

Dear fellow residents.

As I write this letter I am only too aware that the school holidays are drawing to an end. Consequently, for many of you the holiday season will shortly be a thing of the past and consigned to the memory box. Speaking of holidays; I wonder how many postcards you sent this year? Twelve - two - one - none? I can't remember when I last received a postcard. Come to think of it, I can't recall when I last sent one!

Not so very long ago postcards were an essential part of any holiday. They provided an opportunity to tell family and friends that you had arrived safely at your destination and to say something about your accommodation - and of course, the weather! Postcards usually featured sunny beaches, ancient monuments and spectacular views. Nearer to home, many of the postcards sent from British seaside resorts were of a different nature. These tended to be rather saucy and suggestive but proved to be very popular.

Some years ago, as I travelled across America, I collected a wide range of postcards. Their subject matter varied from the Statue of Liberty, to Yellowstone National Park and the Golden Gate Bridge. These I pasted into a diary that I kept during my journey. Some people collected the postcards they received, particularly those from distant places. However, we need to accept that things have moved on and for most of us sending postcards is a pastime consigned to the past.

Nowadays, we can contact family and friends far more speedily by email and the social media. Communication has moved on apace. Today we no longer find ourselves in the situation where we arrive home before our postcards have been delivered.

Communication is being fuelled and made more accessible by the wonders of technology. Members of the hall committee are well aware of this as we consider the possibility of introducing wifi at the hall. This would be beneficial to those who use the hall and would also provide the means of regulating heating by remote control which would in turn reduce our fuel bills. Progress has its merits!

Alistair McRobb, Hall Chairman



Be Extraordinary

Learn how to save a life in just two hours

Come along to Midmar Hall on Saturday 7th October, at either 10am or 2pm, and take the British Heart Foundation's Heartstart course, showing you what to do in a life-threatening emergency. It's hands-on and teaches you the simple skills that can save lives.

Places must be booked in advance - please contact helenriach@gmail.com (07801166228). Additional sessions will be arranged if we have enough demand – keep an eye on Midmar Hall's Facebook page for updates.

Free of charge but donations can be given to British Heart Foundation at the session.

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Newsletter Cover Winner

Congratulations to Mhairi Morriss for her stunning photograph of Rosie the dog taking in the view from the top of Bennachie. Nice walk!



Midmar School News

Goblin Greenpower Car Event

Primary 6 and 7 pupils built and raced their car at the Scottish Heats in Alford in June. This year they were supported by their teacher Mrs Corbett and her husband. They were very grateful to Kirkwood Homes and Midmar Still water Fishery for helping to sponsor their entry. Everyone had a terrify day at Alford. They were delighted to win two awards; the best portfolio and fastest in the slalom.

Supporting charities.

Over the year we also raised money for Children in Need, Macmillan Cancer, Comic Relief, UNICEF, the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and Autism Scotland. . Our Change for Change day raised £181 for UNICEF. Primary 1-3 also ran an enterprise to fill back packs for the Mart's Meals charity. 50 back packs have been filled. Mary's meals' vision is that every child receives a nutritious daily meal in a place of education. They are now feeding 1.230.171 children daily in countries across the world. Alongside their feeding programme they also provide back packs to children. These back packs give children the basic tools needed for education; such as stationery, clothes and includes a ball to play with.

Scottish Parliament Visit

Primary 6 and 7 children from Midmar and Echt schools visited the Scottish Parliament in June. Alexander Burnett, MSP, welcomed them to his Office and answered questions on his work. They also visited the debating chamber, sitting in on a debate.



Summer Success

During the summer we took part in the Echt Show School's competition to create a display on sheep farming and won second place. . Many children enjoyed success with their entries at the Echt Flower Show, with Jessica Liddiard and Fionn Sewell winning trophies.

Forthcoming events:

Friday 22nd September, Macmillan Coffee Morning, Midmar School 9.30 – 11.30 – all welcome. Donations to Macmillan Cancer.





Midmar Hall Pub Night launched on Friday 1st September with great success.

About 60 people attended over the evening for a wee blether and refreshment. Volunteers manned the bar and the door, allowing a congenial atmosphere to prevail.

Plans are afoot to further improve the comfort and ambience next time, with comfy chairs and mood lighting.

So thanks to all who helped make it happen.

The next pub night is **Friday 6th October**, and then the first Friday of each month thereafter, where possible.





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28th October 4pm Halloween Party Midmar Hall

WELCOME TO THE MIDMAR COMMUNITY PUB

MIDMAR COMMUNITY
PUB

The pub will run in Midmar village hall on the 1st Friday of every month from 7pm - 11pm.

The pub will be launched on Friday 1st September

Please note, under 16s are welcome up until 8:30pm.

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Midmar Sheet Movies

Bridget Jones's Baby

Saturday 29th Sept 7.30pm (doors open 6.30pm) BYOB

Find your biggest pants and come and join the fun......





Saturday, 28th October, 6pm

Are you brave enough to come and see the children's Halloween fright night film??

