



Midmar Newsletter

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Dear fellow residents,

Over the last few years the area of family heritage has become something of a growth industry, as more and more people explore their past. They have delved into parish registers, census returns and graveyards in an attempt to find out more about their origins. Some manage to flesh out the family stories they were told in childhood while others uncover information of a long forgotten ancestor.

The BBC programme 'Who do you think you are?' is a fascinating one. With each new series we embark upon journey of discovery with a personality as they pursue their ancestry. One episode in particular stands out for me. Frank Gardner, the BBC Security Correspondent, set out a couple of years ago to investigate something that he remembered his mother say from time to time. She told him that her family came to Britain with the Normans. What Gardner discovered was that this was indeed the case, but more than this he found that he was directly descended from William the Conqueror!

During my last few years of teaching I worked on a project that involved visiting a local graveyard with youngsters. The exercise was not for the pupils to find out about their own past but to uncover information of the community in which the graveyard was set. What resulted were a series of statistics that helped them understand the forces and events that had helped shape the community. The information gathered related to infant mortality and patterns of employment. They were also able to identify the impact of the two world wars and the influx of people from other places. The visit to the graveyard helped the pupils discover some of the influences that had helped shape the community's DNA.

We, who live in Midmar - whether we were born and bred here or are incomers - are part of our community's DNA. Just as we have an awareness of the stories, events and people that helped shape our community so we are in the process of making our contribution in our time to the Midmar story. Within the community stands the hall. It has been a gathering place for well over a hundred years. A place where people meet to share a common interest, to be entertained and to celebrate special events. Well aware of this, the Hall Committee is committed to an ongoing programme of improvement and refurbishment. With your help and support the work being done today will ensure the future of this important building at the heart of our community.

Alistair McRobb, Hall Chairman

fleeman productions present

A Bosie for LUCK?

a comedy by charles barron



Midmar Hall

Wed. 21 June 2017 7.30 Tickets £10 Conc.£8

A. Lidiard 01330 833560 N. Bidwell 01330 860956

Midmar School News

Fun Day 2017



There was an excellent entry of football and netball teams to our Fun Day on Saturday 6th May. The sun shone and everyone had an enjoyable day. Winners were: Senior football – Skene, Junior Football – Cluny, Senior Netball – Midmar, Junior Netball – Skene.

Ski Racing

4 teams of Midmar pupils entered in the

Grampian Primary Schools Summer Snowsports Championship qualifiers at Alford with 3 teams qualifying for the finals in Aberdeen on 19th May. All skiers performed very well on the night. Winners were Robert Gordons College.



Primary 6 – 7 Residential Trip

Primary 6 and 7 pupils joined pupils from Cluny, Echt and Dunecht for a residential trip to Lagganlia, near Aviemore. Among the activities enjoyed were; canoeing, gorge walking, mountain biking, skiing, kayaking, hill climbing and abseiling.



Dunecht Dash and Monymusk Muddy Run

Pupils took part in both these events. Congratulations to Fionn Sewell (P6) and Lachlan Criggie (P2) who came second in their respective races.

Pupils from Midmar School help Unicef bring change for children



On Monday 22nd May, pupils at Midmar School ditched their uniform and wore the Unicef colour, blue to help change children's lives. They joined hundreds of schools across the country as they took part in Unicef's *Day for Change* to raise money to provide life-saving food and care for malnourished children.



Day for Change is Unicef UK's annual fundraising event for schools and, this year, will raise money to help malnourished children grow up healthy and strong. Around the world, five children die every minute as a result of malnutrition. Malnutrition is responsible for nearly half of all deaths of children under five and millions more children live with the effects for the rest of their lives, because their bodies and brains haven't developed the way they should.

Members of Pupil Council led a whole school Assembly about Day for Change. Pupils and staff wore blue, the Unicef colour to school and there was a blue themed tuck shop; with cupcakes and smoothies on sale.

