

The K'nocker



PORTKNOCKIE'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2013

The grand summer of 2013 ...



First and foremost, the library is still open while the councillors digest the large number of responses to the latest consultation. Meanwhile, the Port basked in the warmth that visited the whole of the British Isles this summer. The pool and most of the bollards at the harbour are now freshly painted and there is a new information panel in the Memorial Gardens. There were spectacularly extreme low tides in June, which were caused by the Moon's close orbit to the Earth. And, of course, the dolphins have visited! See the photos inside.

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K'NOCKER NEWS

Subscription time for most of you has come around again. Please use the form enclosed with this issue to renew (or start a new subscription). All subscriptions received by 1 November 2013 will be entered into a mystery prize draw, which is only one of the benefits of having a subscription, the other benefits being reduced price, delivery to your door and not missing an issue when over-the-counter copies sell out.

We are looking for new contributors to the *K'nocker*. Although all ages are welcome, we would particularly welcome those in their teens or twenties – we have a big gap in articles for young adults. Writings on any topic can be sent to Katharine (email: katharine.connell@zen.co.uk) or Peter (email: peter.evans.ab56@gmail.com).

THE K'NOCKER 10 YEARS AGO...

Portknockie does it again. In Moray we are the best!

At the Elgin finals of the Moray Best-kept Village Competition on Friday 5th September Portknockie gained the new challenge shield as the best-kept large village. This is our second win in a row and coincides with the 21st anniversary year of the Competition.

The judges were taken particularly by the impact the village entrance features make, the long floral sweep of Church Street with its hanging baskets and troughs and the floral colour in the village. They were so impressed they said, they really did not want to leave after the judging time was up!

Emily Thain (13) and Laura Cowie (15) representing the young Ceramics Group were 'chuffed' by their win against fifteen other entrants in the Junior Section.

**If you have any forthcoming events for the Winter calendar,
email them to us before the 10th November;
contact details on the back page**

OUT & ABOUT THE PORT

PCA news

from Bob Croucher

Making good use of the McBoyle Hall

The main challenge facing the Portknockie Community Association is making available a community hall and a programme of activities for residents to enjoy.

Our current programme includes: community meetings for such groups as In Stitches, the U3A, the Masons and the Toddlers; sporting activities such as winter bowls, the walkers and U3A ping pong; the venue for the village youth club; family celebrations for birthdays and weddings; and village activities such as the annual Gala, the fireworks display, the music concert, Christmas and Easter fund raisers and the village polling station during elections.

This is a rich range of activities but is it enough? You should know the answer to this by noting how many times you have used your village hall in the past year. Does this mean that our current programme is not entirely inclusive?

In your opinion, what are the gaps in the Hall programme? What activities would attract you to make regular use of the McBoyle Hall? Would it be helpful to run another 'Do something different' event in the Hall to showcase which new activities that would be welcome? Could you help the PCA in presenting an appealing programme of activities over the year? Contact Bob Croucher, PCA secretary (tel: 841291; email: rmcdram@talktalk.net).

New information panel

Thursday 25 July saw Helen Field, Paddy Newman and Sandra Russell, nieces of the late Helen Anderson, unveil a new Brief History of Portknockie information panel in the Millennium Garden. Mrs Helen Anderson's bequest stipulated that it should be used for the benefit of the village where she had enjoyed living for the last years of her life. The panel's location, in the centre of the village, provides an attractive information point for both residents and visitors. Many thanks go to Sandy Laing for creating such a distinctive plinth for the information panel, it looks really good. So yet another point of interest is created in our village to catch the attention of passing visitors.



Bob Croucher, with David Field behind him, Sandra Russell, Helen Field, Paddy and Clive Newman at the panel's unveiling



The new information panel in the Millennium Garden, the bequest of the late Helen Anderson

Hall waste

Due to the introduction of a tighter waste removal service to community halls by Moray Council, we are asking users of the McBoyle Hall to take away all waste created by their booking. This can then be recycled at home or taken to one of the Moray recycling centres.

OUT AND ABOUT THE PORT

In Stitches

from Helen Field

The In Stitches group, which meets every Tuesday at the McBoyle Hall between 10am and noon, have been knitting and crocheting for various charities for about 18 months. Blankets and garments for still-born and premature babies, knitted hats for our troops in Afghanistan and blankets for elderly folk in local nursing homes, have all been sent by the group.



Here are some photos of just a few pieces showing the wonderful quality of the group's collective efforts.

