

Dear fellow residents,

A couple of months ago, Roger Bannister died. I can well understand that some may pause for a moment and wonder who he was. For my generation he was an icon, a hero, a superstar. He's up there with Edmund Hillary and Neil Armstrong. His claim to fame was the fact that he was the first athlete to run a mile in less than four minutes. It doesn't matter that his record stood for a mere forty six days. His place in athletic history is assured.

Every age produces people who become iconic. They are known and remembered for the contribution they made to society and culture. Among their number are not only the athletes but writers, actors, musicians, politicians and media personalities. Some of these icons, such as Anne Frank and Martin Luther King endure down through the years and are known to old and young alike. Others, perhaps like Bannister are remembered in their own time and eventually are forgotten by many.

The word 'iconic' is often used when speaking of a building. Examples that come to mind are the Taj Mahal, Big Ben and the Kremlin. These and countless more attract tourists and have done so for a great many years. They are icons that endure and are held in high esteem by all who visit them and pose for selfies alongside them.

Not only cities but smaller, rural communities have buildings that are held in high regard by residents and visitors alike. Within our own community we have the village hall. Hardly iconic, you may say. Nonetheless it has provided a string of important memories for many that links one generation with another.

Since it was erected the hall has been added to, extended, refurbished and improved. This needs to be done on a regular basis to ensure that it remains a viable asset and venue. In July we shall continue to build upon past improvements when work begins on the toilets. More work is planned to upgrade other areas within the hall - but more of that later.....

Alistair McRobb, Hall Chairman

All Cisterns Go!



On 9 July work will begin on replacing the loos in the hall. As it is expected to take around four weeks to complete we ask that you bare with us during this time.

Hall bookings will be difficult while work is in progress although the back stage room & upstairs meeting room will be unaffected.

What a relief it will be when it's all finished!

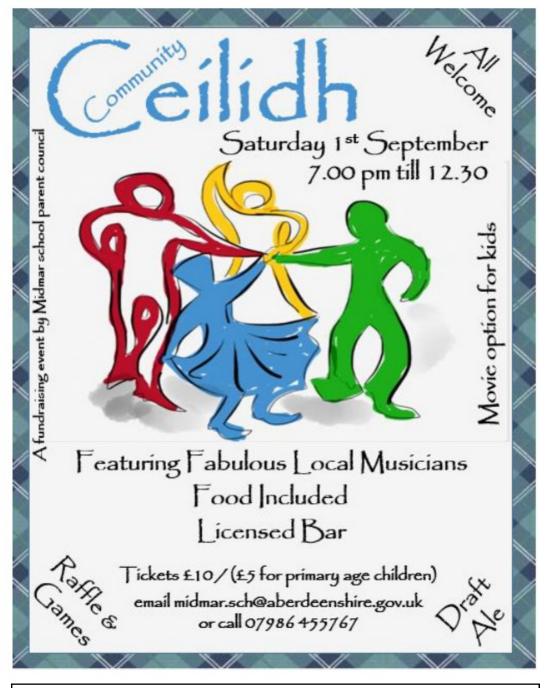


Miller Plant, at the heart of the community

Since Miller Plant donated a defibrillator to the Midmar community (situated at the Hall), I am pleased to announce that they have also placed one outside their offices at Miller Plant.
Hopefully we will never need to use either of them but what a great contribution this makes to the whole Midmar area.

Many thanks Miller Plant!

Amanda Liddiard Midmar.newsletter@hotmail.co.uk



Newsletter Cover Winner

This editions cover winner is Frances Millward, capturing this great shots of hares leaping in the early morning sun.

Congratulations!



Community Pub – Update

It seems as though every month something different happens at the Community Pub. Last month an eclectic bunch of Midmar Musicians started playing sometime around 9:30 and we had several couples up and dancing, the month before our local quiz master organised an excellent Quiz Night.

With your continued support we are planning to open the pub for the foreseeable future on the first Friday of the month **except September** when the Hall already has a prior booking for a wedding event. In September we will open the bar instead in support of the school Parents Group on Saturday 1st September when a fund raising ceilidh is being organised.

