed photographers had made gift cards displaying Scottish scenes and they also sold well.

The Shed has continued to operate within Covid restrictions and our risk assessment as more men are coming to the Shed.

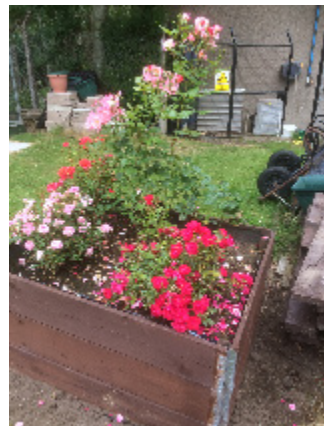
We have made good use of our garden area in the fine weather we have had, while controlling the numbers inside the shed to comply with social distancing, using face masks and sanitising to stay safe.

New members as well as our regulars are enjoying the Shed and taking part in the activities and projects we have, or just socialising the time away. With the relaxing of regulations on 9<sup>th</sup> August the Shed has moved towards normality, although there is a feeling that the Covid fear is still amongst us, and will have to be considered in the Shed operation for a while yet.

We all get a level of comfort from having had our 2 jags and happy to get back to our trustee meetings in the Shed instead of on zoom.

Overall, the Shed is still fun - the garden is looking good, the strawberries have been eaten and there is a good crop of tomatoes turning from green to red in the polytunnel with their automatic watering system installed. The runner beans are also coming along well. A photograph selection from our 8 raised beds and the tomatoes ripening in the polytunnel are attached to this article.

How to get ready for the 2022 gardening programme is now in our thoughts in order to achieve the best growing benefits we can, and any advice would be appreciated.



Garden seats have been refurbished for local Ellon residents as have furniture items.

Donations of old garden tables, furniture, bicycles and tools have continued that we can refurbish and sell on to help our shed running costs. Three donated bicycles have been checked and passed on to members who want to keep fit.

A good quantity of hard wood and soft wood has come from Ian Urquhart of Newmachar and this will keep our Shed projects and the wood turners supplied for a very long time. Ian is a well-respected wood worker and we are very grateful to him.

There are also communications ongoing with other community groups in relation to their project goals and where the Ellon Men's Shed may be able to help.

With our steel container totally cleared out and a comprehensive storage system in the Shed loft, there is now a move to get rid of the container and install additional activity space with wooden sheds in its place and beyond. Discussions with the council are still ongoing in relation to this extra space installation.

We have to report that a second break in to our Shed took place in early August. The thieves cut through our wire mesh fence on Hospital Road, broke into our garden equipment container and stole our chain-saw, hedge cutter, strimmer and power washer. They also took away a bicycle from the back of the shed and damaged the door to our workshop filter housing. We have been able to watch the thieves on our CCTV and have passed this on to the police who have since made an arrest.

There has been quite a local response to the break in with the kind offer of garden tools and equipment to which we are very grateful.

Please follow our websites for Shed info:  
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## Tarves Heritage

Heritage volunteers have been using time very wisely. The Centre has been closed since 2020 so it's given us the opportunity to look at our artefacts, decide what to keep and what to offer to other more relevant organisations. We were working in the schoolroom when a volunteer noticed that the frame on a 200-year-old tapestry sampler was infested with woodworm. The sampler was created in 1820 as a workhouse child's sampler and is such a historical piece, that we had to act fairly quickly to have it treated.

One of our team got in touch with Tony Stott, who was born and grew up in Tarves and now has a picture framing business in Aberdeen. His previous life was a joiner but a bad road accident 19 years ago left him in a wheelchair. He spent time in the spinal unit in Glasgow followed by 1 – 2 years of physio afterwards. Tony was with Remploy between 2006-2010. During that time, he looked to the future and how he could use his specific skills, so in 2011 began a picture framing business with his own showroom and workshop



Tony very kindly donated his time and expertise to remove the infected wood from the sampler and replaced the back of the frame with modern technology. He also managed to keep the original backing paper with its original date.