Anyone wishing to join us would be more than welcome and if anyone maybe wants to learn to knit or crochet, there are many willing 'teachers' waiting to help.

If anyone has any unwanted wool, it would be much appreciated if they could donate it to the group.



OUT AND ABOUT THE PORT

Seniors' Club

by Tony Barnes

The Club held a Morning Tea on the morning of Tuesday 28 May. Those attending enjoyed the usual array of pancakes and home bakes, washed down with plenty of tea and coffee and accompanied by happy chatter. The event raised £415 for Club funds. Tickets for the annual bus run were on sale and were very popular.

The bus for the trip to Aviemore left Portknockie at 10 o'clock. Unfortunately, our Chair, Mary Reid, was unable to attend due to sickness: you missed a good trip Mary, please try and make the trip in 2014! We all enjoyed a comfort break along with a drink and bacon rolls in the Old Fire Station at Tomintoul. The journey was enjoyable with some splendid scenery, helped by the good, clear weather. It started to rain when we reached Aviemore but the verandas outside the shops provided some shelter. We spent one and a half hours touring the cafes and shops before leaving for the Garve Hotel at Grantown-on-Spey, where we had a fine Evening Tea. All in all, it was a good day out.



Seniors' Club members outside the Garve Hotel

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OUT & ABOUT THE PORT

Bowling Club

from John Myles

What a great summer for bowls this has been, with even some of our more mature bowlers really sweltering. Not the ladies though. Passers by will have noticed the much increased use of the green this year, and again the Club is indebted to Wilson Weir for devoting so much hard work in meticulously keeping it in its excellent condition.

At the time of writing this, the Banffshire Bowling Association League has almost finished, with just two games to go – while that's maybe not enough for us to finish at the top, these Wednesday evening games have been both competitive and enjoyable. This year, however, the club also joined the Over 55s Summer Bowling League – encompassing clubs from Forres to Dufftown on Tuesday afternoons. Three pairs, rather than the Banffshire's four triples, participate, and with five games still to go, the Club has achieved very good results.

Since our opening of the green in April, we have also played various competitions – in May we played for the Dougal (Cowie) Cup, won by Brenda Ritchie and Wilson Weir, as well as the Weir Trophy – a new Club competition to celebrate the 70th birthday of Wilson. Most appropriately, this was won by Wilson, ably

assisted by Kathleen Rennie and Andrew Ritchie: many thanks are due to Wilson's (younger) brother Fraser who both organised and sponsored the event.

June 21st saw the commencement of the Club's Annual Open Pairs competition – again this year there was a good entry, with the eventual winners being Sandra Mackie and Karl Thomsen of Buckie Victoria. July saw the playing of the Alan Maclean Cup, won by John Pirie and John Myles – the Club is again grateful for the support of the Maclean family and for Alan's son Kyle in presenting the prizes.

Following on from the mention of the tennis court saga in the last issue, it would be nice at this stage to be able to say that matters were now starting to come together: however, while efforts are continuing, we have still a fair bit to go. While a small number of villagers have indicated their willingness to be involved with a tennis section, more would be appreciated, and so if you fall into this category please let us know.

To finish off, we continue to hold our hat nights on Monday and Friday evenings at 6.30pm, as well as Thursday afternoons at 1.30pm (weather permitting). Both new and past members will be most welcome.

Young writers wanted

The *K'nocker* is for everyone in Portknockie but currently has little of direct interest to young adults.

Are you a young person with something to say on behalf of your generation?

If so, get in touch with Katharine (email: katharine.connell@zen.co.uk) or Peter (email: peter.evans.ab56@gmail.com).

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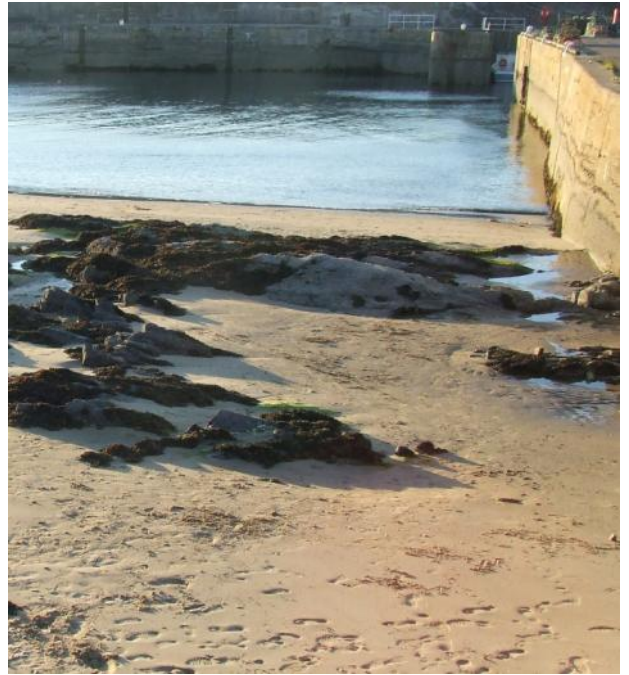
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Dolphin watching



