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Wildlife in 2017 in Newburgh .

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Secretary report for November 2017 newsletter

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Foveran Community Council looks after the interest of the residents of Newburgh, Foveran, Udney Station and Cultercullen, and everything in between.

The newsletter can be now be accessed after publication by anyone on

<https://foverannews.wordpress.com/electronic-news-letter/>

We act as a focal point where you can bring to our attention matters that may concern you. Elected councillors from Aberdeenshire Council normally also attend our meetings which are open to all.

Agenda's for the meetings and minutes of the meetings are available on line at www.formartinecommunitycouncils.co.uk

A list of community councillors and scheduled meeting dates is included in the newsletter.

This newsletter would not be possible without the support of the companies who advertise in it, so please consider them when thinking of making a purchase.

To the new residents of Foveran, welcome to our community.

The Gallowshill Sports Hub in Newburgh is available to all in our community, including Foveran, Udney Station, and Cultercullen, and offers Junior Football, Amateur Football, Youth Football for both boys and Girls, as well as Netball, and Tennis.

Dog fouling is again on the increase across our communities, so can we appeal to dog owners to **PLEASE** clean up their dog mess, and don't throw bags containing dog mess into the shrubbery.

Speeding is also a major problem and at some times it is hard for our older residents and schoolchildren to safely cross Main St in Newburgh, and a petition has been submitted to Aberdeenshire Council requesting a mandatory 20 MPH limit through Newburgh.

Now we are in Winter can we ask that to endeavour to keep litter in our villages to a minimum that all residents consider the application of elastic bin straps to keep their wheelie bin lids shut, even if the bin blows over in strong winds

These straps are **FREE** and can be obtained either from the driver of the refuse collection vehicle, from the household recycling site at Ellon, and from the area office at 45 Neil Ross square (next to Willox Kitchens).

Congratulations to Newburgh as the winner of Formartine in Bloom award for the floral displays in the medium community category.

In the small community category, Udney Station, Cultercullen, and Foveran received highly commended awards.

Congratulations also to Newburgh Mathers School for their Silver Gilt Award in the Beginning to Blossom category.

Thanks to all who help keep our villages tidy, and for the floral displays throughout the region.

Thanks to Martin McKenzie, Romar, and John Duncan Plant hire who will be erecting the Christmas lights in Newburgh, and Tony Tortolano for the PAT testing.

Thanks also to Ian Alexander who will erect the Christmas tree and Keith Watson for the stringing of the tree lights.

The recent flooding in Knockhall Road, Newburgh is under investigation and a modified trash screen will be fitted to the recently constructed culvert intake at the entrance to the Scotia site.

It is hoped that demolition of the old pavilion will commence early in 2018.

Glen Douglas

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COUNCILLOR RICHARD THOMPSON WRITES

Continued AWPR Works

We are now several weeks into the works to build the link roads and junctions required for Newburgh and Foveran to be connected to the new Balmedie-Tipperty dual carriageway. Thankfully, drivers seem at last to have got the message that School Road no longer provides access from Newburgh to the A90. Although the official diversion to get to Ellon from Newburgh is far from ideal, the inconvenience is at least a temporary one.

I have been contacted by a number of constituents over the past few weeks concerning the state of the Foveran Church Road. While the use of hardcore has helped to shore up some of the wider sections being used for passing, there is no doubt that the road will need some significant repairs at the conclusion of the diversion.

With that said, the partial opening of the section between Rashiereive and Tipperty has made a tremendous difference already to the volume of traffic passing through Foveran, most obviously on the section of what was the A90, but also through the village itself at peak times. Hopefully we have seen the last of the rat-runners using the village as an alternative at peak times to a congested A90.

Foveran School Bike Shed

I recently had the pleasure of helping to cut the ribbon on Foveran School's new bike shelter. Sitting unobtrusively in the corner of the playground, the new structure has room for pupils (or teachers!) to lock up their bikes and to keep them sheltered from the elements. For those who prefer, there is also secure storage available for scooters.

The importance of promoting physical activity to young children as part of a healthy lifestyle cannot be overstated. With the heavy lorries and commuter traffic that once trundled past the school now safely routed on the new road, the timing for the shelter and for encouraging youngsters to walk, cycle and scoot to school could hardly have been better.

Closure of 'The Store'

I was saddened by the news which came as we were going to press that The Store at Foveran has closed.

While it's always sad to see any good business closing its doors, there's no doubt that it hits all the harder when it is a business which enjoys a well-deserved local and national reputation for high quality produce and service. It will certainly be missed and I wish the Booth family well with their many other local business interests.

Although Foveran is set to grow rapidly in the months ahead, it is now a village without a shop of its own. With the anticipated growth in population from new housing, perhaps the opportunity to cater to a slightly different market might prove to be an attractive option in the future.

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Display of bedding plants in Newburgh 2017.

Photo Martyn Gorman



Crocuses in Newburgh 2017

Photo Martyn Gorman

NEWBURGH

NICER NEWBURGH GARDENING GROUP



This year we had a very good display of summer bedding which was still looking good even at the end of October. This was due to the generous quantities of rain we had this summer to keep the beds and tubs well watered. Every cloud has a silver lining as they say.

This year, Newburgh has come first for the 3rd year running in the Formartine in Bloom competition for our size of community. The others in our group are Methlick, who came second, Cumineston, Fyvie, Pitmedden, Rothienorman and Tarves.

We have not yet had the judges' comments back which enable us to see which aspects of the display impressed them and any aspects they were not so happy with and can work on to correct. However, we are also sad for the communities that haven't been so successful because we appreciate the time, effort and enthusiasm they all put into making our world a little bit brighter.

The new ride-on mower has greatly improved the quality of the grass at the north end of the village as its extra power enables it to deal with the rougher tougher species within the grass mix. One of our smaller mowers gave up the ghost this year and we are in the process of replacing it with a battery powered electric one. This is a bit of an unknown but the problem is the weight of the petrol engine machines when lifting them in and out of the car so we've had to try an alternative. The old mower only survived three seasons because the areas we mow are very uneven and challenging.

The areas at the north end and south end where the floral beds are, the strip of grass from Inch Road past the phone mast and the Church Hall corner are mown every week from the end of April until the beginning of October. The area on School Road where the bedding display is we mow as and when we feel that the Council mowing standard is detracting from the efforts made in maintaining the floral display.

