

Midmar Newsletter

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Dear fellow residents,

Like many others I have been overcome by the images on television these last few days, of the fires raging out of control at Fort Mc Murray in Canada. It was an awesome experience, watching people fleeing for their lives as everything they possessed was consumed by the flames. In all over 80,000 residents lost their homes and belongings and are desperately seeking temporary accommodation.

It reminded me of an exercise I employed in the classroom to help pupils engage with each other. They were asked to imagine that their home was about to be destroyed by a disaster and that they had just a few minutes to save one item. Their task was to identify that item and to explain why it was worth saving. Over the years a variety of answers were given, ranging from computers and mobile phones to games and cuddly toys. One of the zaniest answers I received was from a girl who lived with her granny. She said that she would save her granny's teapot. When asked why, she answered, my granny says she can't do anything until she's had a cup of tea'.

Were disaster to hit our community, I wonder what we would choose to save, apart from our homes? What is there to save? What is worth saving? I'm quite certain that some would say the school, others the church and perhaps others would mention the hall. However, that's about it.

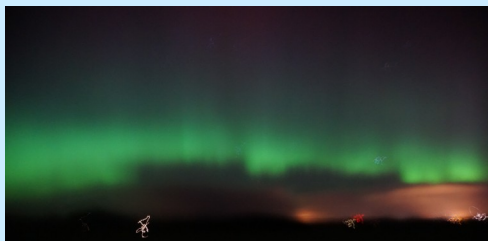
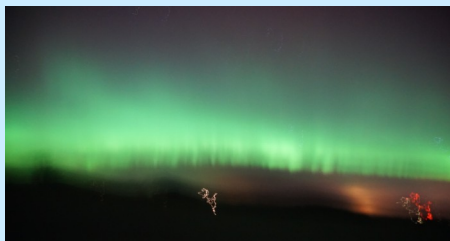
We no longer have a shop and the pub has gone, although many are doing their best to secure a future for the building.

Yet some communities have even less than we have. A few years ago the local press highlighted the plight of several North East communities who were desperately trying to save their village halls. I recently read of the efforts taking place in the village of Matterdale in Cumbria to raise awareness regarding their community's lack of a hall. On Saturday 16th May they officially launched their campaign with the creation of a "Virtual Village Hall". They have erected a marquee in the village and it will remain on site throughout the summer to host a number of events as the residents explore the possibilities of a new community facility. Sometimes we don't appreciate what we have and just how lucky we are. We have a hall and it has served our community for 111 years. Through the years it has been refurbished, been subjected to ongoing repairs and been a source of frustration to one hall committee after another. Yet it has endured. It is our legacy from those who have gone before us. Should we not do our utmost to ensure that legacy continues to the benefit of those yet to come?

Alistair McRobb
Hall Chairman

Newsletter Cover Winner

Congratulations to Jessica Liddiard for her photograph taken at East Bandodle looking towards Bankhead on the night of the Aurora back in March, what a fantastic sight it was!



Band & BBQ

Live music with

HEARTLAND



Sat 11th June

7:30pm 'til late

Midmar Hall

Licensed Bar / BBQ included / over 18s only

Tickets £17 in advance only

call Duncan Sewell on 07986455767 or 01330833722
or email...duncandfrank@dsl.pipex.com

A fundraising event organised by Midmar School Parent Council

Scottish Opera's Sell Out Performance at the hall 10th March



Whether you're a seasoned opera lover or have never seen a production in your life, Scottish Opera's performance is accessible and engaging to all. The four cast members gave fantastic performances filled with both humour and emotion. The audience, young and old, was enthralled throughout. Keep a look out for their next visit - it's a rare treat!

Amanda Liddiard



MIDMAR HALL 100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

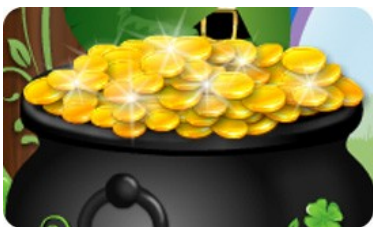
The Midmar Hall 100 Club raises funds to help maintain the Hall and now it's that time of the year again where you get the chance to be a 100 Club member. If you are unsure how the Club works and have never been a member before, then let me explain.