The harbour beach at very low tide - June 2013



The harbour lido before and after Kirsty Farquhar and her wonderful friends transformed it for children and adults to truly enjoy



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FEATURE

Tombstoning advice

by Damian Connell

This summer has been the best in many years, and sunny days have meant that many a brave soul has been leaping off high points around the port. There is no doubt that tombstoning carries an element of risk, but it has been happening for generations, and it is not the nightmare that some of our more sensationalist newspapers would have us believe.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and the RNLI have some sound advice for would-be tombstoners: common sense to most K'nockers:

Water depth alters with the tide and the water may be shallower than it seems.

Submerged objects like rocks may not be visible and they can cause serious impact injuries if you land on them.

The shock of cold water may make it difficult to swim.

Strong currents can rapidly sweep people away.

As a rule of thumb, jumping from a height of 10 metres requires a water depth of at least 5 metres.

Never jump while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or peer pressure.



FEATURE

Being green

by Anon

Passing through the check-out at a local supermarket, a young cashier suggested to an older woman that she should bring her own bags-for-life because plastic bags aren't good for the environment.

The woman apologised and explained: 'We didn't have this "green thing" back in my earlier days.'

The young cashier retorted vehemently: 'That's our problem today. Your generation didn't care enough to save our environment for future generations.'

The cashier was right of course – our generation didn't have the 'green thing' in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, pop bottles and beer bottles to the shops we bought them from. The shops sent them back to the factory to be washed and sterilised and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the 'green thing'.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things, most memorable apart from household rubbish bags was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school), was not defaced by our scribbling. Then we were able to personalise our books on the brown paper bags. But too bad: we didn't do the 'green thing' back then.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocer's shop and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two streets away. But we didn't have the 'green thing' back in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the disposable kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts – wind and solar power really did dry our clothes! Kids got hand-me-downs from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But we

didn't have the 'green thing'.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house – not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the Highlands. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the post, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

Back then, we drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

Back then, people took the tram or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's £45,000 people carrier or 4x4, which cost what a whole house cost before the 'green thing.' We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger bar.

But isn't it sad when the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the 'green thing' back then?

Please pass this on to another 'selfish' old person who doesn't have the 'green thing' and 'needs a lesson' in conservation from a 'still wet behind the ears' young person.

We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to annoy us – especially by a youngsters who can't give change without the cash register telling them how much it should be!!

PORTKNOCKIE GALA 2013



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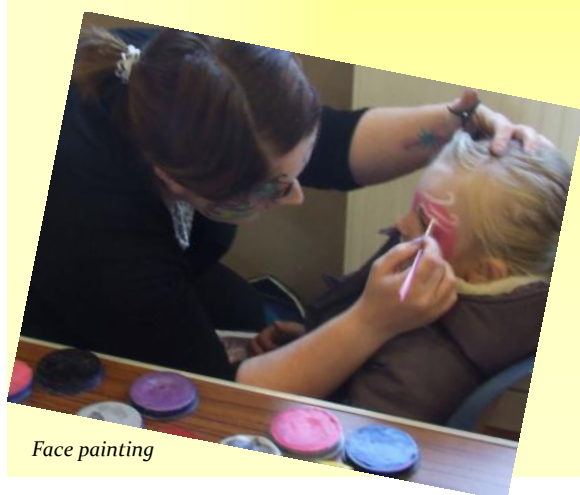
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Dog show

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Balloon art



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Taikwondo demo



Tombola



Classic car show

WORTH A VISIT

Banffshire castles

from Electric Scotland

There are in Banffshire a number of interesting ruins of castles and ancient forts. The earliest strongholds were of the simplest kind – the hill or rock fort, the lake crannog and the ha' hill. The hill fort was perhaps the earliest of all. One stands on Conval Top, southwest of Dufftown. Sometimes, the top of a rock on the coast or elsewhere was partially fortified. Of this, two rocks about a mile to the east of Tarlair near Macduff are interesting examples and are among the oldest and rudest specimens of fortifications in the county.