We have no new projects this year as we are now at the point where we have developed, or are in the process of developing or improving, the areas we initially identified when we started in 2012. We have come a long way since then but we have to bear in mind our limitations as, let's say, the mature members in our community become more mature with every passing year!

Our hoped-for improvements are the path by the estuary at the north end of the village, the planting of more wild flowers alongside the path through the plantation at the north end, continuing to lift the level of the grass at the side of the phone mast to make mowing easier and improving the standard of the Links Garden and play area which unfortunately has deteriorated somewhat this year.

Another idea we have had for the Links is to create a path through the trees which form a shelter belt round the area from the path from the path from the bridge to the path past the pavilion as a run-through for the children. It will have various points where they can pop in and out along the way.

We hope the residents and visitors to our village enjoyed and took pleasure in the floral beds and tubs this year. Once again, I will finish with my usual plea for more people to join us in enhancing our community and keeping our village beautiful. If so, contact myself at 01358 789527 or Graham at 01358 789024 or nicernewburgh.co.uk

Agnes Kinloch.

Scottish Woman's Rural Institutes

Newburgh Rural Session

The first meeting of the autumn session our speaker was Mrs Susan Taylor a long time devotee of Qigong and Tai Chi, a form of gentle meditative exercise and breathing techniques. She demonstrated the meaning behind all the movements involved with the aid of a skeleton and encouraged us to try them out. We finished with a lovely poem and quiet music a perfect conclusion to a lovely evening.

Our October meeting was with Mr. Colin Parker giving us an update on the progress of the New Deep Water Harbour at Nigg Bay due to be finished by summer 2020.

At our November meeting we will be getting hints and tips on how best to present your entries at shows. These will be given by Janice Stephen and friend.

Our meeting on 5th December we are having a meal out and then on to the Ellon Panto this is for members only. Our regular meetings will resume on 9th January 2018. Please contact Mrs. Rose Moroney for details on Newburgh W.I. Tel: 01358 78999353.

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Jogscotland Newburgh continues to develop and grow the village and we currently have around 35 members. We've had some great runs over the summer months, exploring the nature reserve and the local area but the clocks changing will bring out head torches and high vis clothing as we head in to the winter blocks.

We currently have three groups running – a Beginner 2, Intermediate 2 and our Social Group who all meet on a Wednesday night. Our next blocks will start in January 2018, information will be posted in the village and on social media.

In October Jogscotland Newburgh did a “takeover” of volunteering at Ellon Parkrun led by run director Naill Findlay. Its nice to be able to give something back and we all had a great morning.

We have also been lucky enough to have a new logo for the group, which we all love thanks to the very talented Claire Terris, of Blue Wasp Creations.

A couple of dates for diaries:

-) Sunday 26th November – we'll be hosting another “10 at 10” – this takes place in the village hall and there is a 5km and a 10km route (which follows the Beach Bash route) with cake and coffee in the Village Hall.
-) Saturday 17th March – Beach Bash. The event has sold out within 6 hours which is testament to how much people enjoy the event.

If you have any questions or for more information please contact us on jogscotlandnewburgh@outlook.com or www.jogscotland.org.uk. We also have a Facebook Group – “Jogscotland Newburgh” where we share plans for the week, provide information, share ideas, motivation etc and provides lots of support.

A little bit of information on the philosophy of Jogscotland

jogscotland, which was established in 2002, now comprises a network of thousands of runners, right across the country. Members take part in friendly volunteer-led jog groups based in the community, sports centres and workplaces, doing everything from a short, gentle jog/walk to marathon training.

Nobody is “too slow” to join **jogscotland**. Groups are available for joggers of all levels, from complete beginners to long-distance runners. Beginner sessions include a combination of gentle jogging and walking, with a gradual increase in jogging as fitness and confidence begin to build. Within 20 weeks of starting as a complete beginner, you will probably be able to run 5K (three miles). The emphasis at every **jogscotland** group is on enjoying exercise and supporting one another in a friendly atmosphere.

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NEWBURGH-ON-YTHAN GOLF CLUB



NEWBURGH-ON-YTHAN GOLF CLUB sees itself as very much part of Foveran Community. It also wants to ensure that Foveran sees itself as part of Newburgh. Our golf Club members know us to be a friendly and welcoming place, BUT WE DON'T EXIST SIMPLY FOR GOLF! We have a very healthy Social Membership which allows access to our excellent facilities for an incredibly low cost of £5 for lunch-time access or £15 per annum for full access. Those of you who already use the Clubhouse know how you can enjoy excellent catering with a fantastic panoramic view. Martin Buhler our

award-winning Chef caters for a whole range of services and you can find information on what he provides in our monthly Newsletters. Currently a Christmas menu is on offer. The Newsletters are published on our Club Website. Just Google Newburgh-on-Ythan Golf Club and click on Members and then Newsletters. The Newsletters let you know what's been going on in the life of the Club on a regular basis. Well worth a look.

We also hold a number of social functions on a regular basis. A monthly Friday evening Quiz Night and a Saturday evening Bingo Night are regular features. The Club has been used in the past to entertain with for example Breakneck Comedy evenings that have proved very popular with a wide range of people. Christmas children's parties are currently flavour of the month while other events such as a Burns Supper feature during the year. Baptism parties, funeral socials and weddings have also been successfully catered for. Our Club Manager, Paul Manson, will be happy to respond to any requests you may have. You can contact him on 01358 789058 Option 2, or by email to secretary@newburghgolfclub.co.uk

BUT BACK TO GOLF. Newburgh-on-Ythan Golf Club has been described in Golfing magazines as a 'gem of a course'. We really are very fortunate for the spectacular views (not forgetting the seals) that surround the course. What's more, it is a course that manages to stay open for most of the year when others are forced to close. That means players get their money's worth. Very reasonable Winter memberships are available and can be converted into Full Membership at the beginning of the new season. We are also served by an excellent Green Keeping staff which ensures the course is kept in tip-top condition all the year round.

So whether your interests are playing golf or simply socialising in a pleasant environment you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Daniel Hawthorn



Rainbows in Newburgh have been very busy since we started back in August and have welcomed 7 new girls into the Unit.