Unicef is working around the clock to help make sure every child gets the nutrition they need to grow up healthy and strong, and provides 80% of the world's life-saving emergency food. The money raised by Midmar will help Unicef provide urgent life-saving food and care for malnourished children. For example £5 could provide life-saving therapeutic milk for the treatment of a severely malnourished child for five days, £16 could provide vitamin sprinkles for two toddlers for a whole year and £100 could provide four children with a month's supply of life-saving emergency food.



To make their fundraising go even further, every £1 raised will be doubled by The Power of Nutrition, a charitable foundation. This vital funding will help Unicef to improve the nutrition and health of mothers, babies and children under five in Liberia.

As well as raising funds, pupils at Midmar will be learning how nutrition impacts on children's lives and how Unicef is working to help make sure every child gets the nutrition they need.

For more information or to find out how you can get involved with Day for Change visit: unicef.uk/dayforchange

About Unicef

Unicef is the world's leading organisation for children, promoting the rights and wellbeing of every child in everything we do. Together with their partners, UNICEF works in 190 countries and territories to translate that commitment into practical action, focusing special effort on reaching the most vulnerable and excluded children, to the benefit of all children, everywhere.

Unicef UK raises funds to protect children in danger, transform their lives and build a safer world for tomorrow's children. Unicef UK also runs programmes in schools, hospitals and with local authorities in the UK.

Global Citizenship

Every school year Midmar School selects two charities which the whole school support. Our chosen charities this year have been UNICEF and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. Our share of Community Café entry money goes to our charities and we organise a number of fund raising events during the year.

This year each class has also chosen their own individual charity to support. Primary 6 and 7 are supporting Changing Faces. They decided to support this charity as a follow up to reading the book 'Wonder'. Changing Faces' ambition is to create an enlightened society, which fully accepts and values people who have a disfigurement. <https://www.changingfaces.org.uk/> Primary 6 and 7 had a visit from a charity worker and then led a whole school Assembly.

Primary 4 -5 are supporting Autism Scotland. By supporting this charity they are raising awareness of what life can be like for an autistic person and their family. They ran a stall at our Fun Day, selling bookmarks and candle holders.

Primary 1-3 are supporting Mary's Meals Backpack project. The Backpack Project is a simple way of helping children in countries like Malawi and Liberia get the best out of school. Mary's Meals will send the filled backpacks to children who really need them, which will enable them to attend school and gain an education that can help them escape from poverty when they grow up. <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

As well as supporting these charities Midmar School has raised money for Children in Need and Comic Relief. Well done everyone!

Midmar Sheet Movies

Deadpool

On Saturday 24th June

7pm (doors open 6.30pm)

Based upon Marvel Comics' most unconventional anti-hero, Deadpool tells the origin story of former Special Forces operative turned mercenary Wade Wilson, who, after being subjected to a rogue experiment that leaves him with accelerated healing powers, adopts the alter ego Deadpool. Armed with his new abilities and a dark, twisted sense of humor, Deadpool hunts down the man who nearly destroyed his life.



The Lady in the Van

Saturday, 26th August, 7pm

Based on the true story, Miss Shepherd was a woman of uncertain origins who “temporarily” parked her van in Bennett’s London driveway and proceeded to live there for 15 years. What began as a begrudged favour became a relationship that would change both their lives. Filmed on the street and in the house where Bennett and Miss Shepherd lived for all those years, acclaimed director Nicholas Hytner reunites with Bennett (The Madness of King George, The History Boys) to bring this funny, poignant, and life-affirming story to the screen.