For a small annual subscription of £15, you will be allocated a membership number which will be entered into a monthly draw. These draws will take place each month from June 2016 to April 2017. Numbers will be drawn during a Hall user group session. This could be playgroup, bowling, Community café etc. The winners will be announced on Facebook and on the Hall website. You will be notified by e-mail if you provide your contact details on the membership form. Prizes each month will be £30, £20 and £10.

May 2015 is when we have our annual draw where the prizes are £100, £50, £30 and £20. As you can see, by the prize awards it's well worth joining the 100 Club!

This year you can enter as many as five names from the same household on one form. You will find a form to pull out in the centre pages of this newsletter. Please complete the details and send, together with your payment to Pamela Black at the address shown. If you require additional forms, you can download one from our website www.midmarhall.com or call Pamela Black on 01330 833682. Forms and payment may also be dropped into the Hall post box, where Pamela will collect them.

Remember, if you are not in it, you won't win it, so get in touch now for your chance to be a winner!!!





Midmar Hall '100 Club'

Prize Draw

Membership Form 2016 - 2017

Midmar Village Hall
'100 Club'
c/o Pamela Black
Comers Croft
Midmar
Aberdeenshire
AB51 7QB

For an annual subscription of £15 you will be entered in to the monthly draw from June to April
First Prize: £30 Second Prize: £20 Third Prize: £10

The annual '100 Club' event to be held in May 2017 will have prizes as follows:
First Prize: £100 Second Prize: £50 Third Prize: £30 Fourth Prize: £20

(This form allows up to 5 members of the same household to enter)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

e-mail: _____

(your e-mail address will be used to advise you of the winners and to keep you in touch with '100 Club' and Hall events)

I enclose cash/cheque* for the annual membership of £15 per person (payable to Midmar Hall '100' Club).

*Bank transfer details: Sort Code: 82 61 00 Account No. 00396512 (Please use your name as a reference).

*indicate payment method

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed forms to the above address as soon as possible
Tear off slip will be returned to you with your Membership Number.

✂ _____

Member Name(s): _____ Member No(s): _____

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Organiser)

The purpose of the '100 Club' is to raise funds for the upkeep of Midmar Village Hall
Contact Details: Tel: 01330 833682 or e-mail: info@midmarhall.com



Midmar School News

Fun Day – Saturday 7th May 2016

We had a very successful Fun Day with over 20 football teams and 10 netball teams taking part. Our netball teams won both the senior and junior tournaments. The senior football tournament was won by Cluny who beat Midmar on penalties. Tough won the Junior Football tournament with Midmar again runners up.



Rights Respecting School Award

We are delighted to have been awarded our Level 2 Rights Respecting School accreditation by UNICEF. Assessors visited the school in March and an adjudication board agreed Midmar School be awarded Level 2. This is the highest award and is renewed every three years.



Day for Change

Friday 13th May was INICEF Day for Change. Children brought in change to school and we collected £100.14 for UNICEF. We have over £60 in 1p and 2p coins. They are so heavy we can hardly carry them to the bank!

Replanting Project

We are currently planning to replant the bank at the back of the school car park. It was reshaped when the car park was created nearly three years ago. If anyone in the area has garden plants they no longer require we would be happy to accept them for this project. Please contact the school.

Midmar Hall's 111th Birthday Celebrations!



An open invitation went out to the Midmar community in the last newsletter as well as on Facebook and it was fantastic to see such an amazing response.

One hundred guests filled the hall and enjoyed a look back at some of Midmar's past, both places and families. It was the perfect occasion for the 100 Club draw, congratulations to all the winners.





Many thanks to all who provided the fine spread of cakes and sandwiches.



A Crab Apple tree was planted in memory of John Andrew. It is accompanied by a plaque (kindly donated by Duncan Downey) which says, he '...served this community for many years' A lovely way to remember John.



ECHT SHOW

**SATURDAY 9TH
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ECHT SHOWGROUND, ECHT

A great day out for all the family

FRIDAY 8th JULY 2016

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Email secretary@echtshow.co.uk



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Echt Show Looms!

When you read this, there will only be a few weeks left before the major event of the year in the community calendar – yes The Echt Show on Saturday 9th July.

The first thing I'm wondering is, do you know it's organised by the Echt, Skene and Midmar Agricultural Association and this is its 163rd year? Although it's held in Echt, I'm told that in the dark mists of time, it was held in Midmar so you all have an interest in its success!!