We hope to see new faces and all our regulars then instead, there will be an entry charge to cover the cost of food that is being laid on and all ages are welcome.



Thank you to everyone who attended training in March and April we now have 18 volunteers who are eligible to work behind the bar so you are likely to see different faces each time you visit. The cost of training has been high but it is important that we comply with the requirements of the Licensing Act as well as spreading the work load within the community. Anyone else who would like to help please contact Rob Ferguson (rob.ferguson@aiexps.co.uk), David Smith (dsmith@c-tecnics.com) or Pamela Black (pablack311@gmail.com).



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questions, please contact
me using Tel 01330
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Results Are In.....

A big thank you to everyone who kindly filled in our recent survey on paper or online.



- Out of 80 responses Midmar strongly
 agreed that the hall is an important community asset, events and user
 groups are appreciated and enjoyed.
- Suggestions for new ventures were enthusiastically offered and include a wide range of activities along with offers of help to get them going.
- In response to asking which areas of the hall should be improved the majority answer was clearly the kitchen. As this is top on the 'to do' list of our community we are emboldened to seek funding for this project and are currently filling in grant application forms.
- The newsletter clearly seems to be the place where residents find out what's going on but there are problems with distribution and suggestions that the newsletter might be delivered by email are very helpful.
- It is clear that the use of the hall has been changing over the past few years with some user groups declining but others beginning.
- There is interest and enthusiasm about finding ways to make more of the hall as a village amenity which is exciting and challenging.

If anyone is interested in shaping the future of Midmar Hall we would be pleased to welcome new committee members.

Save Your Apples!

A 'Community Apple Pressing' is being planned for when the apples are ready?

We already have a couple of apple presses in the Community and there is a Plan to bring everyone together to produce Apple juice and bottle it. More information will be available on the Hall website closer to the time, which will be around October. All ages will be welcome to assist and enjoy this experience. Whether you have any apples or not, come along and enjoy!



Summer Fun Sessions

This summer at Midmar Hall, Alana Black and Pamela Black are going to be holding a Fun Session for Under 5's every Tuesday Morning. Alana and Pamela are both fully qualified in Childcare which means you can drop off your children and collect them at the end of the session. The sessions will start on the 10th of July 2018 and run from 9:30am – 11am. We will be providing the children with lots of fun activities such as messy play, sensory play, painting, summer arts and crafts, Mark Making, Imaginative play and lots more. Each session is £3 per child. If you would like to book a place please contact Alana or Pamela @

alanaB20@hotmail.com pablack311@gmail.com.

We look forward to this new adventure and meeting lots of new faces!

Under 5's Summer Fun Session

Midmar Hall Every Tuesday Morning 9:30 - 11am £3 per child per session



Lots of Activities on offer – Messy Play, Sensory Play, Imaginative Play, Summer Arts and Crafts, Painting and much more

The Sessions will be held by Alana Black and Pamela Black who are fully qualified in Childcare which means you can drop off your children and pick them up again at the end of the session



Please Note: These sessions will begin on 10/07/2018 and finish 14/08/2018.

If you would like to book a place please contact alana B20@hotmail.com or pablack311@gmail.com

100 Club

The annual 100 Club draw took place as the finale to a delightful afternoon of tea and bingo.

The lucky winners of this years £100 prize were Midmar SWRI, congratulations ladies!

The 100 Club is a lottery open to everyone and anyone with monthly prize draws of £30, £20 & £10 and an annual draw each May of £100, £50, £30 & £20.

It is an invaluable source of fundraising for the hall and we are very grateful to Lynne Street who makes the magic happen!



If you haven't entered the 2018/19 potential winners draw yet please consider filling in the form in this newsletter or downloading it from the hall website, midmarhall.com

Thank you & Good Luck!







Mídmar Hall '100 Club Príze Draw

Membership Form 2018 - 2019

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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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A 'DEADLY' DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Murder Strikes Again in Midmar - this time at the Panto!