As skill in the art of building was acquired, such structures were replaced on the same or more suitable sites by others more formidable, like that which clutches in ruined grandeur to the sea-crag at Findlater. In the two centuries preceding the death of Alexander III, when the settlement of churchmen and Norman and Saxon nobles was encouraged, architecture worthy of the name was cultivated with zeal and success and to this period examples would have been the original Royal Palace of Banff and the baronial castles of Findlater and Boyne. The styles of architecture commonly employed were the Norman or Romanesque of the 12th century and the Early English or First Pointed of the 13th century. The 15th century witnessed the rise of a new kind of stronghold, commonly known as the Scottish Baronial Tower. These massive towers, rising floor above floor to a considerable height and having their one door placed for safety in the second storey, afforded shelter and protection, if little else. The castles of Deskford and Inchdrewer belong to this class or are modifications of it.



Findlater Castle from the sea

The ruins of Findlater Castle are among the most picturesque in the county. A miniature Gibraltar in the day of its strength, the old castle stands on a rocky promontory by the seashore and still affords evidence of its former importance. John Leslie, Bishop of Ross, in his *History* (1578) describes it as 'a castle so fortified by the nature of its situation as to seem impregnable'. A local tale offers a reason why it ceased to be a family residence. The nurse of the infant son of the Earl of Findlater was walking on the sea battlement, or standing at an open window, on a genial summer day, singing and playing with the child. Suddenly, the child sprang from her arms in glee and disappeared into the gulf below, though not without a wild and vain attempt on the part of the nurse to save him. She, too, rushed headlong into the water and perished. The Earl, overcome with grief, left the castle never to return.

On a rocky peninsula jutting into the sea on the west side of the burn of the Boyne, some remains of buried foundations and a few masses of shapeless masonry mark the site of the original stronghold of the Craig of Boyne. Nothing is now known about it beyond what may be gathered from a survey of its ruins. A mile from the mouth of the stream, occupying the level summit of a precipitous bank forming the eastern side of a ravine through which the stream flows, are the picturesque ruins of a more recent Castle of the Boyne, built probably in the



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WORTH A VISIT



Drawing of the original Crag of Boyne

16th or the 17th century, which still suggest to the visitor a strength and magnificence unequalled by any other stronghold in the district.

The ruins of the Castle of Balvenie are close to Dufftown. The castle, of unknown antiquity, formed part of the extensive domains of the Comyns. On the forfeiture of the Comyns, it



Castle of Balvenie

passed to the Douglas family. That family suffered forfeiture in 1455; and the King bestowed the Barony of Balvenie on Sir John Stewart, who was created the Earl of Atholl. The Atholl motto may still be read on this old castle:

'Furth Fortune & fill thi Fettris'. Balvenie next fell to the Gordons, then to the Inneses and then to the Earls of Fife. The ruin is in excellent preservation. The four walls, still standing, are of great strength and are in some portions three or four feet thick. A characteristic feature is the grated iron door.

The ruins of the Castle of Auchindown occupy a commanding situation on Fiddichside.

According to tradition, it was built in the 11th century when the Danes were struggling for supremacy in the province of Moray. Since 1535,



Castle of Auchindown

it has been in the possession of the Gordon family. In an issue of the Quarterly Review of 1816, Sir Walter Scott told the legend of the burning of Auchindown by 'Willie McIntosh'. In the ballad, it is related: 'Licht was the mirk hour / At the day dawin' / For Auchindown was in flames / Ere the cock crawin'.

At Drumin, near the junction of the River Livet with the River Avon, stands the old Castle of Drumin, where the Duke of Argyll encamped previous to the Battle of Glenlivet and where

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several of the neighbouring clans joined his standard. Its founder is believed to have been Alexander Stewart, Earl of Buchan, The Wolf of



Castle of Drumin

Badenoch. At all events, in 1490 the Castle of Drumin and lands pertaining to it were disposed of by Sir Walter Stewart, grandson of the Wolf of Badenoch, to Alexander, third Earl of Huntly. The property has since remained in the hands of the Earl's descendants. In later years, Drumin became celebrated in the sphere of music, for it was the residence of William Marshall, described by Burns as the first composer of Strathspey bagpipe music.