The weekend gets off to a flying start with the band Skerryvore playing in the marquee. This event is ticket only so don't forget to buy yours in plenty of time as the band is so popular that tickets sell like the proverbial hot cakes! Available from www.echtshow.co.uk or from Daisy on 07870 613437

Have you ever visited the Show? The day kicks off with the arrival on the showfield of the very best of livestock from all over the North East. Cattle, sheep, goats and horses of all breeds converge on Echt – an ideal location for people from the city and surrounds to come to see this spectacular example of all that's best in the livestock world. The Parade of livestock is quite a spectacle.

As the day progresses there is sure to be something of interest for all the family. You'll be fascinated when you sit and watch the North East of Scotland Sheep Shearing competition organised by our very own Norman Brown! The skill and dexterity of the clippers will amaze you.

You can admire the grace of the Highland dancers (you'll maybe even recognise some of them) and the brawn of the contestants in the 'Heavie' events and in the Tug of War. And what about the skills of the ladies who bake, knit and sew including those from our own Midmar Rural. The Industrial tent is organised by Jenny Laing so as you can see there are lots of Midmar folk playing their part in the smooth running of the Show. You'll find Marion Brown helping in the sausage and Food tent so don't forget to go and see who's won the Sausage Making Competition.

Will Midmar do well in the Schools Competition? The kids will be keen to show you their work.

The Inverurie Pipe Band will lead the Pageant and remember there's still time to enter your group – see our website for details. There's good prize money to be won!

And I'm sure the dogs from Midmar will give all the others in the Dog Show a run for their money!! There's competitions for the handsomest, prettiest, cutest, luckiest and even the best six legs as well as the more serious classes.

The main event this year is The Clan – Scotland's Cycle Stunt Team who will perform twice during the afternoon.

What else can I say other than there's great catering on site, all the fun of the Fair, and the usual charity and trade stands.

If you need more information visit our website www.echtshow.co.uk. It's newly brought up to date and we're very proud of it!

Otherwise you know the Show's President Liz Shepherd and Secretary, Marion Miller will be delighted to answer your queries. Hope to see you on 9th July!

Secretary: Mrs Marion Miller

Mid Lurg, Midmar, INVERURIE, Aberdeenshire, AB51 7NB

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Paths Update - Part 5

The headline news for Bogindhu Woodland, is that since the last Newsletter was published, the people who came along last Saturday (21st May) completed opening up the route to the north boundary of the woodland in a final two hours. After this amazing achievement here we are enjoying a well-earned sausage sandwich (or maybe two) as a celebration in a kitchen somewhere in the North Tillydaff area!

These were of course just the last men standing, there have been many others who have come along over the winter to help battle through some very thick gorse, clear wire, chop back protruding branches and smooth out lumps. Thank you to everyone who has contributed along the way both in effort and in kind, at least one set of super lopper jaws gave way to the undergrowth!



Other news is that Fountains Forestry have just told us that after a six month delay things will start to move again very soon. The crossing track to Hillhead is to be re-instated and probably another North/South track created. They may even finish what we have started on the old crossing track from Meikle Midmar to Bogindhu Farm and clear this gorse too. Good luck to them in that task!



When this work is finished they will be re-stocking the trees over the whole area and this should all be complete by August. We can then erect some signage to help direct people using the routes.

The inset map shows what we hope will be passable walking routes at Bogindhu by Autumn.

In other news, the route over from school to Tillybirloch has been improved again, our thanks go to Gordon Walker for getting the enormous boulders lying in the track removed.

Article by Rob Ferguson : if you have comments/feedback on the content, please contact Jackie Tel 01330 830135 or eMail ianhumberstone@mac.com.



I would imagine that most of you will have seen the old Kirk of Midmar when driving from Echt to Midmar. Sometimes it is difficult to spot it when driving in summer as the trees make it difficult to see. The Old Kirk was built in the latter half of the 17th century and was dedicated to Saint Nidan. It is supposed to have been built on a much earlier Medieval Church and could also have been the site of the first Christian Church or Chapel in the area which would have been built at some point in the seventh century. There has been,

however, a spiritual centre of Midmar for much longer than that, with the presence of the stone circle which was constructed during the Bronze Age.