This term we have been working on an Autumn Challenge badge. The girls have made leaf print art, acrostic poems and edible witches hats and also designed a scarecrow. We have also had fun trying out some new activities designed for Rainbows. The first one tested was called "Karate Tennis" and involved trying out some moves to hit the balloons and see if they could keep the balloon in the air. The girls enjoyed it and we hope to test out some more activities throughout the term.

During the October Holidays we went on a Farm to Fork Trail at Tesco Ellon. The girls had fun exploring the store and doing activities at the Fish Counter and in the Fruit and Veg aisles. They all then had a chance to go on the checkouts and scan through the shopping.

Following our visit to Tesco we then went to a Girlguiding Gordon Event at the Gordon Barracks. Activities included an Inflatable Assault Course, Water shooters, Climbing Wall, Inflatable Maze, Catapult Making, Boot Cleaning and Secret Messages. This was then followed by hot dogs and a Disco at the end of the day. There were lots of tired Rainbows (and Leaders!) on the bus home.

If anyone would like to find out more about Rainbows, whether to register your child or to volunteer, information can be found at https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved.aspx or if you would like information about joining or volunteering with 1st Newburgh Rainbows please contact Lynsey on 07743 797377.

Also, we would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped out over the year and hope everyone has a Merry Christmas. Lynsey, Sophie & Louise.

Lynsey Clark



1st Newburgh Guides continues to be a busy unit with around 15 girls and 2 Young Leaders. We have girls from Newburgh, Foveran & Colliston.

We continue to offer a varied programme and we try to get out and about as much as possible, weather permitting!

In September we took part in the Gordon Gathering at BA Stores, this is a scouting event but an invitation was extended to guides from Gordon County and we were part of over 100 guides who took part. The weather was very kind and it was a fantastic weekend. Its great to be able to offer camping opportunities to the girls who enjoy the outdoors.

The girlguiding programme is in the process of changing and we've been trying some of the new resources ahead of the official launch in 2018 and we've also taken the opportunity to do some pampering - we made stress balls (which in itself was quite stressful for the leaders but the results were fantastic), we had a pop up hair salon and we custom made flip flops.

Some of the unit took part in another county event this weekend – the “Gordon Takeover”, around 680 girls from all over Gordon took part in the event in the Gordon Barracks and the guides were also given the chance to sleep over. Again, thankfully the weather was very kind.

As the nights draw we'll now turn our attention to Christmas. Again we're planning some fund raising and community work as part of this as well as a well deserved treat at the end of term.

For any girls who are interested in joining our unit then you must register your interest on the Girlguiding website - <https://enquiry.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Newburgh Guides is a fantastic unit but two of the current leaders are looking to hand over the reins and we are looking for new leaders to get involved . Girlguiding is a great organisation to be involved in and there are a huge amount of opportunities available.

More information can be found at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/home.aspx> or you can contact Karen on 01358 789523

Gala News

Following the successful 2017 gala, the committee is delighted to announce that next year's gala will go ahead on **Saturday 26 May 2018**. Preparations have now begun to ensure that funds are raised to finance the gala. These events are crucial to supporting the gala and are also great fun for all. What's more, a portion of the funds raised is returned to the community. This year, Newburgh Mathers School received £500 and £300 was donated to the Newburgh Baby and Toddler Group.

Date for your diary:

Newburgh Christmas Tree Lights Switch On – Sunday 10 December 2017

Come along to Holyrood Church at 4pm to join the countdown to the switch on. Santa is taking time out of his busy schedule to pay a visit and snow is guaranteed courtesy of the Newburgh Inn. The Gala Committee will be serving mulled wine and mince pies. Donations to the gala fund will be gratefully received.

Race Night – Saturday 3 March 2018

Get a group of your friends together and join us for a race night at the village hall. A night out to look forward to. More details coming soon!

Newburgh Beach Bash – Saturday 17 March 2018

Whether you are a seasoned runner or seeking an event to train for, the beach is calling! 10K followed by well earned soup and home bakes served by the Gala Committee.

Newburgh Gala 2017 – Saturday 26 May 2018

The gala committee is in the process of organising 2018's gala day. We are looking forward to the return of the Castle Canter, netball tournament, face painting, football tournament, barbecue, singing and dancing plus many brand new attractions and events. Enquiries are welcome from anyone considering holding a stall at this fantastic event attended by hundreds of locals and visitors.

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The committee extends an invitation to anyone interested in supporting these events. Whether you would like to join the committee, volunteer at any of the events or simply have a suggestion, we would love to hear from you.

Sunday 10 December 2017
4.00pm
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Our first term after the summer has been a productive one and all children are settling in well at the three groups.

The Rising 5's made a trip to Techfest back in September, which generated lots of exciting ideas to take forward. Both the playgroup and Rising 5's children recently enjoyed a lovely sunny autumn trip to Haddo where we spent time with the ranger learning about nature and even enjoyed (most of) our picnic lunch outside before the rain came on briefly.

We have been incorporating numeracy in our learning and encouraging group activities where we can share ideas, listen to others, take turns and be creative

We were delighted with the success of the Rock n Roll Bingo night which was held in September and raised £1121 for the Preschool. The Committee are busy organising our next big fundraising event, which will be our Christmas Fair, held at the Newburgh Hall on Saturday 2nd December. Please come along for a wonderful Christmas shopping experience with lots of stalls and even a special appearance from Santa in his grotto. Thank you to everyone that has supported us throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you all at the fair.

We are pleased to have healthy numbers in all our groups which run as follows:

Rising 5's Group, Monday – Friday from 8.45 am to 11.55 am.

Playgroup, Mon, Wed, Thu and Friday from 12.30 pm to 4.30 pm

2's Group, Tuesday 1pm to 3pm.

If you have a child who does not attend one of these groups at the moment and you would like to make enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the Playgroup staff on Tel: 01358 789461. There may still be places available in some of our groups, and we welcome new applicants.

Also, if you shop on-line and do not already support a group or are looking to support another one, please remember that easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise funds and does not cost you anything. Lots of retailers subscribe to this service and offer a percentage donation to

your chosen cause. It's easy to use; just remember to make purchases via the easyfundraising website and enter Newburgh Preschool in the dialogue box.

Should you require any further information please telephone the playgroup (01358 789461) or contact us on e-mail (newburgh.preschool@yahoo.com).

Many thanks, as always for your continued support.

