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Winter 2019/20



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas



.....or it will after November 24th when the lights go up again! As always we're grateful to the few who make the display, and the day, happen for so many of us. The community carol singing event will take place on Sunday

1st December at 3.00 pm in the village hall, where the AuRora Choir will be leading the singing. As always, this will be followed by refreshments - mulled wine,

mulled fruit cup, tea, coffee, juice, mince pies and shortbread., so come along, join in singing the Christmas favourites and enjoy a wee refreshment afterwards!



Following the success of the Foodbank appeals in 2017 and 2018, we're once more appealing for donations to help people who aren't as fortunate as ourselves. The management of the Foodbank has assured us that families/individuals from the Longside/Mintlaw areas have been, and will continue to be, helped via the Peterhead depot. A list suggested by the Food Bank appears below - anything you feel able to give would be very gratefully accepted.

Again we will be rattling buckets, but this year the collection will go to our own Hall refurbishment funds. Again anything you can give will be equally gratefully received.

FOOD BANK REQUESTS - ITEMS MOST NEEDED

UHT MILK (full cream or semi skimmed)
JARS OF JAM
SPONGE PUDDINGS
DRIED MILK POWDER
SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
TINS OF CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
TINNED VEGETABLES
TINNED SPAGHETTI/RAVIOLI/BEANS with SAUSAGES
TINNED POTATOES
PORRIDGE OATS (preferably 500 gms size)
PACKET CEREALS
DRY RICE



MINTLAW SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB



We are delighted to report that our Coffee Morning held on 5th October made a profit of **£1150**.

Thank you to all those who contributed and came along to support this very successful event. We greatly appreciate your support especially on such a busy fundraising weekend. Last, but by no means least, our grateful thanks to all those who worked so hard on the day.

A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

The CHRISTMAS PARTY is on **Wednesday 11th December** at the BanCar Hotel, Lonmay, and booking is **ESSENTIAL**. Bookings can be made on Friday 22nd November between 9.30 and 11.00 am in Mintlaw's small hall.

A coach will be available, but this too must be booked.

PICK UP POINTS TO BE CONFIRMED:- BIBC & BURNSIDE COURT 5.00 pm.

If you are unable to attend on the booking date please advise Irene accordingly - (01771) 622675.

The BURNS SUPPER - will take place on Wednesday 23rd Jan 2020, at the BanCar.

BOOKING IS AGAIN ESSENTIAL and will take place on Friday 10th January, 2020 from 9.30 - 11.00 am in Small Hall. **A coach will once more be available, but this too must be booked** Pick up points BIBC & BURNSIDE COURT at 5.00pm.

(BELATED) HAPPY BIRTHDAY COUNCILLOR JIM!

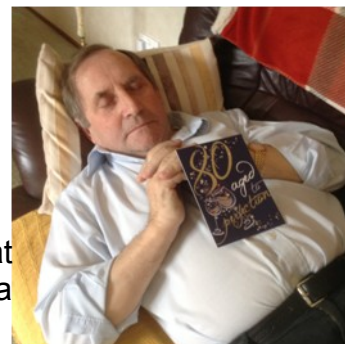
Veteran councillor Jim Ingram recently celebrated his 80th birthday - by working! However, he did have a celebratory lunch at Saplinbrae, followed by the obligatory snooze - well, it's hard work being a councillor **AND** having a birthday!



Sleeping Beauty (!) then had a date selling raffles at the Pensioners' Club where he was surprised with a birthday cake.

Jim is truly humbled by the cards, good wishes and gifts he received and sends sincere thanks to you all. He also feels really lucky to have reached this venerable age!

So it wasn't just another day at the office after all for Jim, but one filled with surprises followed by a few days getting his breath back in Oban!



Mintlaw Senior Citizens' Friday Shoppie



The Shoppie is held in Mintlaw Public Hall (small hall) and is open every Friday 8.30 am - 11.00 am. Donations of books, clothes, bric-a-brac etc would be greatly appreciated, but unfortunately we **CAN'T** accept either furniture or electrical goods.



The success of this project depends on your help so please come in and browse - and buy! There are bargains galore to be had!

Slowly plans are starting to take shape to celebrate this historic occasion. The Buchan Development Partnership, Mintlaw & District Community Council, Mintlaw Hall & Park Trustees and Longside British Legion are joining forces to organise what it is hoped will be a memorable day for all those who come along.

So far we have plans for crafts, dancing from the era, songs and lots of other exciting things, whilst remembering the solemnity of the occasion and paying our respect to all those, local and otherwise, who lost their lives in this conflict too.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday November 25th** Mintlaw Public Hall's small hall. If you think you'd like to become involved in the planning or just find out some more please come along.