St Nidan is not one of the most well known of saints. He was a priest from Wales in the 6th and 7th centuries who lived at a monastery at Penmon on Anglesey and established a church there at what is now known as Llanidan in around 616AD. We are not too sure about how Nidan found himself in Scotland. It is thought that he was one of the many monks who travelled with St Kentigern (also known as St Mungo) from North Wales to Scotland. Together with another of the travelling Monks, St Finan, St Nidan was said to have established Christianity in Midmar and had the first Church dedicated to him. That really is all we know about St Nidan and how and why the first Church in Midmar was dedicated to him.

The Church that we see by the side of the road today was built in 1677 and was deserted in 1789 when the new Church, the one we use today, was built near to the original spiritual centre of Midmar.

Many churches are dedicated to saints, usually a local saint. But why and what does it mean to be a saint? From a brief look at the nature of a saint, we can see that a saint is someone who is different, someone who shows us how to love God. They are not perfect people though. Saint Peter was very inconsistent and Saint Paul could be arrogant and lose his temper at short notice. Saints John and James revelled in their position in life, the defects in the saints go on. But, they all have one thing in common, saints are those who have made a difference because they tried to love and serve God and to love and serve God's world.

You do not have to be famous or in the Bible to be a saint. Saints are all around us, they are those who have inspired us to love God. They are our grandparents, our parents, brothers and sisters, friends. But we are saints too. We have been called to be God's hands and feet in the world, to be God's presence in the world, here and now.

I read somewhere that 'the only tragedy in life is to die and not have become a saint'.

Have a good summer and do drop in to St Nidan's if you can, it's well worth a visit.
Elspeth

Midmar events

Band & BBQ
Live music with
HEARTLAND
Sat 11th June
7:30pm 'til late Midmar Hall
Licensed Bar / BBQ included / over 18s only
Tickets £17 in advance only on sale from April
call Duncan Sewell on 07946455767 or 01330833722
or email: duncan@midmar.co.uk
A fundraising event organised by Midmar School Parent Council



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COMING SOON

12th June 3.30pm

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Day	Activity	Venue
Monday	Rising 5's (for our pre-school children)	Midmar School
	Book Club (Last Monday of the month)	Various
Tuesday	Playgroup	Midmar Hall
	Toddlers	Midmar Hall
	After School Club	Midmar School
	Upholstery Classes	The Little Theatre
	Bowling (October through to March)	Midmar Hall
Wednesday	After School Club	Midmar School
	SWRI (2nd Wednesday of the month)	Midmar Hall
	Whist (4th Wednesday of the month)	Millbank Bowling Club Hut
	Playgroup	Midmar Hall
Thursday	Mobile Library (fortnightly)	Hall car park
	PiYO	Midmar Hall
	Upholstery Classes	The Little Theatre
	After School Club	Midmar School
Friday	Community Cafe (1st Friday of the month)	Midmar Hall

Movie Mondays

Throughout the summer holidays the hall
will show a movie at 2pm every Monday

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chool	10am -12pm	Barbara Harrison 860421
	8pm -10pm	Alistair McRobb 833715
all	9.30am -11.30am	Frances Millward Frankie19701@live.co.uk
all	9.30am -11.30am	
chool	3.15pm - 6pm	MASC - 07856732341
Byre	7pm - 9pm	Kay Hourston 833515
all	7.15pm - 9.15pm	Alan Blackie 833482
chool	3.15pm - 6pm	MASC - 07856732341
all	7.30pm -9.30pm	Judith Stokoe 833719
owling	7.30pm -10pm	Isabel Birse 833209
all	9.30am -11.30am	Frances Millward Frankie19701@live.co.uk
ark	9.45am - 10am	
all	9.30am - 10.30am	Angie Barclay 07796076445
Byre	10.30am-12.30pm & 1pm - 3pm	Kay Hourston 833515
chool	3.15pm - 6pm	MASC - 07856732341
all	10am - 12pm	



**You can find more information on
our website at Midmarhall.com
Or on our Facebook page**

Midmar Summer Movie Monday Afternoons



Throughout the summer holidays we will be unrolling the screen & switching on the projector for whoever wants to join us each Monday at 2pm. Bring your own refreshments and ideas for films you would like to see.

All ages and stages welcome! Keep an eye out on Midmar Hall's Facebook page for more details.

Movie News!

Sunday 18th September, 3.30pm

Flushed Away

Movie Tea

BYO Sandwiches.

Tea, coffee, juice, pop corn & cake will be available

All donations to go to the New Loo Campaign



Update from WCHQ

Thank you to all those who have spent their pennies in the loo that has been on the bar at hall events this spring.