Come and join the drama and mayhem (not to mention all-out-war!) behind the scenes of a truly thrilling pantomime! Midmar Public Hall is once again to be the scene for an evening of fine dining laced with sleuthing, skulduggery, cross-dressing, general silliness and murder!

On Saturday 17th November, 2018 at 7pm, you will watch the shenannigans of the Midmar Players backstage during their annual pantomime. See the plot of Snow White turn red with blood!

A delicious three-course meal with coffee will be prepared and served as in previous years by caterers Harry Fraser of Inverurie. The audience will get to know more about the characters in role during arrival drinks and in scenes presented between courses. Led (or misled?!) by a well-known detective each table of eight guests will then be able to question the 'suspects' and deduce who the murderer is. Of course there will be a prize for the best deduction!

Tickets are £40 each and include a drink on arrival, meal, coffee and a full evening's entertainment. Guests will be seated in tables of 8 and are welcome to bring their own drinks for the meal.

Please feel free to dress up as your favourite panto characters! Music will be provided throughout the evening and the party may well continue after the show has ended!

Tickets are available now from Sarah Kearns on 01330-833638 or kearns@btinternet.com.



Aberdeenshire's Own Dinner Wifies at Midmar Hall

An intriguingly funny comedy in Doric opens at Midmar Hall on Wednesday **27th June** when Fleeman Productions present *Skirlie* by Charles Barron. The company is returning to Midmar after a great visit in 2017 with *A Bosie for Luck?*

Skirlie is set in a country school where something strange is boiling up in the kitchens. We take the lid off the plot - and you'll never feel the same way about school dinners. The fascinating characters include three dinner wifies whose combined skills barely qualify them to use a tin-opener – if they had one.

The teachers are more concerned with their private lives than with the education of the pupils and the school cleaner is in a world of her own. Add a Food Hygiene Inspector and the comic situations culminate in some surprising outcomes.

Skirlie features several Fleeman regulars including Liz Loggie, Jill Innes, Yvonne Morton and Ken McRae, and is directed by Bruce Taylor, his first production for the company. Fleeman Productions has been touring Doric drama to the North East of Scotland for 15 years and has built a reputation for performing thoroughly entertaining comedies, true to the spirit of the area.

Award-winning playwright Charles Barron was Head of Speech and Drama at Aberdeen College of Education and Arts Director at Haddo House. He died in 2012. His understanding of the Scots character and his deft touch with comedy ensure an evening of sheer joy.

Skirlie is on Wednesday 27th June at 7.30pm, at Midmar Hall. Tickets priced £10 and £8 for concessions are available from Amanda Liddiard on 01330 833560 or 07980 736499 and Nina Bidwell 01330 860956 or on the door.





Midmar events









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Day	Activity	Venu
Monday	Book Club (Last Monday of the month)	Various
	Circuits	Midmar H
Tuesday	After School Club	Midmar S
	Upholstery Classes	The Little
	Bowling (October through to March)	Midmar H
Wednesday	After School Club	Midmar S
	Circuits	Midmar H
	SWRI (2nd Wednesday of the month)	Midmar H
	Whist (4th Wednesday of the month)	Millbank Bo Club Hut
Thursday	Mobile Library (fortnightly)	Hall car pa
	Upholstery Classes	The Little
	After School Club	Midmar S
	Rhythm Box music lesson	Midmar H
	Gym Night	Midmar H
Friday	Community Cafe (1st Friday of the month)	Midmar H
	Under 5's (Once a month)	Midmar H
	Pub Night (1st Friday of the month)	Midmar H

Murder Mystery 17th November Save the Date Community Ceilid 1st September Tickets available no

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

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all	10am - 12pm	
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Annual Garioch Blend Concert with Eddie Rose & Bill Gray

> Sunday 21st October 2pm

Tickets available from 1st September 01330 833209 Save the Date!





6pm - 11pm

all

Fleeman – Skirlie 27th June Tickets available now!