The Castle of Blairfindy, in Glenlivet, now exhibits only roofless walls. It was a square tower or keep, three storeys high, and dating from the latter half of the 16th century. An old ditty runs: 'Glenlivet it has castles three / Drumin, Blairfindy and Deskee'. A farm now bears the name of the third, and but for the

rhyme, it would hardly be known that a castle had existed.

Of the original Palace of Banff, owned by Sir George Ogilvy, nothing remains. It was destroyed by General Monro in his fateful visit to the town in 1640. King Charles in 1641 gave Sir George ten thousand Scots 'merks' in gold 'yet too little to repair his losses', and in the following year made him Lord Banff. The newly-built palace has been fortunate in that part of its walls, almost six and a half feet thick, and portions of its moat or fosse are still to be seen. It was the last stronghold occupied by English troops north of the Grampians after the Battle of Bannockburn. Among those who stayed in it are: Edward I, who was on three occasions at least within its walls and who held court at Banff in 1303; David II with the Queen and his sisters; Queen Margaret, wife of James III; James IV; and Mary of Guise. During part of the 17th century, it was tenanted by William Sharp, Sheriff Clerk of Banff, whose son James, the murdered Archbishop, was born there in 1618. Bought later by the Sharps, it passed in succession to the Leslie of Kininvie and the Earls of Findlater, and it remained in the possession of the latter family till 1878. The present modern house of Banff Castle was built by James, sixth Earl of Findlater and third Earl of Seafield.

The Baronial Tower or Castle of Inchdrewer in the parish of Banff has been referred to the reign of James IV. Inchdrewer was destroyed by General Monro, even its iron gate being sold to a countryman for five 'merks' 'whilk an hundred pounds had not put up'.

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FEATURE

Three fearties

by Ian Mair

The three fearties wir Pirtknockie loons thit hid been at a dance in the Twa Red Shoes ballroom in Elgin. As wis usual, thir wir buses laid on to tak' the dancers hame. Hoo'iver, the bus fae this dance only geed as far as the railway brig bus stop at Finichty. The three loons got aff the bus and decided to walk hame on the train line.

They set aff for hame in the dark, line abreesht, takkin' the short steps needed ti keep thir feet on the railway sleepers. It wis pitch black bit thir een hid got accustomed tilt. Fin they wir ahen the cemetery, a silent figure wi' airms outstretched lurched oot fae the wa'. In panic, thinkin' they wir seein' a ghost, the three fearties turnt n ran back towards Finichty. In thir flicht, ane o' thim fell ontae the granite stanes awween the sleepers and rippit the knee oot o' aes suit troosers. He wis up an' rinnin' aifter ehs pals in a flash, jist gled thit the ghost hidna pounced on

'im. Peched oot an' back near Finichty the loons winnert hoo they wir gan to git hame. The thocht o' a ghost lurkin' about the cemetery ruled oot the train line or gan hame bi the road. Fit if the ghost wis noo hidin' ahen the railins. The' wirna that brave!

The ghost hid geen thim a richt fleig so they decidit thit the safest wye hame wis ti gang up Joe Piddlys Brae an' then hame to Pirtknockie by the Middle Bauds road. The three loons took this lang route hame, ah the time feart thit the ghost hid ta'en a shortcut ower the hill. Much relieved they got hame withoot seein' the ghost again. Peer loons, fit an' eyne ti thir nicht oot.

At that time Finichty wis a dry village, a village withoot a pub or an aff license. The nearest pubs for Finichty folk wir the twa in Pirknockie and the Strathlene Hotel. The ghost fa gave the three loons sic a flieg that nicht wis probably a drunk Finichty mannie makkin' his wye hame fae ane o' the Pirtknockie pubs.

LETTER

Dear K'nocker,

As a K'nocker gone from the village for some 50 years, I thought I should let you know how much I appreciate being able to keep up with what's happening in the Port through the *K'nocker*. I therefore extend (should have done it long before now) a very warm 'Thank You' to the team that currently puts the *K'nocker* together and also of course to the people who started it way back when. A lot of villages and towns have websites; although informative, they do not have the living vibrancy that comes with Portknockie's *K'nocker*. Well done!