We have collected an amazing £375 so far, most of this from the generous deposits made at the hall's 111th birthday tea. THANK YOU!

To keep filling the cistern, the hilarious film '**Flushed Away**' will be shown on Sunday 18 September at 3.30pm at the hall, all proceeds to go to the New Loo Campaign.

WCHQ is very grateful for all fundraising ideas, please get in touch:

ninabidwell@gmail.com

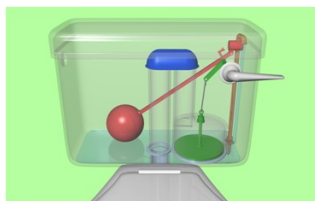
We have received some great suggestions that so far - watch this space!



Your Village Hall Loo Needs You!

Not Sport Relief Not Comic Relief
Your Relief!

Spare a penny to spend a penny!



In other news



Hall funds have replaced the front door and store doors. The new doors were supplied and fitted by Monarch and are a great improvement.

Midmar Sheet Movies has folded the sheet for the last time and invested in a screen. The first movie to test it out will be **Pan** on 12 June at 3.30pm.



The garden, which Gordon and Margaret Chapman so ably nurtured for many years, has been tended by Beth Smith along with other volunteers (willing helpers always welcome). It takes a lot of work and thought at this time of year and it is much appreciated.

Please come and see the beautiful crab apple tree that was planted in memory of Rev John Andrew as part of the hall's birthday celebrations.

Walk up an Appetite (19)

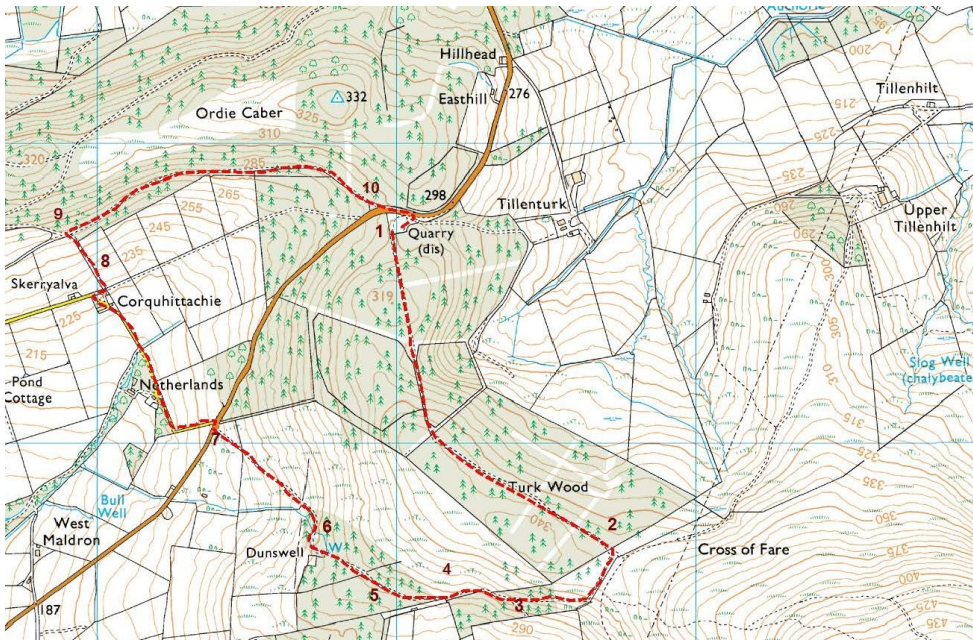
For a long time I have wanted to investigate walking at the west end of Hill of Fayre, south of the Learney cross roads, the sun was shining so I went out to investigate today.

This is a varied circular walk, starting at one of the many disused quarries in that area where there is spacious off road parking, the other option is to park where the track from Dunswell comes down to the road (7 on my inset map) and start the walk there if you prefer to finish with an easy descent.

The length of the walk is about 3.5 miles, but has several ascents and descents so it will probably take you 3 hours to complete. Most of the route follows forest and metaled roads but there is a lumpy and wet grassy section walking from 2 to 6 on the inset map through the mature woodland to Dunswell, so make sure you have good footwear.

The walk starts at the disused quarry off the B993 that is now a car park and is located opposite one of the tracks leading to Learney House, Grid Ref NJ65080 04745.