Saturday 25th November 7.30pm BYOB

Choose how marvelous the film should be....

Guardians of the galaxy The Avengers Captain America

Email midmarsheetmovies@gmail.com to vote for your choice to be screened on the night



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:

29 September

17 November

15 December

We have had nine 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.

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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.

QUIZ NIGHT" at THE PUB AS A HUB

FRIENDS OF Saturday 11th Nov from 19:00 MIDMAR INN at Midmar Hall

Pub Atmosphere! Surplus funds raised will be donated to Midmar Causes.

Programme of Events:-

- Open Mike
- Selection of Beverages
- 20:00 FOOD on sale
- 20:30 Bonfire Quiz
- 22:50 Last Orders
- Family Games



Advance tickets £5.00 or £6.00 on the door, (Under 16's Free) book now by calling Rob Ferguson on 01330 830038.



Midmar Hall '100 Club Prize Draw

Membership Form 2017—2018

Mídmar Víllage Hall '100 Club' c/o Pamela Black Comers Croft Mídmar Aberdeenshire ABSI 708

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)

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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 2017 Hogmanay Community Party

Sunday 31st December 2017

Midmar Hall

7.30pm -2am'ish

Disco by Road Runner Ents

Live Music & Ceilidh Dancing

Bring your children!
Bring your own bottles!
Bring your own snacks!

Adult £5 / Child* £2

Tickets available 1st November from

Lana Howitt 07768 197067 lanahowitt@outlook.com Duncan Sewell 07986 455767 duncandfrank@dsl.pipex.com

Any profits will be donated to Midmar Hall
* primary age and under / entry by ticket only



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Book Club (Last Monday of the month)

Tuesday

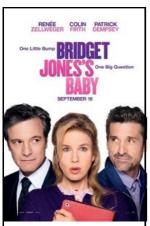
Circuits

Bowling (October through to March)

After School Club **Upholstery Classes**

Family Race Night 16th Sept, 7pm

17 Nov & 15 Dec





Wednesday

Thursday Mobile Library (fortnightly)

Friday **NEW**

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Upholstery Classes

After School Club

Pub Night

After School Club

Circuits

Rhythm Box music lesson Community Cafe (1st Friday of the month) Under 5's (Once a month)



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Learn how to save a life in just two hours

7th October 10am & 2pm at the hall

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6pm - 11pm

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

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all	12pm - 2pm	Frances Millward Frankie19701@live.co.uk	
	8pm -10pm	Alistair McRobb 833715	
all	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Duncan Sinclair 07872336309	
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Halloween party and movie.
Party 4pm
Movie 6pm
Bring a packed tea
28th October





1st Friday of the month

Cluny, Midmar and Monymusk Community Council

The Community Council have held meetings in June and July the next meeting being on the 31st of August at Monymusk Village Hall. Topics discussed have been Mill of Lyne, Quarry Wood site application, bus problems at Monymusk square and also dog fouling problems in Monymusk. There is an ongoing problem with tree root humps on the road from Cluny cross roads to Craigearn requiring action. It is hoped that the footpath from Sauchen to Cluny school will soon be resolved and that the speed limit beside the school will eventually be reduced to 30mph. A talk on the resilience plan organised for Echt and Lyne of Skene was given in June however, as Monymusk already has an effective plan it was agreed to pass on the information to Midmar Hall Management Committee. An application has been forwarded for Monymusk Village to be entered into the Village of the Year award. There have been new security arrangements at Inverurie Council Building which appear to make it difficult for the public to access general council meetings or meet a council official. Hopefully this can be reolved. The resignation our doughty Community Council secretary was met with much sadness. He will be greatly missed.

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 S.W.I.

It is hard to believe that it is almost time to begin our new season, but it is. Our first meeting is scheduled for the 13th of September and is a talk on allotments by Shirley Armstrong. This is followed by our 90th birthday celebrations in October which is to be a meal at an as yet unknown venue. Suzanne Brownrigg of Promise Jewellery is to bring a display of her work and jewellery in November and Mrs Ann Stephen is to give a Christmas Craft demonstration in December. Highlights of the summer were the SWI group bingo at Garlogie in May which was an outstanding success. As it is the Centenary year of the W.I. an afternoon tea was held at Raemoir House



Hotel on July 2nd. This was a lovely outing, the weather was kind, the surroundings impressive, the company very well dressed and the food delicious.



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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)

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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.

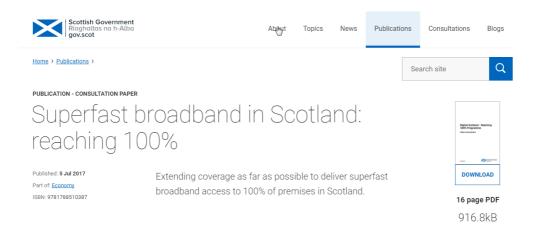
Cushions, blinds, sign writing, wreath making are just a few of the skills brought to the table so far.