Many of the stories bring back long forgotten memories. Sadly, I don't necessarily recall all of the authors, such as Ian Mair. I do remember

clearly the crashed plane, although I remember it being a Hawker Hunter. Regardless, I became a lifelong plane nut because of all the aircraft that used to fly daily near or over the Port. When I come home for a visit in August, as well as making sure that Portknockie is 'aye afloat', I will be making my usual pilgrimages to Lossie and, if there's anything left there, Kinloss. One of the stories that was very poignant to me was that by 'The Portknockie Quine'. Oddly enough, her identity was apparent to me within about 10 seconds of reading the article!

I suspect that I talk for many ex-pats when I say that the *K'nocker* is a link to the Port, its people and its past that is much appreciated! Keep up the good work!

John Wood

Young writers wanted

The *K'nocker* has a big gap in articles for young adults and wants to cater better to the young adults.

Do you have something of your generation to share with the whole village?

If so, get in touch with Katharine (email: katharine.connell@zen.co.uk) or Peter (email: peter.evans.ab56@gmail.com)

RECIPE

Chocolate chip cookies

by Helen Field

300g/12 oz good quality milk chocolate

200g/8oz softened unsalted butter

100g/4oz castor sugar

150g/6oz soft light brown sugar

2 eggs

300g/12oz plain flour

1 tsp vanilla essence

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda



1. Pre-heat oven to 180C/350F/GM4

2. Lightly grease a baking sheet (or three)

3. Firstly, break the chocolate into small chunks, then place into a plastic bag and hammer with a rolling pin to make smaller. Watch your fingers - and anyone standing nearby.

4. Beat together the butter and the sugar in a large mixing bowl until light in colour and smooth. Beat in eggs, stirring through. Add the flour, vanilla essence and bicarbonate of soda, and stir in the chocolate chunks.

5. Spoon mounds of the mixture onto your

greased baking tray, ensuring you leave space around each mound, as they will spread.

6. Bake for 10 - 15 minutes until golden brown. They will continue to set while cooling, so be careful not to over cook.

Once removed from the oven, allow ten minutes to set, then place onto a wire cooling rack.

* makes approx 40 cookies

* prep time: 15 minutes

* cooking time: 10 - 15 minutes

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FEATURE

Huntly Falconry Centre

Situated near Cairnie, just a couple of miles from Huntly, the falconry centre makes for an exciting visit. Three times a day there are flying displays with plenty of opportunity

for anyone (children included) to handle some of the many birds they have at the centre. There is ample car parking and wheelchair access, so the opportunity to see these magnificent birds of prey is not restrictive. Birds at the centre include the sociable and amiable harris hawk, peregrine falcon, a number of owls, golden eagle, bald eagle, and many others. The centre also offers falconry tuition for those who want to experience things in a more hands-on and in-depth fashion, and corporate days for companies wanting something a little different.

Address: Huntly Falconry Centre,
Broadland, Cairnie,
Huntly, AB54 4UU

Tel: 01466 760328

Web: www.huntly-falconry-centre.com

Open Easter to October

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Listermac Pharmacy

3 Union Street, Portknockie, Tel: 01542 840268

Shop hours: Mon-Fri 8.30-13.00, 14.00-17.30, Sat 8.30-13.00

Dispensing hours: Mon-Fri 9.00-10.20, 14.00-17.30

Out of hours contact: NHS 24 (tel: 08454 24 24 24)

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GIANT WORDSEARCH**Autumn**

Find names and words associated with autumn. Names can be across, diagonal, down and even backwards. Answers in the next issue!

Acorn

All Saints

All Souls

Apples

Autumn

Baked potato

Banger

Barley

Blackberry

Bonfire

Brown

Chestnut

Clocks change

Deciduous

Equinox

Fall

Firework

Frosty

Fruitfulness

Fungi

Gardening

Gunpowder

Guy Fawkes

Halloween

Harvest

Hazelnut

Hibernation

High tide

Indian summer

Jack 'O' Lantern

Leaves

Migration

Mists

Mushroom

November

October

Orange

Parkin

Pumpkin

Rainfall

Saint Andrews

Scarecrow

September

Sparkler

Starry

Stormy

Sunset

Toffee apple

Trick or treat

Wheat

Answers to Summer 2013 issue's Wordsearch

HTUOMENRUOBUS VRWKNQUHE DXN
 LANDUDNOZ QI DAEHENIMTY YMQ
 DZLOOPALLUGALJ WCKNS ANOH HU
 PHCNEBMACEROMJ QERYGTANJSJ
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GIANT WORDSEARCH

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WHAT'S ON

VILLAGE CALENDAR

1 November: All subscriptions must be with a team member or in the Pharmacy. New advertising subscriptions are due. Contact Helen (details below).