Newburgh Preschool Staff and Committee

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North East Open Studios 2017

This year I enjoyed taking part in the North East Open Studios (NEOS) 2017 event from 9th-17th September. This annual event is a great opportunity for artists to open their studios to the public and offer their work for sale. Alongside my own local coastal paintings were those of my dad, George Strachan, whose work is based around Peterhead. The week was a great success for us in terms of numbers and sales, and was well worth participating in. We had around 250 visitors over the week, including a good mix of local people and visitors from further afield who were following the NEOS trail.

Following on from NEOS I have launched my studio – JB Studio & Gallery – as a year-round venue selling original paintings, drawings and sculptural work as well as prints and cards. The work for sale is coastal-based art by selected artists. At the moment we are open on Wednesdays 10am-5pm and by appointment. There will also be certain weekend openings for special events, the next one being a Christmas Shopping Day on Saturday 2nd December 10am-5pm. Check out my website www.jbradfordart.co.uk for further details and please come along on a Wednesday or on 2nd December to have a look in person, you will be very welcome!

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Two of the markings in the playground. The children love them.



Newburgh Mathers Parent Council

Newburgh Mathers Parent Council held an Afternoon Tea Fundraiser in the Public Village Hall on Saturday 7th October 2017. Last year the event raised £3,000 and this year they raised a fantastic £3,805! The money will go towards buying new outdoor furniture and bins for the school. Last year's proceedings went towards the markings in the playground which all the children seem to love. It has definitely brightened up the playground.

A raffle was drawn on the day with the top prizes being a 4 x Ball at Trump International, Michael Kors handbag (which was won by 11 year Neave Birnie from the village), an overnight stay at the Marcliffe, Fit Bit and lots more great prizes.

Organiser Donna Craig said 'I would like to thank each and every person who supported our event by donating a prize, buying raffle tickets, attending the event, making homebakes or helping in the run up to the day and hats off to the Newburgh Community who don't have children at the school but still dug deep and supported us. It is very much appreciated.

Another huge thank you also goes to the Newburgh Inn who not only donated £400 for their Anne Moon night that they held but also donated a £50 voucher for the raffle!! And thank you too to Lynn Rankin who donated sandwiches.

The teachers if Newburgh Mathers Primary also attended the event which was great!

It was initially my idea to hold the fundraiser, however I couldn't have done it without the help from my friend Dawn Walker and the rest of the Primary 4 Mums.

Donna Craig.



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Doreen Boyne for Balgownie SWI came to the September meeting of Cultercullen SWI to give a demonstration on book folding. Following the demonstration, members tried book folding for themselves which they all enjoyed.

Following this a delicious tea was provided by Carol Hay.

Competition results were as follows:

Butterfly Cakes- 1st Carol Hay, 2nd Moreen Alexander, 3rd Eileen Andrew

Decorated Jar- 1st Aileen Andrew, 2nd Moreen Alexander, 3rd Carol Hay

Flower of the Month- 1st Moreen Alexander, 2nd Sheila Johnston, 3rd Aileen Andrew

During their October meeting Hilary Baker came to speak to members about wool spinning. She showed members many different methods of spinning and members tried out her spinning wheel. She brought along a number of different fleeces that she uses in a variety of different colours. Following this a lovely tea was provided by Barbara Reid.

Competition results were as follows:

Jar of Toffee Apple Jam- 1st Eileen Andrew, 2nd Carol Ritchie, 3rd Moreen Alexander.

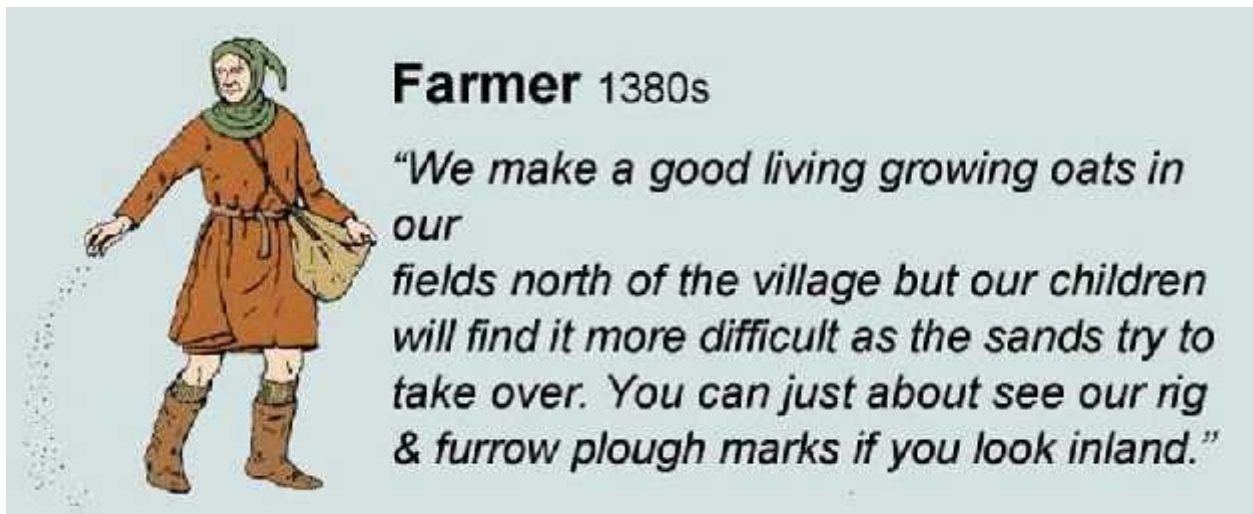
Covered A5 Notebook- 1st Eileen Andrew, 2nd Carol Ritchie, 3rd Carol Hay

Flower of the Month- 1st Carol Ritchie, 2nd Helen Thain, 3rd Sheila Johnstone

The next meeting of Cultercullen SWI is on the 14th of November in Udney Station Community Centre A talk by Bill Johnston My Father's Footsteps. All are welcome.

LIFE IN MEDIEVAL FORVIE

In celebration of Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, Forvie Reserve Officer Elaine Sherriffs takes a look into the past and how people lived on the reserve during the medieval period.