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

Update on Midmar Fibre Broadband Project – August 2017

A quick update on progress (or lack of) with this project. In a nutshell, it is stalled until the outcome of the R100 initiative led by the Scottish Government. Very frustrating and not what I expected when I asked everyone to complete the survey at the end of last year! What is R100 and how long will it take? Hard to say – you can read the Consultation paper and the details here https://beta.gov.scot/publications/digital-scotland-reaching-100-programme/ – or simply Google R100 Scottish Government.



Whilst this may be good news that we may not have to fund any improvements, I am extremely concerned that given the track record of Digital Scotland this will result in anything other than too little too late. Amazingly Digital Scotland seem to have little technical understanding of the technologies involved and their communication with Aberdeenshire Council, BT and myself has been nothing short of appalling.

So what can we do? 2 options:

- 1) If you are content with your current Broadband speed do nothing and hope that the R100 promise is delivered a speed of at least 30Mbps by 2021. This should be free.
- 2) If you want a faster speed now up to 70Mbps +/-, then for most people more than 2km from the Sauchen exchange the only sensible option at present is **Mobile Broadband**. If you live in a hollow too low down, then this may not be possible. With recent improvements in 3G/4G mobile signal strength in our area however this seems to be increasingly available. In the last newsletter I mentioned that a local firm Yelifab at Waterfield, Tillybirloch, Midmar could help, they have changed their name to Wifab and are contactable on 07585604723 (Liam). They offer a free quote service so you're under no obligation.

If you might be interested in installing a Mobile Broadband system, then please email me at gareth.brown@btinternet.com with your details and I will get in contact. If there are enough people interested we could establish a self-help group and have a kick-off meeting in the Hall etc.

Gareth Brown, Woodhead, Midmar.

P.S. I'm writing this in a hotel in Northern Iraq in the middle of a desert. The fibre internet connection here is infinitely better than in Midmar. Come on Digital Scotland - we can do this!

P.P.S. Don't hold your breath for R100 J

Question S5W-09838: Murdo Fraser, Mid Scotland and Fife, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, Date Lodged: 21/06/2017

To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the findings of the R100 review.

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Answered by Fergus Ewing (19/07/2017):

The results of the R100 Open Market Review are used to generate a draft 'intervention area' for the R100 programme which is then tested through a State Aid public consultation. This will be published in due course.

Current Status: Answered by Fergus Ewing on 19/07/2017

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Nature's garden, in late summer, in Midmar

'An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day'. Henry Thoreau At this time of year, a walk through Nature's garden can be a fairly strenuous exercise, as plant growth is at its apogee. Plants such as bracken, thistle, nettle, hogweed and wild grasses, which can grow waist high, or taller, impede progress,





and paths which were wide tracks, become barely navigable.





This 'garden' environment, nevertheless, is redolent with colour and variety as well as being easy on the eye. Some beholders might perceive the beauty of these environs. It is impossible not to stand in awe of Nature's bounty, diversity, and complexity. Many plants such as the rowan, wild rose and cherry, are yielding their fruits and berries at this time- providing succour for indigenous birds. Flowering shrubs, including buddleia, and mint, attract brightly patterned butterflies and insects. In the pastures and hedgerows, late flowering plants brighten the surrounding vistas.







In the words of Iris Murdoch,' People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time, to have such things about us'.







In the woodland areas, fungi of manifold shapes and colours appear, to brighten the forest floor, and add their contribution to this ecosystem.





Under the cerulean blue sky, the landscape takes on a different hue. What once was the viridian green of new growth, becomes a faded tan, in the late summer sunlight. Although most leaves on the deciduous trees have not yet 'turned', there is early visual evidence of the change in season - of plants beginning to enter their dormancy phase in response to cooler temperatures and dwindling daylight hours.





For most souls, lost or otherwise, it would be difficult to walk amidst this 'Garden' in our 'backyard', and not be touched by its grandeur; this land which has been owned and managed for centuries, and which carries the cultivated imprints of mankind. For those of a religious persuasion, perhaps the words below encapsulate this view.

'Reading about nature is fine, but if a person walks in the woods and listens carefully, he can learn more than what is in books, for they speak with the voice of God'.

George Washington Carver.

Faith Mackenzie

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Closing date for submissions to the Winter newsletter is the November 13th 2017. This covers events Dec, Jan & Feb.

Please email Amanda at midmar.newsletter @hotmail.co.uk . Thank you, Amanda

Inverurie Physiotherapy and Podiatry Clinic

Podiatrist: Kevin Cole BSc (Hons)., DPodM., MChS



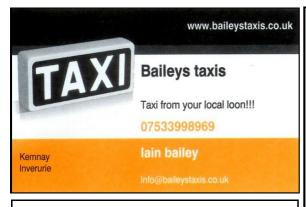
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We look forward to hearing from you.

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Please Note - Sadly, due to bitter past experience the hall is not available for hire for parties of 16-21 year olds.