Except September

Calling all Gardeners

'The spring has sprung, the grass is riz', I wonder where a gardener is?

The hall garden is a riot of colour and beauty enjoyed by all each summer. Thanks particularly to Beth Smith who coordinates the show, ably assisted by Jackie Randell & Isabel Birse who collects all the bedding plants.



The first weekend of planting will be happening as this newsletter is being published around the 9-10 June and will be likely to extend over the following weekends. If you can spare some time with a trowel please come and help out. Thank you! Nina Bidwell







Saturday 14th July 2018 Great day for all the family



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Bogindhu Woodland Walks - Open Day

On 21st April, it was windy but the sun shone so that everyone who came to the Bogindhu open day certainly enjoyed themselves. Here are some of the younger

walkers posing for pictures in front of the first path direction sign that has been erected.

The clues, written on CDs, had been put out around the perimeter route the previous evening and I was relieved to find in the morning that these had not been blown away overnight. As we discovered later, the one clue that had gone missing had been hung low down, on a fence strainer, and I can only surmise it had annoyed something like a badger that then carried it off to listen to later in its sett.



Several people brought secateurs to cut back the occasional gorse and bramble plants that encroach on the path; it is extremely useful for everyone to do this because it contributes to keeping the paths clear. The Bilsborrow family definitely won the prize for lifting sticks, sticks that fall down on the path become overgrown very quickly and make the path increasingly uncomfortable underfoot, so again, by everyone removing them and laying them to the side of the route, it encourages animals to stay on our track, makes it easier to walk and naturally keeps it open.



A couple of weeks before the open day, several of us did some work to install drainage across the first section of the vehicle track that has always been muddy. We also removed several windblown trees and erected the signage.

So far the new drains and signs seem to be working well. Thanks to everyone that came to help and donated materials, this included grade from Miller Plant and drainage pipes from GPH and Richard Fyffe. Richard Fyffe has also provided the larch that the signs have been made from.

Article by Rob Ferguson: if you have comments/feedback or questions, please contact me using Tel 01330 830038 or eMail rob.ferguson@aiexps.co.uk.



Midmar School News

Midmar School Fun Day 2018

We had an excellent day on 12th May when 8 schools took part in netball and football tournaments. The weather stayed fair and the BBQ was very busy. Winners in the senior netball were Midmar. Keig won the junior netball. Winners in the senior football were Towie with Cluny winning the junior competition.

Midmar Walk and Litter Pick

All three classes walked different routes round Midmar on 1st May. On the way we also picked up a considerable amount of litter. P1-P3 walked down to the bridge in the Glen and back. P4-P5 walked to Comers and back through Tillybirloch and P6-P7 walked up to the Hal, then round Bethlin.



Dog Fouling

We are still having to pick up dog poo in school grounds! Please ensure you pick up your dog's poo both in school grounds and around Midmar. It is very unhealthy for children and the public to stand on and have to deal with this. Eco Group have circulated leaflets to emphasis this point.

Fairtrade and Community Café

Children made all the eats for the Community Café in May. The focus was on using Fairtrade products. We also ran a Traidcraft stall. Midmar School is aiming to become a Fairachiever School by July 2018.



Farm to Fork

Our context for learning across the school this term is Farm to Fork. We are learning where our food comes from and the journey it takes to get from the farm to our plate. Last week children in P1-P4 made butter and then used it to bake shortbread. Come along and see our display at Echt Show on 14th July.



Wild flower meadow and tree planting.

Primary 4 and 5 have sown a wild flower meadow along one of the banks in the car park. If we are successful we plan to extend it next year to the long bank alongside the wood. Primary 1-3 have planted 2 oak, 3 rowan and 2 silver birch trees on the bank. The trees were gifted to the school by Alford Rotary Club.