HOW SAFE IS YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Ten quick and simple checks to make your Christmas tree safer over the festive period:

- 1 **Turn off and unplug** all lights overnight or when you leave the house, as they could start a fire. Ensure your **smoke alarms** have been tested.
- 2 If your tree is artificial it should have a **flame resistant label** which indicates the tree will resist burning and be extinguished easily.
- 3 **Regularly water** a real tree; if it's dropping lots of needles it is too dry.
- 4 Your tree should be **placed away** from fireplaces, radiators, heater vents, TV sets, exits and any escape routes.
- 5 Check your tree lights for **electrical safety**; they should be labelled as tested and have no frayed wires or loose connections.
- 6 **Flammable** decorations should not rest against light bulbs as this may cause a fire. Lit candles should never be used as tree decorations.
- 7 Ensure there is a **clear space** between the top of the tree and any ceiling or wall light fittings.
- 8 Ornaments and lights need to be evenly **spread out** so the tree does not become top heavy and tip over.
- 9 Ensure you have a **sturdy base** to prevent the tree falling over.
- 10 Avoid **sharp or fragile** decorations if the tree is in reach of young children and animals

DID YOU KNOW.....

It has been estimated that every year 1,000 people are injured putting up Christmas decorations?

Of these injuries, around 350 are caused by Christmas tree lights?

The natural oil in pine needles can be mildly toxic to pets, so always sweep up/vacuum fallen needles.

Christmas tree lights shouldn't be left on for prolonged periods of time - even LED lights can overheat. Always switch off your lights when going out - AND overnight.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS!



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DEER PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 1 December is the first Sunday of Advent.

On that Sunday, when we light the first of our Advent candles at church, the magic that is the time of waiting and anticipation begins. We begin to prepare for our celebration of the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas Day. The gentle, flickering light of the candle is a spark of hope and of love and joy, reminding us that all the dark and sorrowful things in our world do not have the last word. As we light each successive candle over the four weeks of Advent the light grows in strength as the candles burn together, reminding us that God's love for us drives out the darkness if we allow him to come close to us in the Christ Child. When we light the central candle on Christmas morning, we are ready to celebrate the wonder that God chose to come to us as a tiny child. The intense commercialism of our society can spoil the magic of Christmas for us, especially when Christmas is 'marketed' even before Halloween has happened. Celebrating the four **Sundays of Advent** in our **morning worship (10.30 am at Deer Parish Church, Old Deer)** helps us to focus on the real joy of Christmas and to win back the magic. We look forward to seeing you at our Advent and Christmas Services and events:



Tuesday 3 December: Messy Church Christmas at the Kemp Hall, Old Deer from 3.30pm to 5.30pm – a family time of crafts and games, food and storytelling. If you would like to join in the fun, you can find out more by contacting Kathleen on 01771 622912.



Thursday 5 December: Deer Guild 'Christmas at the Allotments' with Guest Speaker, Paula Cordiner, in Deer Parish Church Welcome Area at 7.30 pm.



Sunday 8 December: Fetterangus Café Church Advent Reflections at 2.30 pm in Fetterangus Village Hall.

Sunday 8 December: Ugie Voices will be holding their Christmas Concert in Deer Parish Church, Old Deer. Look out for their publicity.



Sunday 22 December: Fetterangus Village Carols – carols, stories and food - at 7.00 pm in Fetterangus Village Hall. Santa will be visiting.

Christmas Eve: Watchnight Service at Deer Parish Church, Old Deer at 11pm.

Christmas Day: Christmas Morning Worship at Deer Parish Church, Old Deer at 10.30am.



LONGSIDE PARISH CHURCH

Dates for the diary

Choir Concert : 5th December , 7.00pm in the church.
Family Service: 22nd December, 11.00am in the church
Watchnight Service: 24th December 11.15pm in the church
Christmas Morning Service: 10.00am in the church.
Sunday Worship: 11.00am in the church



Each year at our special services during December we have a special Christmas Offering .Our Christmas offering this year will be for our local Parkinson's Support Group.

Peterhead Parkinson's Support Group SCO37554

Several members of our community are sufferers from this debilitating condition thus the reason to support it this year.

MINTLAW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Can you believe it's nearly Christmas??? As we say, 'it seems to come round quicker every year!' But that's not a bad thing.... It is after all the most wonderful time of the year!

We'd love it if you could join with us for one of our Christmas services. Last year once again saw a bumper crowd come out on

Christmas Eve to sing carols at

Macbi. This year will no doubt be busy too, and we've got some great things in store, it promises to be a fantastic night!

Get the dates in your diary, and make the most of Christmas the 2019 by attending these family friendly events which are organised by Mintlaw Community Church (MCC hold services in Mintlaw Academy weekly at 2.00pm)

Entry is of course free of charge, and each service will be followed by refreshments and festive treats!