Tony paid a visit to the Heritage Centre in August to catch up on

Tarves life and also give us some background on how his injury has not stopped him living a full life, but rather opened doors on the previous sporting interests he had enjoyed when he lived in Tarves. Tony was a keen badminton player along with Dod & Betty Wright.



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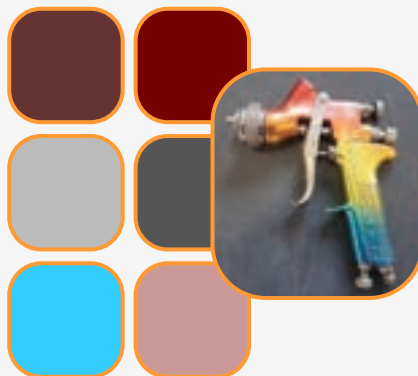
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Tony took up wheelchair basketball with Grampian Flyers in 2013, followed by wheelchair badminton.

Success at badminton saw him taking a training course as a coach but not before he had finished as singles runner-up and winning the Scottish wheelchair doubles in 2019 with David Birtles from Dundee.



Thanks, Tony for sharing your very active new life with us and restoring a much-valued collection piece from our Centre.

*Danny Paterson*

Tarves Heritage Centre

## Tarves Heritage – 100 club draw – September 2021

Value	Winning Number
£100	97
£50	56
£50	67
£25	132
£25	174
£25	140
£25	150

Thanks to all who support Tarves Heritage Project



## **Barthol Chapel** **Scottish Women's Institute**

It has been a great summer so far and we hope everyone has enjoyed their gardens and of course, staycationing.



Barthol Chapel S.W.I. had their usual zoom meeting in May where our competition was gardening tips. Lots of useful ideas on making planters from recycled materials plus ideas on space saving and time saving. Also, preparing seeds before sowing – slit and soak large seeds and they should grow bigger and better blooms.

We also described our favourite flowers and why we chose them. Chrysanthemums, dahlias, sunflowers and begonias were chosen because of their beauty and behaviour.

Our June meeting was to be our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, but this had to be postponed due to a rise in Covid infection and a delay in the relaxation of restrictions. The party was then held on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Kerry's garden, when we had a wonderful Afternoon Tea made by some of the ladies. It was so good being able to meet face to face once again and catch up with everyone. Thank you to all who did the catering. It was "yummy".

We are pleased to announce that hopefully school letting is restarting and our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15 September. Subsequent meetings will be held on Wednesday 13 October and Wednesday 17 November 2021.

Should anyone require information on the S.W.I. please contact the secretary (Hazel Skinner) on 0651 806888. Thank you.

### **Barthol Chapel Indoor Bowling Club**

The club is pleased to announce that school letting is restarting. Our date for resuming is September 28th. We meet every Tuesday in Barthol Chapel Primary School during term times. The 28th will be an open day so come along and try carpet bowls. Equipment will be supplied - just bring indoor shoes/slippers. Over 12's welcome accompanied by an adult. We play from 7.30pm to 9.30pm - all welcome.

Information can be supplied by Hazel Skinner (secretary) on 01651 806888

## Barthol Chapel Community Association

The Barthol Chapel Community Association meeting was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July and focused on Broadband connectivity. The meeting was held virtually using the BCCA Zoom account which is funded by Aberdeenshire Council's Covid-19 community resilience fund.

Invited guests included Gillian Martin MSP and James Cannicott (on behalf of Scot-Tel-Gould) who gave a presentation on their alternative non-fibre broadband solution which can deliver a high-speed internet to all residents in the Barthol Chapel area (and beyond) and is available today. Please send an email to [bccabroadband@bartholchapel.com](mailto:bccabroadband@bartholchapel.com) for more details.

The **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September at 7.30pm, followed by a **BCCA meeting to be held in Barthol Chapel Church**

### Barthol Chapel Kirk News

We are delighted to be now worshipping again in the church. It is lovely to be back in familiar surroundings and able to share worship and fellowship face to face again. We extend a warm welcome to all. Please note the new time of 11.15am.

At present other activities such as the Community Cafe and The Guild are planning options for restarting safely. Keep a look out on our community website for announcements.