MIDMAR SHEET MOVIES

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS
ALL AT THE HALL
7 FOR 7.30

DEADPOOL



24/06/17



26/08/17

BRIDGET JONES'S BABY



29/09/17



28/10/17



EVERY MONDAY DURING THE HOLIDAYS AT 2PM

CHECK FACEBOOK FOR DETAILS "MIDMAR SHEET MOVIES"



Save the date

Midmar School Parent Council

Family Race Night

Saturday 16 September 2017

Midmar Hall

7.00pm

Adult ticket: £5

Family Ticket £15

For more information contact Midmar School

01330 833244

Under 5's Group

We would be delighted to keep seeing so many of you and your wee ones at Midmar Under Fives which now runs once a month, on a Friday morning at Midmar Hall 9.30 - 11.30 . The dates for the rest of this year are:

23 June
25 August
29 September
17 November
15 December



We have had seven fab meetings so far on Fridays. There are lots of toys to play with for all ages, birth to 5, and we try to have activities on to entertain everyone. Tea, coffee, juice, biscuits always available.

We will confirm the date for our AGM and the craft fair in November.

If anyone would like more information then please contact Lesley, Lynn or Pammy. 07739350129.

Midmar Players Murder Mystery Review

by Frances Millward

The audience were marvellously dressed - Beatniks versus Hippies with a few, well researched, early punks. Amazon surely must have sold out of psychedelic polyester clothing and mercifully no naked flames engulfed the cornucopia of flammable wigs. We were once again supplied with a top notch three course meal courtesy of **Harry Fraser, Inverurie.**



The ensemble cast of Midmar Players provided a plot of tangled parentage, greed, jealousy and rage in a tale where Eastenders met Downton Abbey on the occasion of the 1969 music festival Midstock.



Revelations of a child born long ago and out of wedlock, led to envy, anger and inevitably the announcement that, in your best Taggart impression. **"There's been a murder"**. And then, after pudding, another one!

But who could have committed such dastardly deeds and why? Thankfully, we had our own sleuth on hand to crack the case. Managing to pay homage to both the cast of 'ello 'ello and the inimitable Inspector Clouseau and, undaunted by the attempt of his wayward moustache trying to upstage him, our detective deduced the evil doer and justice was done. I shan't spoil the ending.



Groovy night out had by all.



Update on Midmar Community Fibre Project



Thank you to all those who completed the Broadband Survey at the end of 2016 or early in 2017. I'm sure you are wondering what is happening!
The short answer is not much ☹ – read on for more detail.

The BT Community Fibre team seem to have changed. The very helpful lady that helped me initially seems to have been replaced by a less forthcoming individual. When I submitted the survey results in early February I received the following response:

"Many thanks I'll be back to you shortly with a date for a design" but I heard nothing, so when I enquired again at the end of March I received the following response:

"We currently have your address list with the Scottish Government contract team as there is a strong suspicion that a number of the properties may come under the scope of the recent enhancement to their coverage plans. A contract was recently signed by the Scottish Government that re-invested funds returned by Openreach from earlier phases of the contract. Discussions have been going on since November but formal agreements only reached earlier this month (March 2017). They should be able to tell us at a postcode level - if not individual premises what, if any areas have been included. Depending on the outcome of these findings, you may have to re-evaluate your community plans so it's better we clarify now."

This sounded like good news in that we might not need to raise the funds to extend the fibre to the Midmar School /Hall area, as it would be paid for by the Scottish Government. This may still be the case but I have not yet been able to find out any further information. It would appear that the Community Fibre project is stalled until BT or I can find out more from the Scottish Government.

Some of you living further away from the Sauchen Exchange like myself, may have received a letter recently from Aberdeenshire Council suggesting that we will not be included in any fibre rollout and that we should apply for another solution such as satellite.

The problem with satellite connections is that they are normally limited in download speed e.g. <30 Mbps and amount of data per month. Whilst this is much better than the less than 2Mbps we generally get at present, it seems a poor solution when unlimited data fibre or mobile might be available.

So what to do now if I want faster broadband?

I will carry on trying to find out what is happening with our Fibre project but in the meantime there are some other possibilities if you want faster broadband now.