For more info call the number on the poster, or go to the church's Facebook page



*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given
And the government will be upon His shoulder, And His name will be called,
Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace*

<i>Sunday 22nd December Christmas Family Service, 11:30am, St. Johns Centre New Pitligo</i>	<i>Sunday 22nd December Christmas Family Service, 2pm, Mintlaw Academy Mintlaw</i>	<i>Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve Carols, 6pm, Macbi Mintlaw</i>
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Organised by Mintlaw Community Church Scottish Charity No.SCO44752 Tel: 07999630888 www.mintlawchurch.co.uk

MINTLAW COMMUNITY GROUP
CHRISTMAS DAY
FUN

Mintlaw Public Hall
CHRISTMAS DAY
12 noon - 2pm

SOUP - SANDWICHES - REFRESHMENTS

Funded event, all we need is you.
Please bring the family and a friend or two.

To register your interest, help on the day,
or make a donation please call
Paula Rawson 07967 923531
Hilda Keith 01771 623181

Everyone welcome



Remembrance
Sunday saw yet another fantastic turn out at Mintlaw, although not in last year's biblical proportions!



The Community Council appreciates the participation of organisations/groups who are represented, but there were a few regrettably missing this year, a few because they've folded due to lack of adult volunteers. Perhaps 2020 will see them back again.

If you would like your local group to be included in the planting of crosses, please get in touch **BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER 2020**. With the best will in the world we don't know of every body in the community, so please make yourselves known. Contact the CC secretary at

jmwhyte@hotmail.com

KIDS DAY OUT

Kids travel for just 50p on our buses during **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** and **WEEKENDS!**

This offer is available for **ALL** block school holidays (Summer, October, Christmas and Easter) as well as every weekend (Saturday-Sunday) all year round in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Moray, Highlands and Orkney. Children must be aged 15 years old or younger.

To take advantage of the offer simply board any bus in the North Scotland Network and ask the driver for the '**kids for 50p**' when you buy/show your dayrider, megarider or concession ticket.



LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE



TWO SEWING CLASSES

Peterhead Community Centre

6 Week Courses - Thursday 31 Oct – 5 Dec 2019

Beginners 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Intermediate 7.30pm-9.00pm

Try something new this summer/autumn - make anything from cushions, curtains, dressmaking or do simple alterations
Fun and informal - Great way to meet likeminded people...

To book your place or for further info
Contact either 01467 535624 or 01467 534462
Or ask at
Peterhead Community Centre Reception

Full Cost £55.80 Concessions £35.58

Further Benefit related concession available please see the link below
<https://www.livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk/sport-and-physical-activity/pricing-and-admissions/>
Proof of eligibility for concession rates on payment
Payment by cash or cheque (no card payment facility)

livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk
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Buchan Heritage Society



JANUARY MEETING - BURNS SUPPER

Friday 17th January 2020 - Ban Car Hotel, Lonmay

6.30pm for 7.00pm

Immortal Memory – Mr Gerry Smith

Tickets available by contacting Marlene on 01771 637344

FEBRUARY MEETING - OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 19th February 2020 - Longside Parish Church Hall

7.30pm - Pay at the door.



If you would like to play, sing or recite please come and contribute to the evening's entertainment.



The November meeting will be the last one of the year as December sees us going to the pantomime and out for our tea at the Station Hotel in Aberdeen. We have a break in January and return in February on the first Monday of the month thereafter.

We've had a well supported year and I thank many of our guests who made our meetings very interesting and entertaining. Especial thanks to Diane Foreman, a keep fit instructor in Macbi, for showing us how to keep fit as possible with gentle exercise and a special thank you to Laura Grieg for her stand up comedy evening which was hilarious and left us all with a feel good factor.

Thank you to all for sharing your stories with us through good and difficult times.

For further information please contact me on 07930530759.

CHRISTINE MOIR

If you have any complaints/concerns about the bus services in Mintlaw, come along and air them at the Bus Forum on Wednesday 20th November in Mintlaw Academy at 7.30pm.



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**CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE COVERING
LATE FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL AND MID-MAY**

THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2020

The Claik team wishes you all a very happy Christmas and sends every good wish for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2020.

Can YOU help by saving your used stamps?



It only takes a minute and will help support the charity SNAC, **Scottish Network for Arthritis in Children**. SNAC is a Scottish support group for parents and families who have a child who has been diagnosed with JIA, **Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis**.



SNAC relies on donations to run, so apart from families themselves organising fantastic fundraisers, you can help too by simply donating your used postage stamps.