2nd / 9th November: Portknockie Fireworks Display, 7pm McBoyle Hall. ***Date to be finalised.***

REGULAR MEETINGS

Bingo: Alternate Wednesdays 7pm, Seafield Inn.

Bowls: Mon and Thurs 6.30pm, McBoyle Hall.

Darts League: Thursdays, Seafield Inn.

Heritage Group: First Mondays usually, 2–4pm, Hall Kirk, Cullen, September to May.

In Stitches: Tuesdays 10–12 noon, the Snug, McBoyle Hall, a knitting and sewing group.

Live music: Second Fridays, Victoria Hotel and Last Sunday, Seafield Inn.

Moray Coast U3A: Third Wednesdays. 2:30pm, McBoyle Hall. Members' meeting with guest speakers.

OAPs' lunches: Tuesdays 12–1.45, Victoria Hotel.

Quiz night: Alternate Sundays, Victoria Hotel.

Scottish Country Dancing: Wednesdays (except on Guild nights, when on Tuesdays), 7pm, Seafield Hall.

Pool League: Mondays, Seafield Inn.

Seafield (Portknockie) WRI: Third Thursdays 7pm, Seafield Hall.

Seniors' Club: Third Tuesdays, Seafield Hall.

Toddler Club: Thursdays 1–2.30pm, McBoyle Hall.

Walking Group: Thursdays 10.30am, McBoyle Hall.

Youth Club: Tues; Primary 1–3, 6.00–7.00pm, Primary 4–7, 7.00–8.00pm, McBoyle Hall.

Zumba classes: Mondays 1.15pm, McBoyle Hall.

CHURCH SERVICES AND GROUPS

Church of Scotland

Worship and Sunday School 11.15am.

Women's Church Guild Second Wednesdays, Seafield Hall.

Thursday Club, (Primary 5–7) Thursdays, 6–7.30pm, Seafield Hall.

Church of Christ

Morning Worship, Sundays, 11am.

Gospel Service, Sundays, 6pm.

Ladies Fellowship, alternate Mondays, 7pm, all Ladies welcome.

Prayer Meeting, Fridays, 7pm.

DIRECTORY

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Portknockie/Buckie area code is 01542

EMERGENCIES AND URGENT

Coastguard: Emergency **999**; Aberdeen enquiries **01224 592334**

Environmental incidents: **0800 807060**

Gas leaks: **0800 111999** (24 h)

NHS24 Health Advice: **08454 242424**

Police: Emergency **999**;

non-emergency **08456 005700**

Power cuts: Scottish Hydro **0800 300999**

Scottish Power **08452 727999** (both 24 h)

Telephone faults: BT **0800 800151**

Water emergencies: **08456 008855** (24 h)

LOCAL SERVICES

Bed & Breakfast: **840169**

Church of Scotland: **840951** (session clerk)

Dentist: Buckie Dental Practice **831163**

Doctors:

Seafield and Cullen Medical Centre **835577**;

Ardach Health Centre **831555**

Hospitals: Seafield Hospital **832081**;

Dr Gray's (Elgin), Aberdeen Royal Infirmary **08454 566000**

Harbour Garage: **840099**

Harbourmaster: **831700**

Library: **841149**, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2–4 and 5–7, Saturdays 10–12

Moray Council: switchboard **01343 543451**, out

of hours **08457 565656**; Buckie Access Point

837200; waste uplift **01343 557318** (after 10am)

Neighbourhood Watch: **840000** (John Myles)

Northern Oils/Caley Oils: **832465**

Nursery: **841825**

Optician: McLachlan Opticians **832239**

Pharmacy: **840268**

Post Offices: Portknockie **840201**;

Buckie sorting office **831252**; Buckie **835642**;

Cullen **840206**; Findochty **831268**

School: **840244**

Stewart & Watson: **833255**

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Airports: Aberdeen **08456 015929**; Inverness **01667 464000**

Bus and coach: Stagecoach Bluebird **01343**

544222; First Aberdeen **01224 650000**; National Express **08717 818178**

Ferries: Northlink (Aberdeen) **08456 000449**

Trains: Scot Rail **08457 550033** (tickets and fares), **08456 015929** (information); National Rail **08457 484950**

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