1) In December last year I became aware that a local man - David Clark of Yelifab, Waterfield, Tillybirloch (the Llama place) is offering a Mobile phone based broadband solution. I was sceptical that this would work at Woodhead as I used to only get a poor 2G mobile signal on my iphone. He visited and tested an external 3G/4G antenna in my garden and found that by mounting an external antenna the size of a paperback book on my end wall and an internal wifi router I could get a 4G signal from Three and upload/download speeds of up to 90Mbps - yes ninety Mbps! The initial cost is quite high - circa £340 and then £27 per month for an unlimited data SIM card from 3, but I have been using this for several months now & it seems to be highly reliable - more so than wired broadband. I have no commercial connection with David other than being a satisfied customer & if your home is not too low down you may also be able to get a decent signal. He can be contacted on mobile 07917175820 or <http://www.yelifab.net/> and will come & conduct a no obligation survey for free if you ask him.

Since February Midmar seems to have improved 3G/4G coverage on some mobile networks e.g. Vodafone due to new mast sharing agreements and this might also help the mobile solution.

2) Alternatively the satellite or other solutions may work for you - details can be found at the links below. For those of us with a <2Mbs broadband connection at present the Department of Culture Media & Sport (DCMS) is offering a subsidised installation from certain suppliers. Details can be found at <https://basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk/>

I realise that it is slightly ironic that you need to apply online, but the form is very simple.

If you would like to discuss this or have further questions please email me at gareth.brown@btinternet.com or try 01330 83417, but I hardly use my landline now due to being plagued by cold callers despite trying many different systems to dissuade them!

Thanks, Gareth Brown, Woodhead Midmar AB51 7QB.



Midmar Hall '100 Club'

Prize Draw

Membership Form 2017—2018

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.

X.....

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

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

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*

100 Club Family Bingo



Eyes were down for a full house on Saturday 13 May. Fuelled by a great spread of soup, sandwiches & cake the bingo players listened for a lucky number 7, hoped for two fat ladies (88) or perhaps legs eleven so that they could be the first to shout, 'Bingo'.

And the 2016/2017 100 Club Draw lucky winners were....

....pulled out of the bag by some of Midmar's younger residents.

First prize of £100 was won by:
David Falconer

The other prize winners were:

2nd £50 – Alan Baird

3rd £30 – Sula Humberstone

4th £20 – Jenny Beetham



Fill in & return the form on the opposite page & cross your fingers for next year.

Newsletter Cover Winner

Congratulations to Gareth Brown for capturing the beautiful views over Midmar on our front page.



Midmar events

Hall Garden Tidy
Help required
10th & 11th June
17th & 18th July

fleeman productions present
A Bosie for LUCK?
a comedy by charles barron



Wed. 21 June 2017 7.30 Tickets £10 Conc.£8
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23rd June, 25th
Aug, 29th Sept



24th June 7pm

Day	Activity	Venue
Monday	Stitch & Mix	Midmar Hall
	Book Club (Last Monday of the month)	Various
	Circuits	Midmar Hall
Tuesday	After School Club	Midmar Sports Centre
	Upholstery Classes	The Little Theatre
	Bowling (October through to March)	Midmar Hall
Wednesday	After School Club	Midmar Sports Centre
	Circuits	Midmar Hall
	SWRI (2nd Wednesday of the month)	Midmar Hall
	Whist (4th Wednesday of the month)	Millbank Bowling Club Hut
Thursday	Mobile Library (fortnightly)	Hall car park
	Upholstery Classes	The Little Theatre
	After School Club	Midmar Sports Centre
	Rhythm Box music lesson	Midmar Hall
	Community Cafe (1st Friday of the month)	Midmar Hall
Friday	Under 5's (Once a month)	Midmar Hall