To get maximum benefit from your efforts please leave a **finger's width of paper all round the stamp**, otherwise they have to be discarded, then just hand them in to **Mintlaw Academy** where Sandra Robertson has kindly agreed to collect all year round. Even just a few stamps are of value - they all add up!



Stamps can also be handed into the **Friday Shoppie** which is open between 8.30 and 11.00 am in **Mintlaw Public Hall**.

Many thanks to those who have already handed in stamps this past year – your contributions have been greatly appreciated. Two large envelopes, packed with hundreds of stamps, have already been sent to the centre in Glasgow!

A little bit about what SNAC does:

Children diagnosed with JIA need regular tests and treatments. SJIA - Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis - is an autoimmune disease where the child's body attacks its joints and organs. SNAC enables parents and families to meet to find out about the illness initially, to support each other and gain important information about how to manage the illness. SNAC offers personal and practical support. For example, they have been filming educational videos of tests and procedures children may have to undergo to prepare them for these experiences and feel more comfortable. They organise meet-ups all over Scotland, with fun activities, to enable families to get to know other children with JIA. Obviously, the children have different diagnoses and need different treatments but it is still good to have that contact for support.

Your support will be much appreciated. Thank you. **ALEX and ELAINE MAIR**



The seasonal garden waste facility based at South Street, Mintlaw is now closed until next spring.

The new opening hours at the facility at Dales Industrial Estate, Peterhead are:

Monday – Thursday	9.00 am - 4.30 pm
Friday	9.00 am - 4.00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	9.00 am - 4.30 pm



Mintlaw is so much luckier than many other communities in that we have a dedicated village orderly. However, we can all still make his job easier - so.....



Mintlaw Public Hall & Park Trustees recently held a fund raising concert starring **Leonard Brown and The Homelanders** which was a complete sell out! It also raised £1146 for the Hall's refurbishment fund which meant we were able to go ahead with the installation of a spanking new kitchen! - beautifully painted by **Mintlaw & District Men's Shed** volunteers (right) - thanks guys!



The Trustees, needless to say, are delighted with all of the support given recently, and following numerous favourable comments - and requests - have booked a return visit from Leonard and The Homelanders, so keep Wednesday 21st October, 2020 free and we can do it all over again!



When walking your much-loved pooch, please leave behind only its footprints!



Make sure YOUR children are both **SAFE** and **SEEN**. Insist they always wear a helmet and check regularly that bike lights **ARE** working.

You **KNOW** it makes sense!

As we head out of 2019 and into 2020 we've lots of events to look forward to in the park.

The Friends of Aden will host their popular Christmas Fayre in the polytunnels on 1st December from 11.00 am until 3.30pm. Why not pop along and have a browse around the many fantastic stalls selling gift ideas, homeware, jewellery, food and much more. Santa will also be taking some time out of his busy schedule to attend the Christmas Fayre.



A good Christmas film always get you into the festive spirit so **Buchan Development Partnership** will be screening **Elf** on Sunday, 8th December in the theatre at Aden. Additional information will be posted on the Aden Facebook page.

Now is a good time to start planning for the Spring ahead. We'd love for you to start collecting seeds for **Seedy Sunday** which will take place on Sunday, 15th March. For those of you who have never been to the event, Seedy Sunday is a fantastic gardening, food and drink festival held in the polytunnels. The festival features stalls selling local produce, environmental agencies providing free information, local gardeners sharing tips and advice, and various cooking demonstrations throughout the day. There will also be an opportunity to pick up some free gardening seeds from our seed swap station.

Buchan Development Partnership will hold its Spring Forum on 4th March. Venue and speaker to be announced at a later date.



Our **Easter Eggstravaganza** was such a fantastic success in 2019 that we will be once again holding the event in 2020. This fundraiser will take place on 12th April. Times and tickets will be announced at a later date on Facebook.

We are excited to announce that we are working with a number of groups from Mintlaw to organise a celebration in the park to mark VE day on May 8. The day will be an opportunity to reflect on the joy felt that day by all the people who lived through the worst of times and also to remember those who fought for our country. The event will feature live music, family games and picnics as well as an opportunity to mark the occasion and pay respect.

Buchan Development Partnership events are always lots of fun to volunteer at and volunteers are always treated to something to eat on the day. If you would like to help us with any events at Aden please get in touch as we rely on volunteers to ensure the smooth running of events. For more information on any of the events at Aden please visit the Aden Facebook page.