- 1) Head south out of the car park following the forest road through Turk Wood for 0.4 mile and then on the continuing on this road it swings more left (SE) as you crest the 2nd rise, continue for another 0.4 mile.
- 2) The forest road ends with a turning circle, continue across this but DO NOT pass between the two gate posts at the other side, turn right (SW) before you reach them, keeping the fence on your left, to find a vague vehicle track in the grass that becomes increasingly more distinct as you progress.



At the same time as investigating this walk I also explored what happens North and East after going through the fence posts beyond the turning circle. Going North the vehicle track cannot have seen wheels for over 40 years but it is still passable on foot and you can get to Tillenhilt and Auchorie bridge if you choose, hence (I assume) the

name on the map for this route being "Cross of Fare". If you continue East you find a good footpath through the heather that ascends up to the flatter ground on top of Hill of Fare, I followed it for about 0.75 mile before turning back, and I assume it must join up with the main track on top of the Hill of Fare.

- 3) The vehicle track gives way to a grassy "channel", follow this. There is some wind-blow but someone cut off the nasty spiky bits a long time ago so it is easy to duck under or leap over, whichever is your preference.
- 4) Cross this wire fence, it is not much of a barrier, and then after finding your way through some grassy but wet sections you come up to another wooden fence, leave this to your left (south), there is an easy grassy path through the trees heading west.
- 5) If you are walking this route anti-clockwise at this point take the right (southerly) fork. For clockwise walkers (as described) and you have a compass you will notice you are now walking NNW rather than W.
- 6) As you come out of the trees you reach the old site of Dunswell, the ground is very wet here too, it is still an active spring, turn right (initially NNE) and follow the obvious well-made track, down slope (NW).
- 7) Watching out for traffic zipping down the hill, cross the metalled B993 road turning slightly right to start walking downhill to Netherlands on the minor (yellow) road.
- 8) Almost immediately after you have passed between the house and the farm buildings at Corquhittachie turn right (NE) towards the field gate and then as you approach the gate you will see to your left an avenue of trees between two walls, turn left again to ascend walking NNW
- 9) When you reach the track leading down from the B993 to Learney House turn right (NE) to walk up this for about 0.75 mile.

If you are walking this route anti-clockwise this junction is easily recognisable because it is the first logical place you can turn left (SE) off the track and the cottage at Skerryalva is easily visible across the meadow.

- 10) The gate to the Learney House road has three stars on it, I was curious about that and wondered if it was part of a coat of arms, please get in touch if you have the answer.

Again cross the road with care at this point to return to the place you started this walk in the old quarry.



In addition to these instructions we advise you also take OS Landranger Maps 37 & 38, (Strathdon and Aberdeen sheets) with you for additional reference information and also a compass to verify direction information given. This article submitted by Rob Ferguson : if you have comments/feedback on the content, my contact details are Tel 01330 830038 or eMail rob.ferguson@aiexps.co.uk.

I have not offered a date for this as a guided walk because I am not too sure of my availability over the summer. Being well sheltered and avoiding farming land it is a good route for families and dog walkers. If you would like to do it as a guided walk please let me know and we can arrange something to suit everybody.

' A lifetime can be spent in a Magallenic voyage around the trunk of a single tree' , Edward O. Wilson



As I wander around the local woods, or gardens, I reflect upon the biodiversity of plant life and other organisms in our environment. Of course this is self evident to those of a botanical or horticultural persuasion. There are many species, which traditionally were considered to be very useful to mankind and to the planet, in times of yore, but perhaps

whose characteristics and functions are now overlooked, or not emphasized in our current thinking.

Mosses are a case in point. There are apparently 977 species of mosses and liverworts in Scotland, and are considered to be a unique part of our biodiversity. A reputable source informs us that 5% of the world's bryophytes are located in Scotland.

Environmentally, mosses have many uses. Located on flood plains, they can absorb flash floods, and on inclines, stabilize the land. Growing over centuries they lock up carbon, and play a useful part in countering air pollution.

Traditionally , over centuries, moss has been used as a multi purpose packaging for vegetables, and other types of foods, along with bracken and straw. It was utilized as an insulating material in buildings and clothing, and within caulking processes in ships. More recently mosses, with their water retention properties, were used in flower arranging, and gardening.

The curative qualities of Sphagnum moss were recognized in World War 1 , and wound dressings from this plant were mass produced , for use in hospitals at the time. Traditional Scottish tales tell of wounded deer heading for the Sphagnum moss beds to recover from their injuries.