THE ECHT SHOW

7th July



Events at a glance

Event	Time	Further Information
Millard	12pm - 2pm	Frances Millward Frankie19701@live.co.uk
	8pm - 10pm	Alistair McRobb 833715
Millard	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Duncan Sinclair 07872336309
Millard School	3.15pm - 6pm	MASC - 07856732341
Byre	7pm - 9pm	Kay Hourston 833515
Millard	7.15pm - 9.15pm	Alan Blackie 833482
Millard School	3.15pm - 6pm	MASC - 07856732341
Millard	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Duncan Sinclair 07872336309
Millard	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Judith Stokoe 833719
Bowling	7.30pm - 10pm	Isabel Birse 833209 27th September next meet.
Millard Park	9.45am - 10am	
Byre	10.30am-12.30pm & 1pm - 3pm	Kay Hourston 833515
Millard School	3.15pm - 6pm	MASC - 07856732341
Millard	3.30pm - 7pm	info@therythmbox.co.uk Tel:01467 642026
Millard	10am - 12pm	
Millard	9.30am - 11.30am	Next dates: 23 June, 25 Aug 29 Sept, 17 Nov, 15 Dec

You can find more information on our website at Midmarhall.com



Whist
27th Sept
Millbank Bowling
Hut
7.30pm £2 entry



RENEE ZELLWEGER COLIN FIRTH PATRICK DEMPSEY

One Little Bump **BRIDGET JONES'S BABY** One Big Question
SEPTEMBER 16

29th Sept 7pm

Family Race Night
16th Sept, 7pm



The Hall Garden
Thank you to Springhill Nursery, Dunecht!

A mixture of copper and green beech saplings have been kindly donated by Springhill Nurseries (owned by David Smith & family) and have been planted out to make a hedge to border the hall garden. They have a little bit of growing to do first but it won't be too long before they give quite a show. We are very grateful for the generous donation of saplings as well as the time and effort of the planters!

Springhill Nurseries
Dunecht Gardens
Dunecht
Westhill
AB32 7DD
Tel: 01330 860246
email: info@springhillnurseries.co.uk



Diary Dates!

When: Weekend 10/11 June
Where: Midmar Hall Garde
What: Pre planting weeding and garden preparation

When: Weekend 17/18 June
Where: Midmar Hall Garden
What: Come and help plant the summer flowers - please!

Please bring your own tools & gloves





The Rhythm Box

6 High Street, Kemnay
33E Bridge Street, Banchory

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The Rhythm Box is now offering lessons from Midmar Hall.
Lessons will be charged at the same rate as lessons in the studio (£17)

To register your interest contact:

info@therhythmbox.co.uk
01467 642026
www.therhythmbox.co.uk

IF SOMEONE TELLS YOU THAT
YOU HAVE ENOUGH FABRIC
STOP TALKING TO THEM.

YOU DON'T NEED THAT KIND
OF NEGATIVITY IN YOUR LIFE!

Stitch & Mix
Mondays
12pm-2pm
Midmar Hall

Come and join our small but perfectly formed, group of ladies who share their individual craft and expertise to give the rest of us novices the chance to learn a new skill.

Cushions, blinds, sign writing, wreath making are just a few of the skills brought to the table so far.

We've only been up and running for a few weeks and would love to welcome more people along. (A £2 donation goes towards hall costs)

Come along or for more details contact Frances Millward, email:
Frankie19701@live.co.uk

Cluny and Midmar Senior Citizens

What's on in 2017 / 18 season

Bus trip is organized for sat. 10th June 2017 leaving Millbank hall 10am then Midmar hall 10.15 am, destination Brechin Castle then Auchingarrich Wildlife Park. High Tea in Angus Hotel Blairgowrie.

Treasure Hunt Millbank Bowling Hut sat. 24th June 2017 leaving from 6 to 6.30 pm. Do come along for a bit of fun to unravel the clues. Teas and a fine piece and a raffle. Prizes will be awarded.

The Whists begin 27th Sept 2017 at the Millbank Bowling hut 7.30 pm Everyone is welcome to attend. Tea and a raffle.