Music at Aden

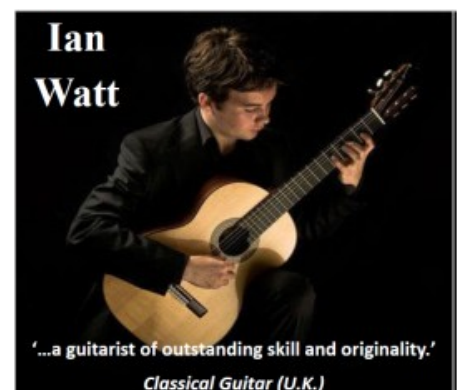
Music at Aden continues its wide ranging programme of Classical, Jazz, Blues, Soul and Folk music for 1919/20 to include the following:

1st December - Ugie Voices will perform as part of the Aden Christmas Fair.

Saturday 7th December 2.00pm - Aden Theatre - Ian Watt, local and nationally renowned musician will play Classical Guitar.

More information and booking on website music-at-aden.co.uk or email friend@music-at-aden.co.uk

Further concerts are planned from February/March 2020.



Aden Community Allotments Association have had another great year! It is growing into a much loved asset in the Mintlaw community..

We have found that, for many people, our larger plots are too big so by the end of the year we hope to add an extra 7 small plots bringing our total to 72!

In June this year we had a ceremony more suited to the Oscars at Haddo House when Aden Allotments won **'The Beautiful Environmental Award.'** This was absolutely massive for us, and we were so delighted particularly with their caption of **'The team manage the day-to-day running of the site and add that extra 'green' sparkle wherever they can.'**

Our **Open Day** in July was great fun - it just gets better & better!

In September **a fashion show** was co-hosted with Mintlaw Community Church raising funds for toilets at the allotments & church and this too was a great success.

Our **'Tea in the Cabin'** is also very successful and popular locally (breakfast pies are a hit!) It's a great cheery event that is held on the last Saturday of the month throughout the year .with Christmas themes for November 30th and December 28th. Time -10.00 am - 3.00pm.

Every **Wednesday** from 1.30 - 4.30pm the **Krafty Kabin** is open, not just for crafts but for a yap and refreshments too. It's open to everyone and it's free!

Our **toilet project** is now well on the way to becoming reality thanks to all our fund raising efforts. It's absolutely amazing to think that it's less than a year since this initiative was launched, so huge thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way.

The **defibrillators** too are now well on the way to being situated in communities. Details will be advertised as soon as they are available.

This year we will be making donations to **Macmillan** and to **Jimmy Griffin** who was diagnosed with leukaemia in October. Jimmy and his family are plot holders and we all wish him a very, very speedy recovery.

Things being considered for next year include regular donations to a foodbank, cookery classes using seasonal produce grown on the plots, selling an allotment cookery book and lots more!

Thank you all so much for your continued support. **Paula**





The end of Term one and first half of Term Two have been very busy times at Mintlaw Academy.

In September staff and pupils took part in a sponsored walk between Mintlaw and Maud along the Formartine and Buchan line. Those involved in the walk undertook the 10 mile journey during a morning session on Wednesday 11th September and since, efforts by administrative staff to count the income allows us to inform our community that an amazing £9681.59 was raised!

Prizes are awarded for a range of groupings, the house group with the most money raised was Deer and additional house points will be awarded to them for this. 2D2 raised the most amount as a class, achieving donations of £2876.00 and those pupils will each receive a voucher. Those pupils raising over £100 of donations are entered into a prize draw to receive a voucher, a total of 5 pupils will be in the running for this having raised a combined total of £699.00!

A huge well done to all pupils and staff involved in what was an enjoyable morning. Thanks must go to both our school and wider community for supporting our sponsored event and to local businesses Nisa Local for the donation of bottled water and Longleys Country Store for the donation of fruit; these refreshments were most welcome by all on arrival at Maud before commencing the return journey. Monies raised will now be reinvested to support school activities and supplement the purchase of resources.



Last term Mintlaw Academy was delighted to win the Inspiring Futures Award, at the Northern Star 2019 Business Awards in conjunction with Score UK.

Given the particularly high standard of Partnerships this year, it was fantastic to have our work with partners recognised in this way.



Also last term we bid farewell to Mrs Louise Simpson, who has served Mintlaw both as PT Chemistry and PT Science Faculty for the past 24 years. Staff and pupils alike were sad to see her go and her retirement was marked with a number of planned events.



This term we welcomed Mr Scott Phimister, formerly of Banchory and Westhill Academies, to our PT Science Faculty post. Mr Phimister is settling in well and enjoying his new post.

This weekend brings us to the half-way point of the current term. Into next week, pupils will have two days of holidays whilst staff are engaged in a two day programme of Professional Learning events and, once back next week, the focus will be on the build up to both the SQA Preliminary Examination diet and Christmas!

Faculties have been running a number of successful events.

We had a hugely successful visit coordinated by the poet Ryan Van Winkle in September and, also in September, the Modern Languages Faculty celebrated the **'European Day of Languages'** with a range of events. Learning the Spanish words to **'La Bamba'** and the names of chocolate bars in German were two particular highlights!