In the centuries leading up to the Middle Ages in the North-east of Scotland, there were many years of heavy rainfall that encouraged the spread of blanket peat bog. At Forvie, the wind and salt spray, blowing sand and marshes made living conditions difficult. During the Bronze and Iron ages, the people of Forvie had the essentials of life - fuel from the nearby peat bogs and fresh water from burns that ran across the land. Their diet was based on what they could gather nearby - shellfish and fish, birds, sea and land mammals - a large deer would feed a family of 5 for over 30 days! Christian missionaries from Ireland arrived in NE Scotland from 650 onwards and changed the way people lived, bringing new ideas and innovations for farming. Forvie Kirk was founded in the 7th Century, dedicated to St Adamnan, a follower of St Columbus from Ireland. St Adamnan later became the 9th Abbot of Iona.

After 1150 summers became warmer and drier at Forvie allowing more productive farming. Crops included bere (a form of barley), oats and sometimes wheat, rye and vegetables such as kale. Domestic animals were kept for meat, milk, butter, eggs and cheese. Most ploughing was done with a heavy wooden plough, pulled by oxen. Traces of ploughed fields (runrigs), are still visible in places. Clothing was made from rough wool and flax, woven into long tunics, skirts, trousers, capes, scarves and hats. Boots and shoes were made from the leather of animals – cows, sheep, oxen, horses and seals. Dyeing was popular but the colours limited to the vegetable dyes available – crowberry and heather for purples and yellow, lichen and seaweed for browns and greens.

In the late Middle Ages food supplies were boosted by trade and improvements to agriculture bringing a richer, more varied diet. The daily diet of 'brose' (watery soup) made from barley, oats, kale, beans and pease, was boiled up in a cauldron over an open fire and accompanied by bread and oatcakes and supplemented by hunting for rabbits, pigeons, boars and deer, wild fowl in the river and wild birds on the land. All washed down with heather ale. It was the Vikings who introduced new cooking and preservation techniques in the 8th and 9th centuries

- 'salting' to preserve food and 'smoking' to add new depths of flavour to fish and meats. Even Haggis was introduced by Viking invaders as a way to preserve food (meat, vegetables and oatmeal) during their long journeys.

In the late Middle Ages food became even more interesting with spices from the Middle East, brought back by the Crusaders and pilgrims to the Holy Land, then French cuisine as a result of the Auld Alliance following Mary Queen of Scots time in France. French words entered Scots vocabulary: "Ashet", from *assiette*—a large platter. "Collop", from *escalope*. "Gigot" from *gigot*—leg of mutton. "Howtowdie", from *hétoudeau*—a boiling fowl.

The end of Forvie began with the 9 day storm in 1413 that devastated the village. Some say this was the Curse of Forvie: the laird of Forvie died around 1391, leaving his 3 daughters to inherit. But the villagers dispossessed them of their inheritance. These maidens were driven from their home and cast adrift in a boat, as they floated away they uttered the following curse: *If ever maydenis malysone dyd licht upon dry land, lat nocht bee fund in Furvye's glebys bot thystl, bente and sande.* (If ever maidens come to reach dry land, let nothing be found at Forvie's pastures but thistle, marram and sand)

According to parish records the village was totally covered in sand by 1654. The last traces of people living at Forvie are dated 1680 when the village was finally abandoned. Now you can stand by Forvie kirk and imagine the life of the villagers – collecting water from the burn to make their cauldron of brose over the peat fire, perhaps wandering over the beach and heath in the haar to gather and hunt for food, battling against wind and sandstorms.



Forvie Kirk

A Walk on the Wildside

Hello folks, I trust that you are all well and raring to go outside the back door in order to enjoy what is on offer in the natural world. Oh, but before you don your woolly bunnet and wellies, get that letter up the lum to yours truly and I will ensure that you get the new binoculars that you ask for. There may be one or two of you that for whatever reason, prefer to keep the fireside company, but not to worry as it is that time of year when the natural world outside comes inside, and your homes become miniature botanical gardens for a few weeks.

Even way back in Pagan times the 'Christmas' tree was in vogue. It may not have been a complete tree but a branch or two would have been used for decoration at what would have been the celebrations surrounding the mid-winter festival. Trees that retained their leaves all through the winter months were held in great esteem, being 'green' all year gave you special status; if you were a tree or bush. Maybe it was Good King Wenceslas who brought the first tree into his castle, and us serfs copied him? For hundreds of years, and still today, we use Norway spruce as a Christmas tree, and that species is still put up in big city squares like Aberdeen and Edinburgh. But today the choice of what species of conifer to use is quite wide with the Nordman fir coming to the fore as a favourite type. It is promoted as being 'needle fast' and that means that the leaves (yes the 'needles, are leaves) will stay on the tree once you take it into your living room. Neither Norway spruce or the Nordman fir are native to the UK but the Scot's pine is, and that is another tree that has come into favour to decorate and stick a fairy on top of.

Firs, spruces, pines are all conifers and there are hundreds more species that you can see out and about, and perhaps even in your own garden. You can not fail to drive through Newburgh without seeing the fine young Chile pine in a garden along Main Street. What, you do not know what a Chile pine looks like? Well think of Monkey Puzzle the common name of this conifer, so called as it is claimed to be only tree that a monkey can not climb – hence the common name!

But back to our indoor botanical garden, what else do we pinch from the wild at this time of the year? Of course, another tree that has evergreen leaves, but one that is not a conifer, but a broadleaved tree. Easy peasy it is our much loved holly that we stick a sprig of on top of the Christmas pud, or make a wreath out of to hang in the window. Holly, like evergreen conifers, has been granted mystical properties for eons, and even better is that the holly has red berries, and red wards off ghosties and ghoulies – ohhhh spooky. A bunch of holly in the house at Christmas will keep you safe and the bogey man outside. In the past any plant that remained green during the long winter months when most plants turned brown and went to sleep, was considered to be special. At one time the holly was even referred to as a 'Christmas tree'. Among many legends connected with the holly is one that ties it together with another native plant – the ivy, another evergreen species. Yes 'the holly and the ivy' forms part of a good old Christmas carol but the two species got together in another way. In pre-Christian days a girl would be covered in a coat of ivy and a boy similarly in holly, and the pair would wander through the village at mid-winter to

'take nature' through the shortest day of the year and be ready to come back with a new year of fertility and life.