The St Andrews afternoon Meal and Entertainment sat 25th Nov. 2017 Kemnay Bowling Club Pavilion 1pm to 5 pm approx. All over 60s' very welcome to attend. Whists 2018 Jan Feb Mar Apr. 4th Wednesday of the month.

Please give your name to :

833454, 833591, 833209, 833574, 013398 83572.

We appreciate everyone who attends the whists and the generous donation from The Alford Rotary Club.

Need Some Extra Help?.....

Locally based, experienced childminder/nanny/
babysitter/domestic help (home and garden) seeks
employment from June 2017.

Has own transport
Rates negotiable
References available

Please contact Monika or Raphaela Gordon
Telephone: 01330 833334
Mobile: 07599 306478

Celebrate Hogmanay as a Community

Midmar 2017 Hogmanay Community Party

**Sunday
31st December 2017**

Midmar Hall

7.30pm – 2am'ish

Save the Date

**Further details in
next Newsletter**

**Disco
For All the Family
Bring your own bottles and snacks**

Any profits will be donated to Midmar Hall

A sea of green

'Green is the prime colour of the world, and that from which its loveliness arises'.

Pedro Calderon de la Barca

At this time of year I am impressed by the growth of viridian vegetation in the local landscape, which is easy on the eye, and, up close, of fascinating natural design and growth patterns. Many of these greens, are composed of bracken growing in and around woodland and pasture land.



Most bracken referred to as 'Pteridium aquilinum', is described as a vigorous, aggressive fern, which spreads rapidly by means of underground stems or rhizomes, and which has a wide soil tolerance. It is regarded by agriculturalists for various traditional reasons, as a weed to be controlled, if not eradicated, by various means, in order to: Safeguard valuable grazing; Ease shepherding and gathering; Reduce the risk of diseases- bracken is toxic at various stages of its growth, and harbours sheep and deer ticks; Protect archaeological features from its invasive growth.

That is not the whole story, however. Apart from its aesthetic appeal, there are, according to recent studies, potential and historical uses for bracken in organic agriculture. In the past it was used for animal bedding, and who knows- perhaps even human bedding- long before IKEA came on the scene! It was also used, in a mulch, as a compost, and soil protector in the wintertime. The plant contains flavonoids, which have antibiotic properties, and has insect repellent properties.

In terms of its role in the natural order of things- and its symbiosis with other plants and animals, bracken supports forty species of invertebrates. It offers a breeding habitat for a number of avian species, and provides cover for small reptiles and mammals. (No, sir -you won't find a rhinoceros in there, although it can grow pretty tall over the summer!). Bracken also provides an environmental milieu, in which bluebells and other plants thrive.

So... saint or sinner? Neither really - that depends on individual perspectives. For me, it forms a central part of this attractive local environment, which we are fortunate enough to inhabit.

'Nature is full of infinite causes, that have never occurred in experience'. Leonardo da Vinci.

Faith Mackenzie June 2016

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Aberdeen University Centre for organic agriculture- Archives.'Potential and historical uses for bracken in organic agriculture'. E. Donnelly, J. Robertson, D. Robinson.

Cluny, Midmar and Monymusk Community Council

The Community Council have held meetings on the 16th of March and the 20th of April. The local issues discussed were Mill of Lyne, the holiday home site at Quarry Wood, Fetternear, the proposed pylon line from Blackhillock to Kintore and the possibility of re-routing the improved A96 by Bennachie. The pylon installation by SSE has been notified by the National Grid as "do not proceed" although it is felt that this project is unlikely to go away long term. W.A.P.A (the local opposition group) are to maintain a watching brief. Concern has been raised about noise and flood lighting at the Quarry Wood holiday home site and this is to be followed up by contact with local residents and also the Health and Environmental Group. There would appear to be an ongoing problem with dog fouling in Monymusk, Sauchen and Midmar. Dog owner's seem to be reluctant to take responsibility for their pets. A resident from Monymusk spoke about concerns regarding the local bus reversing into St.Ninian's road and also around the square. The next meeting of the Community Council is to be on the 1st of June at Midmar Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm. There will be a talk by Nick Pilbeam on his involvement in putting together a resilience scheme for Lyne of Skene and Echt. Anyone with local problems or queries is welcome to attend meetings, Midmar Community Councillors are Richard Fyffe tel.01330 833295 and Judith Stokoe tel 01330 833719