Senior pupils, keen to build their personal achievement profiles, have been engaging in a wide range of opportunities. Particularly challenging in terms of weather has been the experience for our youngsters on this year's Duke of Edinburgh programmes. Practice expeditions have taken place for both Bronze and Silver levels and participants have experienced weather from the fairly balmy to the fairly extreme.

Without question, the trips have helped build resilience for those young people involved.



Last week, led by senior pupils from the Charities Committee, we held Remembrance Assemblies for all pupils. Pupils were encouraged to find their own local links with those who have given their lives to support peace as a means of understanding the impact conflicts through the ages have had. On Sunday our Head Girl and Depute Head Girl laid the school's wreath as part of Mintlaw's Community Remembrance event and on the 11th, even given fairly inclement weather conditions, the whole school community, pupils and staff, gathered at interval to observe one minute's silence.

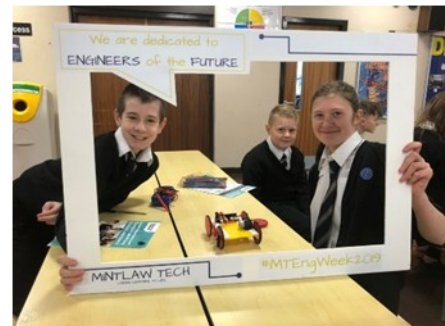


Also as part of the work of the Charities Committee, the school raised almost £350 for Jenes for Genes Day and over £200 for Macmillan, both last term.

On Friday we are planning a Dress Down Day for Children in Need and are aiming to raise over £1,000.



Last week was also the school's annual **'Celebration of Engineering'** week. Led by Mr Hynd and the Technology Faculty, the school was delighted to welcome a range of guests to share various aspects of Engineering with students. A particular favourite was our presenter of **'Concrete in the Classroom'** with school staff hoping to incorporate some of the skills shared by the presenter as part of senior courses.





Mintlaw Primary School

On Friday 27th September Mintlaw Primary School

held a **Climate Change Awareness**

Day. Normal lessons were suspended for the day and focus was on all aspects of the environment. The day was organised by our Eco and Rights Respecting School Groups.

As a school we are aware of our right to say what we think should happen and be listened to by those in authority (Article 12 of the United Nations Rights of the Child). With this in mind, we made placards, posters and flags to help us to voice our opinions. We took part in a special assembly about climate change and we also paraded around our school to raise awareness of this very topical issue.



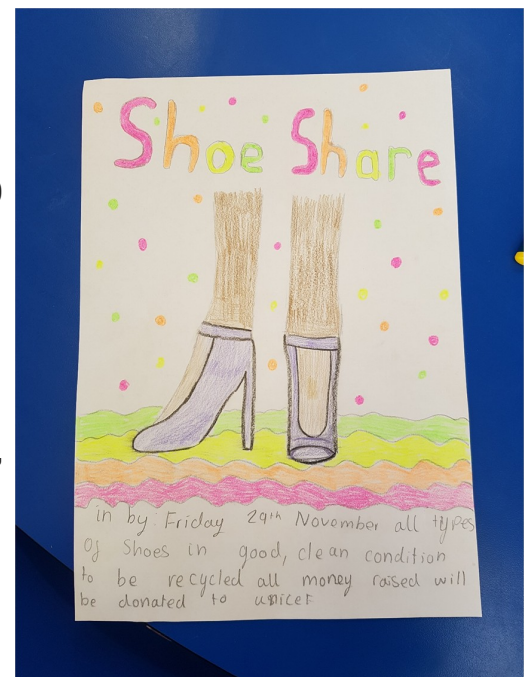
The School held a fundraising Beetle Drive on Friday 27th September.

Children and parents all had fun, with generously donated raffle prizes galore. P4 pupil Lucy Donnelly, was the lucky winner!

ShoeShare

It is once again approaching the time of year when many of us think about how we can give back to others. With this in mind; Mintlaw Primary School will be participating in the **Shoe Share Collection** for UNICEF. **ShoeShare** is a campaign in partnership with the Rights Respecting Schools Award and Clarks Shoes. This partnership began in May 2017 and so far over 300 schools have taken part.

The ShoeShare campaign collects old or unwanted shoes which are still in good condition. These old or unwanted shoes are then sent for re-use. For every tonne of shoes collected, a donation is made to UNICEF which goes towards education programmes around the world. So, the more shoes you bring in, the more money you raise so that Clarks can continue to help UNICEF provide basic educational resources to the 59 million primary school children around the world who are still not in education.





Hello Yellow!

Recently the school was awash with yellow for '**Hello Yellow Day.**'

This special day was to raise mental health awareness.