Cluny, Midmar and Monymusk Community Council

Meetings have been held in April and May and in accordance with current procedures the A.G.M. will take place on Thursday 28th of June in Midmar Hall at 7pm. Action is still proceeding regarding Mill of Lyne and discussions are taking place as to the preferred site for a hub/meeting place at Sauchen. Nominations are now open for vacancies on the Community Council and full details of the required procedures have been inserted into the notice boards in Midmar. Sir Archie Grant has stepped down from Monymusk Community Council and will be sorely missed. Sir Archie has served for 35 years as a Community Councillor and has always been a fount of knowledge. However, Sir Archie has intimated that he will still be happy to be of assistance if necessary. Anyone with local problems or queries is welcome to attend Community Council meetings. Midmar Community Councillors at the present time are Richard Fyffe tel. 01330 833295 and Judith Stokoe tel. 01330 833719

Midmar S.W.I.

Well, that is now the end of 2017 - 2018 syllabus. An excellent Taste and Try evening was held in February resulting in some members becoming addicted to "Tartiflette" a potato, bacon and cheese dish originating in the Swiss, French Alps. March saw the Bulb show at Echt and Beverley was awarded 10 out of 10 for her lovely felted bird. Mr Ian Lord give an interesting talk/demo also in March on Dolphin statues in and around Aberdeen and then April was our annual business meeting. Mrs Ruth Williams spoke and displayed her wonderful collection of quilts in May impressing the members with her productivity. There was one final activity in May. The president attained a significant birthday and members felt this should be celebrated in a fitting manner. Eight ladies duly attended Douneside house for afternoon tea attired in their finery on a beautiful day. An exquisite tea was enjoyed and then a walk around the grounds and gardens. The Treasurer rather unfortunately locked her car keys into the car boot but this enabled three members (including the President) to sample the very attractive bar. Roll on September when we recommence.!

Everyone is very welcome to attend meetings. Contact details are Michelle Paterson tel 01330 833490 and Mrs Judith Stokoe 01330 833719.

Midmar in May

'Just living is not enough...one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower'. Hans Christian Andersen

This month is reminiscent of the first time my family and I visited Midmar. I was entranced by the tapestry of colour in the landscape- the yellow gorse, the burgeoning light green of new foliage, contrasting with the dark green patchwork of established forest. Not so much has changed





in three decades - despite developments in land use-forestry, land turbines, and sporadic building initiatives.

Close up, in the fields, and woodlands, the observant wanderer is treated to the sight of wild flowers and other plant growth, as above, the sun's rays penetrate the canopy of arboreal foliage. Timid violets, carpets of anenomes and clover, have appeared with the encouragement the sun's warmth, and increased daylight hours.







At ground level, the nascent ferns, unfurling their leaves, so gradually, indicate the beginning of summer. Of course any description of Midmar in this month would be incomplete without acknowledging the blossoms on the flowering fruit trees, which add beauty to the rural landscape.







One must not forget the ubiquitous gorse, which assaults our senses with its brilliant colour and distinctive perfume.

In the words of John Muir, a famous Scottish expatriot, who perhaps drew his original inspiration from walking in the Scottish countryside:

'In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks'. Faith Mackenzie May 2018

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For any comments and queries regarding articles within the newsletter, please contact the writer as the Hall Committee does not take responsibility for content and accuracy of articles.

Closing date for submissions to the Autumn newsletter is the August 20th 2018. This covers events Sept, October & November. Please email Amanda at midmar.newsletter @hotmail.co.uk . Thank you, Amanda

Hall for hire

Party timeShow time.......Tea time.......Meeting room

Midmar Public Hall is available to hire....

Rates - £40 for half a day

- £75 for evening hire
- £500 for weekend hire



User group rates - £10 per hour for regular user groups meeting a minimum of once a month.

Deposit - a discretionary deposit of £250 is requested for some evening functions.

Facilities - Aside from the main hall & loos there is an upstairs meeting room, back stage room and kitchen. We can offer a projector and screen in the main hall and the piano is available to musicians on request.



Bookings - call Mairi Black on - 01330 833371 or email her at - mairiblack@hotmail.co.uk