If that is not sufficient for you all then let's add another plant into the mix, the mistletoe. Yet again we have to go back to the dark and misty past, even the the Greeks and the Romans held it in esteem, and considered it a plant of peace and friendship. That is a bot odd as the berries are poisonous if eaten in quantity! Mistletoe is a hemi parasite and that means that it does have pealy wally green leaves with witch to make some food for itself, but it also parasitizes its host tree; frequently an apple tree. It grows root like structures that tap into the apples tree's 'food supply' and helps itself! Kissing beneath it is not such an ancient custom, but still worth practicing! Enjoy the botanical season, and all the best for 2018.

Take care of yourselves and our wildlife until the next edition. Bye.

Bob Davis - 24 January, 2018

(I am always on the look-out for stories about people with links to or associations with the Parish of Foveran – however tentative. Charles Catto has discovered that the notable Scottish painter James Giles spent time the Ship Inn (now The Newburgh Inn) at Bridgefoot and knew Aberdeenshire well. Ed.)

James Giles RS 1801-1907

Peter Giles and Jane Hector were natives of Clatt and Rhynie respectively and married in Old Machar Parish in 1800. Peter was an artist and pattern designer at a cotton mill in Woodside, a village to the north west of Aberdeen at that time. Peter also taught art no doubt to augment his ability to look after his family. It is known that Peter left his family in Woodside around 1814 to travel to Glasgow to start afresh. The marriage was not a happy one apparently. While in Glasgow he had another daughter (mother unknown) and with her travelled to Ireland to make his living. Peter Giles returned to Glasgow later leaving his daughter in Ireland to marry and immigrate to America. Peter died in Glasgow in 1840 and is buried in an unmarked grave in the Necropolis Cemetery in Glasgow.

When Peter Giles left Aberdeen it fell on his son James, already showing talent as an artist, to support his mother and sister. He did this by painting portraits, birds, animals and decorating snuff boxes. By the age of nineteen although largely self-taught he was able to start classes to teach others the artist's craft. At that time he also started taking walking tours in Scotland, particularly Deeside, The Trossachs and the Western Highlands, where he sketched the scenery, further developing his talent. For a short time in 1823 he studied anatomy at Marischal College.

It was around this time that he met and married Clementina Ruxton widow of Robert Ruxton of Logie Buchan and a merchant in Brazil. Clementina and her two surviving children had returned to Britain after her husband's death in Rio de Janiero.

To further increase his knowledge James Giles decided to do a European tour which was the fashionable thing for young men of means to do in 18th and 19th century. It is not known how he financed himself during this period, his means not being particularly good at that time.

James had some formal training in London before departing for the continent leaving his wife in Dover. He first of all travelled to Paris where he worked under the tuition of Jean Baptiste Regnault (1754-1829). Following on from this Giles travel through France to Antibes on the Mediterranean coast and from there to Italy visiting amongst other cities, Rome and Florence. Whilst in Italy he developed his taste for classic landscapes, and as his obituary said "a taste which he never entirely lost, for the mist seldom hangs about his mountains".

While in Rome he met Hugh Irvine, a younger son of Alexander Irvine of Drum, also an artist. Irvine was later to introduce Giles to the local aristocracy of Aberdeenshire. Another influence

on Giles was William Gordon of Fyvie, introduced by Mr Hay a print seller in Aberdeen. Mr John Hay, it was who sold the painted snuff boxes in the early part of Giles' career.

While returning to Britain from this grand tour he included visits to the Italian lakes, Switzerland and the Rhine valley. On the conclusion of his tour Giles had amassed a collection of over a thousand drawings sketches and paintings as well as copies of famous works.

James Giles and his family returned to Aberdeen in 1826. Hugh Irvine introduced Giles to Earl of Kintore and the Earl of Aberdeen (later to become Prime Minister 1852-55). He also became known to the Aberdeen architects Archibald Simpson, John Smith (known as Tudor Johnny) and later Alexander Ellis. In 1827 James Giles and Archibald Simpson founded the Aberdeen Artists Society and in 1829 Giles was an original member of the Scottish Academy, which became the Royal Scottish Academy when granted a Royal Charter in 1838. It is fair to say he was extremely proud of this accolade. It is mentioned on census records and also adorns the large gravestone he designed for the family grave at St Machar Cathedral.

For some time, Giles and his family lived in Edinburgh at 153 High Street as recorded in the Post Office Directory for Edinburgh 1832/33.

But his leanings were always towards Aberdeen and from census records we find that Giles lived in property, firstly at 64 and then at 62 Bonaccord Street, Aberdeen. Number 62 was built on a larger plot to plans by William Smith, son of "Tudor Johnny". He also had number 60 built as an investment, to rent. These houses still exist on Bonaccord Street and number 64 can be identified not just by the number but also by the plaque to commemorate Giles attached to the house wall.

It is said that the first sight Queen Victoria had of Balmoral Castle was by viewing pictures and sketches by Giles. Lord Aberdeen had inherited the tenancy of Balmoral Castle on the death of his brother Robert Gordon. Lord Aberdeen advised on a commission for Giles; to sketch and do paintings of the then old castle. These sketches to be sent to the Queen and Prince Albert. Giles also visited London and met the Queen's physician Sir James Clark an acquaintance of Giles visit to Rome in 1826. Giles commission was successful and thus Balmoral Castle was rented unseen other than by picture. Later the Royal Family purchased the estate, demolished the old castle and built the one we know today to the design by Prince Albert and architect William Smith.

Giles also assisted Prince Albert on the layout and planting of the gardens at Balmoral. However, Giles was not much enamoured by Royalty and found them to be unwilling to pay him the recompense worthy of his talents. He had received the sum of £315 for 115 days work of days of 12/13 hours of labour. Giles wrote in his diary that "I would rather not work for Royalty, I never made anything but a loss on it". It is also said that Giles refused a knighthood on two occasions.

Giles commissions in the main were from local aristocrats such as the Earl of Kintore, Earl of Aberdeen, Irvine of Drum and Gordon of Fyvie. He exhibited at the Royal Academy of Scotland, (RSA) the British Institute, the Royal Academy and the Royal Society of British Artists. His paintings can still be seen listed in auction catalogues and sell for prices well into four figures and still receive critical acclaim. His pictures of animals and fish are highly detailed and his scenic paintings have light touch indicative of his continental experiences. During his life time, he exhibited 304 paintings at the RSA. Of these, there were fifteen portraits, nearly sixty landscapes of Italian scenery and others mainly Highland landscapes, stalking, fishing and of deer and salmon.