Pupils discussed ways to help keep our brains healthy and learned about the different support that is available. We raised a fantastic £114 for the **Young Minds Charity.**

It was great to see pupils bringing in items and photos that make us happy, including teddies with special memories and family photographs.



Support for The Archie Foundation

On Friday 1st November, Mintlaw Primary was one of the many local schools raising funds for The Archie Foundation in support of local boy Jimmy Griffin from Mintlaw.

Our pupils made a donation to wear green football kits or sports kits, helping to raise £215!

P4-7 Enterprise

Primary 4-7 pupils at Mintlaw Primary are already extremely busy preparing for our Christmas Fayre. As part of our Enterprise Project, pupils have been engaging with Skills for Learning, Life and Work. A huge thank you to parents who have visited classes so far sharing their knowledge on a variety of careers.

Head Teacher Mrs Forrest had the pleasure of interviewing some of our P6 and 7 pupils who had applied for jobs in our Enterprise management teams. She was very impressed at how well pupils had prepared for their interviews and the confidence that was shown!

Production is now well underway in classes on a variety of crafts which will be on sale at our **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.**



Climate Change Awareness



P4 - 7 Enterprise



The Nursery pupils at Pitfour have been busy!

Pitfour 1 visited Burnside Court where they did various Halloween crafts with the residents.



Pitfour 2 visited Abbey Court where they participated in some Halloween activities with the residents there.



Mintlaw and District Men's Shed has continued to meet monthly and have enjoyed each others' companionship. In October we visited Aberchirder and District Men's Shed and were given a first class tour of their amazing facilities. We have also been invited to visit Ellon and District Men's Shed so we are looking forward to that in the new year.

Up at Aden we now have two shipping containers in place. These are ready to be painted, clad in timber to help them blend in in the compound, insulated and given a protective roof covering of profile sheeting. However, much of that work will be weather dependent - so we'll see how much we can get done before better weather comes along.

The Men's Sheddors are very grateful to the support given to our project by Landscape Services, in particular by Jack Grant (second left in photo), Manager at Aden Park who has helped us in so many ways.



We were present at Maud Health Fair and several of us were decorating in Mintlaw Village Hall kitchen. One of our number made the amazing silhouette figures and planes (bottom) which contributed greatly to the Remembrance display in Mintlaw Hall.

Our monthly meetings in the Indoor Bowling Club in South Street are advertised in the notice boards. If you want information, please give me a phone.



Sandy Thom, Chairman - 01771 622912



Buchan Dial-a-Community Bus

Units 7 & 8 Community Service Centre
Market Street
Maud
Aberdeenshire
AB42 4NH

We are more than what you may think...

Yes, we take people shopping! Our **Shopping Service** is a free, escorted door-to-door service that picks up in local areas and travels to various destinations arranged on a monthly basis. Despite this being a free service, donations are always greatly received.

Did you know we hire our buses to registered community groups and charities? Walking groups, churches, Brownies, Scouts etc. Registered groups can hire our buses for a **Community Hire** for a couple hours, a full day or even a weekend with the inclusion of a volunteer driver.

We can also offer door-to-door transport for health and social appointments with our **Transport For You (T4U)** services; pre-booked travel can be provided to take individuals to and from appointments for those who cannot access public transport for numerous reasons.

We hire mobility equipment; Motorised Scooters, Wheelchairs and more for short and long-term hires to allow increased independence and to assist with any rehabilitation until longer term arrangements can be made. Our **Shopmobility** service operates out of the Cornerstone office based in Peterhead town centre.

Volunteers are pivotal to our business and we could not do all that we do without their help! From driving our buses, being part of our fundraising committee, car driving, baking a cake a couple times a year, dealing with the administration and paperwork associated with our equipment hires. Could you donate some of your time, once a week, once a month, once a year? Get in touch!

At Buchan Dial-a-Community Bus, we do Community Transport!

For more information or to book any of our services, please get in touch on 01771 619191



Shopping Service – Community Hire – Transport For You (T4U) – Shopmobility – Volunteers



Macbi's **Annual Christmas Fair** will be on Saturday 23rd November 11am -2.30pm.



We will have various stall holders and will also have slots for Santa's Grotto from 11.30am -1.30pm. Please note that Grotto slots must be booked in advance.

To book a slot please pop in to the hub or call on 01771 624593.



Artie's Christmas Show on Sunday 1st December 2.00 pm.

Artie from the Singing Kettle will be returning to Macbi to run a Christmas Show. Show starts at 2.00 pm for 30 minutes, with a 15 minute interval followed by another 30 minutes.