Midmar W.I.

Monthly meetings are finished now until September but we have had a varied syllabus. The two Mikes were our speakers in March giving a beautifully detailed slide show entitled "The Granite Mile" or a journey from the past down Union Street. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the members who greatly enjoyed spotting buildings that they knew. April saw our annual business meeting which was ably supervised by Cluny W.I. Richard Lattimer was the speaker for May and give an informative talk on the history and inception of the Rotary Club. There is a saying "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" however, Richard uses the maxim " A kiss and a cuddle a day (as many as possible) definitely keeps the doctor away. There are still two events in the W.I. calendar, firstly on Thursday the 25th of May an evening of Bingo is to be held in Garlogie hall. This is to hopefully generate funds for the W.I. group. Finally , as this is the centenary of the W.I., an afternoon tea is being held at Raemoir House Hotel on July 2nd. Again this is for the W.I.Group.



New craft tent and traditional music at Echt Show

Echt, Skene & Midmar
Agricultural Association

Recognised in Scotland as a Charity
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This year, Echt Show weekend kicks off on Friday 7th July and continues on Saturday 8th for what promises to be a bumper Show! We hope to see you there.

On Friday 7th you can hear the award winning band, Skerryvore perform in the marquee. Such was their popularity when they played here last year that they're paying a return visit. They've been on tour in the U.S.A. and in Europe and are not to be missed. This year, local band, Furry Boots will open the evening so get your ticket now! Admission is by ticket only available from the website www.echtshow.co.uk or by telephoning 07870 613437. If they are purchased before the end of May, a generous discount is available. Get the weekend off to a great start!

2017 sees Scotland celebrate its History, Heritage and Archaeology and funding from Aberdeenshire Council has given the Show the opportunity to promote its heritage of rural skills and also the breeds of livestock indigenous to this area.

From traditional dishes cooked and baked over the years and evolved into tasty dishes created from the best of local produce, to spinning wool, shoeing horses, crook making, sheep dog demonstrations and much more, you'll be able to see the skills which have been developed and refined over the years to the present day.

Native breeds of cattle, sheep, goats and horses are shown next to today's popular breeds, but wherever their origin, they're all prime examples of the best of stock brought out by dedicated and skilled stockmen.

This year, thanks to that funding, there will be an additional marquee where you'll enjoy the music of the north east and learn the history of agriculture in the area, amongst other things.

Strathorn Farm Clydesdales will perform their drill ride in the main ring and we welcome back Inverurie Pipe Band whose music entertains and adds atmosphere.

But what of all the other attractions? You can watch the North East of Scotland Sheep Shearing competition and admire the dexterity of the clippers, the grace of the Highland Dancers is enviable and the strength of the heavies who compete in the ring and also those who pull in the Tug of War is amazing.

The Dog show increases in popularity each year and you'll find details for all competitions and entry forms too on Echt Show's website.

Browse round the stands, find out who won the Echt Show sausage making competition or enjoy the fun of the Fair and the mouth watering catering facilities on site.

The weekend draws to a close with Night Fever Disco in the marquee.

The Show is indebted to its very many sponsors. Nicol of Skene, and Aberdeen Concrete are our main sponsors and Grass Guzzlers is a key sponsor. Aberdeenshire Council's support is gratefully acknowledged.

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- £500 for weekend hire



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