While most of his paintings are quite admirable, the Italian ones reminiscent of hot sunny days and studies of nature extremely good in detail and colour, his pictures of cattle are not to my taste. I only found two pictures of cattle, styled after Henry Strafford an English painter of cattle, sheep and racing dogs. But art is to the taste of the viewer so I will leave it up to you. Put James Giles Artist in your browser and you should find sites with copies of a selection of Giles' pictures.

At a time of agricultural and parkland improvement, where landowners sought to improve the visual impact of their estates, Giles worked with land owners to improve the layout of parklands and gardens. Notable amongst these are the terrace at Haddo House, Fyvie Castle and at Keith Hall where he would have observed the work of Capability Brown. Recently it was advised in The Press and Journal that the Haddo House terrace had been restored to its "19th century glory" returning the terrace to the plan of the 4th Earl of Gordon who was influenced in its layout by Giles.

Giles also worked with Archibald Simpson and an example of that work can be seen above the Archibald Simpson pub at the King Street Castle Street junction in Aberdeen. This former bank a beautiful example of Simpson's work has above the portico a terra cotta figure designed by Giles. The figure of Demeter, Greek goddess of the harvest sits above the portico, and at the moment of writing was decorated (to celebrate Aberdeen FC's appearance in the Scottish cup final of 2017) with an Aberdeen FC scarf, club flag and also fitted with a large pair of sun glasses. I can only hope that Giles was a football fan, he may have thought this was a cool way to decorate his work. Unfortunately, the building's owners may need to do some maintenance by way of repainting the figure. Of course, they are not alone in this as many of Aberdeen's beautiful buildings are in much need of a tidy up particularly of vegetation growing between stones and out of guttering etc.

Another piece of Giles work can be seen in the Duthie Park, Aberdeen. An obelisk of Peterhead granite, originally in the quadrangle of Marischal College, to commemorate Sir James McGrigor. It was designed by James Giles and Alexander Ellis. Sir James McGrigor was the founder of the Army Medical Corps.

Giles paintings can be seen in various locations in the North East such as Haddo House, Fyvie Castle, Aberdeen Art Gallery and also as far afield as Edinburgh and London. He is very much of his time with his pictures of Scottish scenery and he was the first of many. He was a friend of Sir Edwin Landseer who he accompanied in sketching trips. As a friend they may have accompanied one another on sporting trips also. Giles was known as a keen fisherman, using his catch as subjects of his paintings. As such he most likely fished in the well-known salmon rivers of the North East such as the Dee and the Ythan.

There was much sadness in his life as none of his sons by his first wife Clementina Farquharson survived beyond early adult hood. His wife Clementina died in 1866.

Whilst checking something else altogether in Ordnance Survey records I came across a book of names compiled by the survey engineers which looked at the names within the localities they were surveying. [Aberdeenshire OS Name Books, 1865-1871](#) This book gave names and authorities for spelling, and in it James Giles Esq. was mentioned along with others naming parts of the River Ythan. The curious thing was that he was named as of the Ship Inn. In the valuation Roll of 1870 the Ship Inn was owned by the trustees of the late Miss Christina McKenzie of Foveran and the tenant was a Mrs A. Walker, baker and inn keeper. It is recorded that James Giles while visiting the Ythan estuary stayed at the Ship Inn at Bridgefoot. Bridgefoot being the area to the south of the village of Newburgh where the now Newburgh Inn is situated. Much of the rear of the current building would have been the Ship Inn.

While there he went botanising with the innkeeper's daughter Margaret and her cousin. After his first wife died, some six months later James Giles married Margaret Walker. James was sixty-five and Margaret was twenty. Margaret and James had two children a son Alexander Bruce Giles and a daughter Mary Giles.

James did not live long afterwards to enjoy his new life. He died in 1870 leaving a young widow and two children. He was also survived by a daughter Emma from his first marriage and a half-sister who had emigrated to the United States.

James Giles was more than a competent artist, being compared favourably with George Jamesone and William Dyce, and deserves much more recognition. There are those who say he was an equal of Turner at his best and might have been more nationally recognised if he had based himself in either Edinburgh or London. But artists of that time depended very much on patronage and it was in Aberdeenshire that he had most if not all of his patrons.

Charles M Catto



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LOTS TO DO IN THE GARDEN



I have just got myself some autumn flowering crocus and they are beautiful. I have seen them growing in the garden of one of the big old houses in the village each autumn and managed at last to order some for myself. Like Colchicums, they arrive in the shops ready for planting in August, when you would think that they would run out of time to flower in the same season, but up they have come and although not a large clump as yet, they will naturalise. I have Colchicums already and they have been flowering their socks off for ages, although nearly over now, they come in a pinky purple colour, white or a double form. The autumn crocus I have got are an amazing bright blue colour and I also am waiting for a saffron crocus to appear – also blue. Saffron is collected from the stigmas of these crocus, so it's not much wonder it is expensive stuff.

I have finally managed to get rid of the inherited rampant vine thing that was on the fence, I had had enough of doing battle with it every time I went passed, so it was cut to the ground and the stump was drilled and weedkilled. I don't think I will ever get the stump out as the roots have travelled, but thankfully, there has been no sign of life at all. It was really a bit of a wasted space, as the thing had such tiny insignificant flowers, they couldn't be seen. The only 'beings' to miss it will be the birds as there were usually several nests in it. All is not lost though birdies, as I have put in a form of clematis montana called Marjory in its place, and that will soon cover the fence and be more manageable.

Another inherited shrub has gone – an unmanageable Berberis, which had been planted too close to another one, has gone to make way for a Camelia. The little gardening club we set up here, surprised me with some gardening vouchers as a thank you for advice given, so I treated myself to a Camelia. Hopefully it will be happy in its newly allocated spot, I have added ericaceous compost and soil conditioner to the ground before planting and it's on the west side of the house so will avoid morning sun, which can scorch the opening buds when frosted. There are formed buds on this baby already, so fingers crossed.

Mr Stroppey is back – or one of his friends or relations is. Boy is he making his presence felt and heard though. Blackbirds beware. I wonder how long the Rowan berries will last this year. It is and has been a wonderful year for fruit of all sorts. Bumper crops of Strawberries, Raspberries and Blackcurrant have been followed by a wonderful crop from Apples Pears and Plums. Even my potted Blueberry kept me in fresh fruit for ages, mind you I did move it into the greenhouse to protect it from the blackbirds. The conkers are huge as are the acorns, Rowans laden and even the local sweet chestnuts have produced reasonable sized nuts.