Please pop in to the hub or call us on 01771 624593 to book your tickets



INDOOR BOWLING - MINTLAW PUBLIC HALL

Fancy a game of indoor bowls? Then why not come along to Mintlaw Public Hall's large hall on

Thursday Nights - 6.30 pm to 9.30pm

The **2019** session ends on **19th December** with the **2020** session commencing on **9th January**. New and old members will be most welcome.

For more details phone Gordon Skene on **01771 623264**.



 WE DISCOVER, WE GROW
Girlguiding

Girlguiding Mintlaw caters for girls from age 5 to 18.

Rainbows are aged from 5 - 7 years old

Brownies are generally 7 - 10

Guides are usually aged 10 - 14

Rangers girls from 14 - 18



If you would like any more information on any of the sections, or think you'd like to become an adult volunteer, please contact Jill Cook, Division Commissioner, on dcbucklay@hotmail.com



Mintlaw Boys Club 2006's proudly displaying their new tracksuits sponsored by **Jennifer Marshall**, 'Dubby Paws.'

Jennifer won a football scratch card giving the opportunity to have her company logo on the tracksuits



Pictured below is Mintlaw Boys Club 2006's team in their new home kits sponsored by **Carol and Andrew Greig** of **Jazmayne**.



MINTLAW RAMBLERS

Firstly, before I go into the details of our walks, may I say on behalf of Mintlaw Ramblers a sincere thank you to everyone who supported our Buttery Morning on Saturday 28th September in the Public Hall. In spite of one of the worst rainstorms to hit the district in many, many years, our supporters turned out as usual, to the extent that we had to set up an additional table halfway through! The event raised £1105 which is simply wonderful, and will ensure Mintlaw Ramblers will continue well into the future. Sincere thanks to all again and please come along if you fancy giving rambling a try, new members always welcome.

August 7th Walk – Aikey Brae. We set off up the new footpath near Briggies Farm up the hill to Aikey Brae Stone Circle; this lovely new, well constructed path provided by Aberdeenshire Council's Archaeology Service just opened this summer. Although quite steep it is accessible for most walking abilities with plenty of rests. A visit to the ancient Deer Abbey followed it was good to see again the improvements that have taken place here over the years. It is here on your doorstep, and well worth a visit!



Ramblers at Aikey Brae

August 22nd – Summer Outing to the V&A Museum in Dundee, with a stop at Brechin Castle for morning coffee. Designed by Japanese Architect Kengo Kuma, the V & A is a very striking building on the Dundee waterfront. Although a massive structure, the actual exhibition area is smaller than one would expect, but contains many fascinating displays and memorabilia.

A visit to the bustling Dundee city centre was on the cards and of course shops for the ladies, a wander around taking in the fabulous architecture and seeking out the colourful “*Willies*” made for a very pleasant day indeed.

4th September Walk – Forglen Estate Turriff. This is our second visit to the iconic Forglen Estate Turriff, the first being in January, and a delight to see Forglen in her summer splendour. We followed a different route finding many more and varied things to see like the fabulous mausoleum. We were once again in awe of the beauty and grandeur of this fabulous part of northeast Scotland; again it is on your doorstep, and well worth a look. A short visit to the interesting Turriff Heritage Museum followed then lunch at various venues in the town before our return to Mintlaw.



Forglen Mausoleum

18th September Walk – Brae of Coynach. A fascinating and lovely walk, surprisingly so close by! We set off from Clola Smiddy and took a left at Clola crossroads heading for Stuartfield, passed Shananas Farm, then took a right up to Brae of Coynach Farm where we carried on over the hill to Stuartfield, returning to Mintlaw via Aden Country Park.

October 2nd Walk – Kingswells. The plan today was a visit to Kingswells Consumption Dykes, but for a second time, circumstances deemed that we were unable to do so - ‘the best laid plans o’ mice and men gyang aft aglye!’ Instead, we carried on to Dobbies Garden Centre and from there walked back as far as Kingswells on a network of footpaths. The weather also failed to favour us today and “fleein shoors” sent us scurrying for shelter a couple of times. However, we made it back to Dobbies reasonably dry and a plate of hot soup in their restaurant warmed us up before our return to Mintlaw.

October 30th Walk – New Aberdour. A visit to AC/DC Glamping was our first port of call, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs D Cooper and what a lovely place it is; we had a nice warm coffee stop in their lovely community room before setting off from New Aberdour Square on a beautiful sunny morning. We walked from there to the south end of the village, joined the footpath recently created by Aberdeenshire Council and followed it all the way down to Aberdour beach, paying homage to St Drostan's Old Church on the way down. We learned a bit of the history of this ancient relic, also that the original hamlet of Aberdour once stood close by, New Aberdour being founded much later as a planned village in the 19th century. Our final visit of the day was to the Jane Whyte Memorial on the beachfront. **Doug Simpson**