[Barthol Chapel Community Website](#)

### Tarves Messy Church

Due to the present circumstances, Messy Church is unable to start up in September this year.

We hope things will change in the New Year and look forward to seeing you then.

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## **TBC - article and advertising submission dates for the remainder of 2021**

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December 2021	Mon 1 November	Mon 8 November	Tues 16 November

Articles to [tbc.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:tbc.editor@btinternet.com) please.

Thanks go to Gordon Woods of Artier for printing both June and September editions of the newsletter – many readers have commented positively on how colour printing enhances the TBC.

### **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 [TCC.Chairman@tarves.org.uk](mailto:TCC.Chairman@tarves.org.uk) or Julie Main [gram.haddohv@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.haddohv@nhs.scot) 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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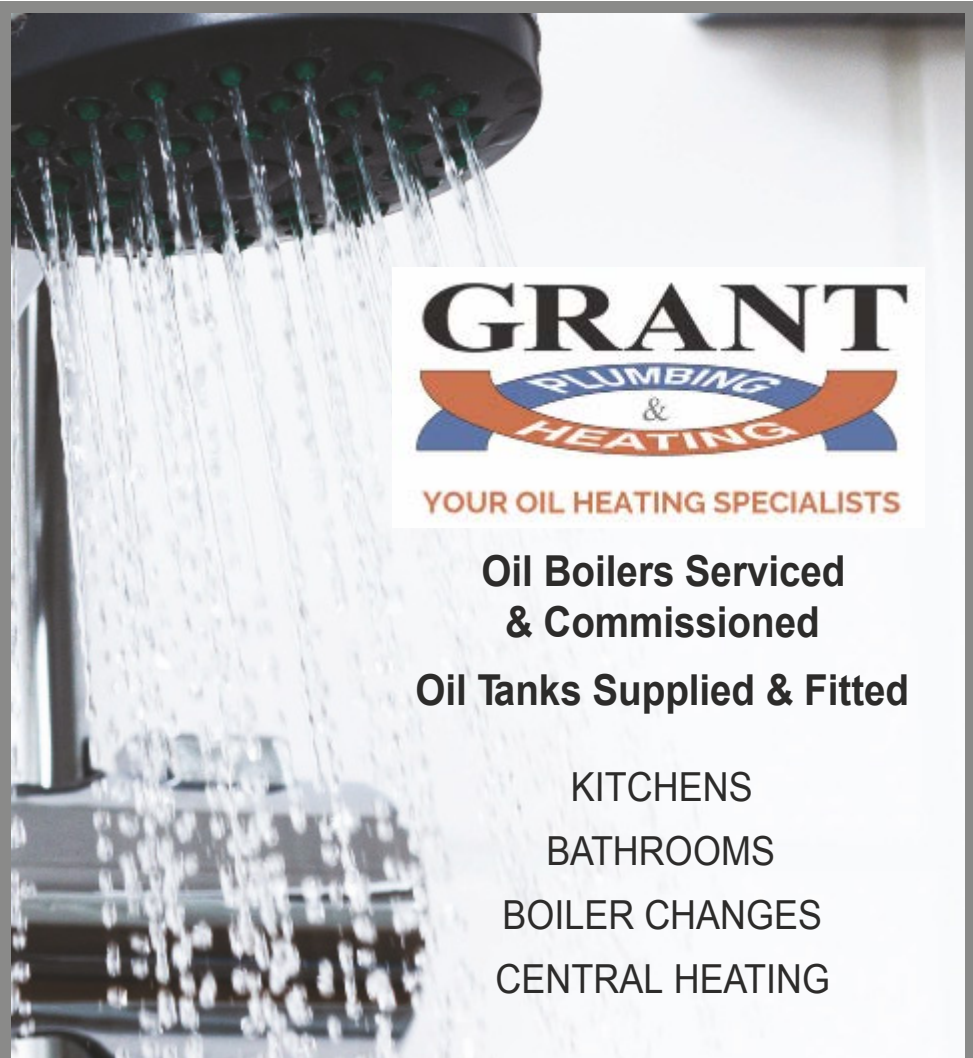
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