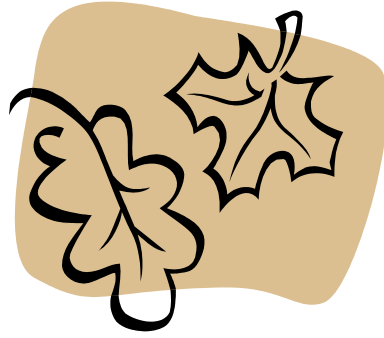
My sweetpeas have also been wonderful this year. I have been fanatical about picking and not letting any flowers set seed, so I still have enough to fill a vase every few days. I can't resist picking them anyway as the smell is wonderful – but I can't think they will go on for very much longer.

Now is the autumn clear up time, although there is always a debate as to whether to leave the dying tops or not. They do look good when covered in frosts, giving a different dimension to the garden, and also provide winter homes for bugs etc. (good and bad), but I usually clear as much as I can as there is too much else to do in the spring.

With that in mind – lots to do!!!

Happy Gardening

Lesley Barnett





Police Scotland's North East Division covers rural and urban areas in Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City.

Within the Division the community policing teams are supported by dedicated Crime Reduction Officers who assist them in their work to promote crime reduction and progress prevention opportunities which we see as key to reducing crime and antisocial behaviour in your area.

Whilst crime reduction advice is regularly provided to individuals who raise a specific query, an exciting new innovation called **Neighbourhood Alert** now affords Police Scotland the opportunity to send e-mail messages relating to local crime trends and containing crime prevention advice quickly and effectively to a wide audience, but which can be targeted to particular streets or communities if required.

Any individual can sign-up to receive these e-mail messages, either for themselves or their community group, and the sign-up process allows the recipient to specify the type of information that they are interested in and from what source. Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, who coordinate this resource, work with a range of partners in the public sector to provide information not only on crime but also on matters of community safety and resilience.

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Please take the opportunity to sign-up for **Neighbourhood Alert** e-mail messages and encourage your family, friends and neighbours to do the same. Whilst the number of subscribers is constantly growing, the more people who sign-up to receive these alerts, which we always try to send timeously, the more effective these messages will become as they allow communities to become better informed and make better decisions.

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(This article is the second in what I hope will become a regular series in the newsletter. If you know someone you think should feature, please let me know.Ed.)

A day in the life of a Parish Minister

As a little boy I went to church with my parents, and used to play choo choo trains with the hymn books. This almost got me debarred from church as a 5 year old. I never had a thought about being a minister as a teenager, I wanted to be a fish farmer, or stay a boy forever like Peter Pan.

However, all that changed one summer, when I had been conned into going to a cycling camp that was run by Scripture Union in Ireland. I had always thought it was important to be right with God, but no matter how I tried, trouble used to follow me. At the camp, I somehow encountered the person I had heard about before – Jesus, and gave my life to Him.

I went home, back to school the next week, and promptly started a Bible Study for some friends after school. I became a member, and then a leader in a Crusader Class, a bit like a fancy Sunday School. It was a few years after this that I, and 5 other newly made friends started a fellowship group out of a prayer meeting, and this eventually became a church in its own right.

We worked ordinary jobs while doing church in the evenings and weekends. Eventually I went to college to become a ‘proper minister.’ I later did a BD and an MTh., as I think it is important to continue study. That is why, if you see me in a local coffee shop, I will have a book and pad of paper in front of me. It is a privilege to be with people in their best and worst of times. Very often we see the best of a person in their worst of times, and that is quite a thing to see!

The work of a minister is unlike any other job. It is about telling and showing people a message of life. How to live now to honour God, and how to receive eternal life from God. That is a big job to do, and I think the best job to do.

Ricky Reid

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An invitation:

The North East Aberdeenshire Members' Centre supporting The National Trust for Scotland invites all members and other friends to a **Carols for Christmas** event in Haddo House Chapel on Sunday 3rd December 2016 at 3pm.

The cost is £10 per person (child £5) which includes mince pies, shortbread, wine, tea/coffee.

If you would like to attend please telephone 01358 742234 for tickets or further details.

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Foveran Parish Church:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

As I write, the social committee is looking forward to a Silent Auction in Newburgh Public Hall on Saturday 18th November. The event will be an important fund raiser for the church – thanks in advance to all who will support it in any way.

Planning is now underway for the Burns Supper in 2018 - it will take place jointly with Newburgh-on-Ythan Golf Club, in the Clubhouse on Saturday 27 January, 6.30 for 7pm. As usual the traditional supper will be followed by a mixture of spoken and musical entertainment. There will be further publicity on posters and in the local press nearer the time, or speak to any social committee member if you would like more details in the meantime.

Mary Smith (Social Convenor)

Tel: 01358 742234

Note: Foveran Parish Church is the known name of Foveran Church of Scotland, Registered Charity No.SC011701

*We warmly invite you to join in our Christmas celebrations this
December 2017*

Sunday 10th Christmas Tree Lights Turn On outside Holyrood Chapel, 4pm. Family event with carol singing, mulled wine & mince pies will be served in and around the church.

Thurs 15th Festive Corner Café, 10-12noon, Church Hall.

Saturday 16th Community Carol Singing in Newburgh Public Hall from 4pm with mulled wine and mince pies. All welcome, family friendly.

Sunday 17th Evening Carol Service, 6pm in Holyrood Chapel. All Welcome.

Christmas Eve Family Children's Christmas Service, 11am in Holyrood Chapel.

Christingle Service, 4pm in Holyrood Chapel. All families very welcome.

Watchnight Service, 11.30 pm in Holyrood Chapel. Carols sung from 11pm.

Christmas Day Christmas Morning Service, 10am in Holyrood Chapel.



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Foveran CC meeting dates for your diaries.

All meetings start at 7.30 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

There are no meetings in July or December.

2017

22 November Newburgh Mathers School

2018

24 January Udney Station Community Hall

28 Feb Foveran School

28 March Newburgh Mathers

25 April Udney Station Community Hall

23 May Foveran School

27 June Newburgh Mathers

22 August Udney Station Community Hall

26 September Newburgh Inn AGM then meeting at 20.15