The writer, Martin Martin, in *' A depiction of the West Highlands of Scotland 1703*, recounts, in 1703,



'When they (voyagers)are fatigued by travel or otherwise, they fail not to bathe their feet in warm water wherein red moss has been boiled.... '

Lichens tell a similar tale. They are part of our natural environment, which are ignored by many , I presume, much of the time. But traditionally some species have had their uses- as food for humans and animals (deer and sheep)- in North America and Canada predominantly.



(I'm not suggesting a recipe for lichen stew!). Some traditional tales and more recent studies indicate that they may have medicinal applications to counter lung disease and rabies. Japanese studies investigate the possibilities of the use of lichens in reducing tumours. Lichens have been used for many years as dyes for wool in Harris tweeds, and within the processes of perfume production.



As lichens are very slow growing, and acknowledged to be indicators of air pollution, they can be considered a valuable , if diminishing resource, in the context of our planetary biodiversity.

'This is the assembly of life that took over a billion years to evolve.It has eaten the storms-folded them into our genes, and created the world that created us. It hold the world steady'.

Edward O Wilson.

Author, Faith MacKenzie

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Getting to know ewe...

Having moved to East Bandodle I wanted to get to know my new four legged neighbours a little better. Jess, her friend Millie & I went to visit our two legged neighbours - Marion & Norman Brown, to be introduced to their new



born lambs. We had a lovely time feeding the lambs that needed a little extra help. These lambs are in for a variety of reasons such as their mother's rejecting them, or simply having no milk, to a lack of milk if they have triplets. The lambs pictured directly below had been born just 15 minutes earlier and were already up and on their feet. Lambing ewes or newly lambed ewes are often taken in if it is too cold or wet for the new borns to survive.

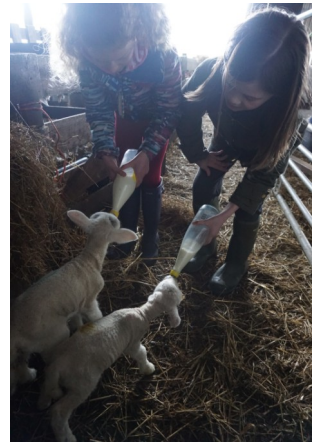
Hypothermia would kill them within 15-20 minutes. On a dry, sunny day lambs are up and about within 5 minutes and feeding and wouldn't have to be taken in unless there was complications at birth or as mentioned, triplets.

Marion explained to us about the need for the lambs to get colostrum as soon as possible so they could build up their immune system. For the girls and I it was wonderful to feed the lambs and cuddle them, however, when Marion pointed out that their next feed was at 9pm and then 5am it wasn't hard to appreciate that this was another pull on a farmer's time at such a busy period.

The lambs are all now out in the green meadows and have been castrated, vaccinated and docked (by half) to prevent faeces sticking to their tails, causing flies to lay eggs. If left maggots could form and if not treated can eat a lamb alive.

The sheep would have to be treated with medication and this would be another day's work for the farmer. We see the lambs in the fields about us and as they run around in their lamb gangs or crying for their mothers I can greatly appreciate the effort it has taken to get them this far.

Amanda Liddiard, East Bandodle Steading.



Hall Garden

All volunteers welcome to help plant up the hall garden with bedding plants. This will possibly be on Sunday 12th June - if the plants have arrived - or more probably Saturday 18th or Sunday 19th June, depending on the weather. No experience necessary. Homebakes will be provided for our fly. Bring your picnics if the weather is good. Please let Beth Smith (830085) or Jackie Randell (830135) know if you can help and we will update you when the plants are ready.

We are also asking for volunteers to help maintain the garden throughout the summer and autumn as well as seeking gardening knowledge and advice from any keen gardeners. If anyone has shrubs or perennials that are spare and can donate to the hall as we work to increase year round colour in the garden. If you can beg, borrow or steal any plants for the hall garden - please let us know. Any other offers of help or ideas gratefully received.

Jackie Randell

Midmar Players put on a show!



Our local stars, too many to mention, trod the boards again this year to delight us with their version of Cinderella. Cinderella (Mia Millward) found her way to the ball in true Midmar style. There were

some fantastic musical numbers and lots of laughs along the way.
Amanda Liddiard





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