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Community Council meetings are held on 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm, normally in the Holiday Inn West, Westhill, and are open to all residents of Westhill & Elrick

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meetings are currently being held using Zoom and it is not possible for residents to attend



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Welcome to this Summer issue of the Westhill Bulletin, which is making a welcome return after a 5 week postponement due to the impact of the Coronavirus.



At the same time I am delighted to confirm the

return of the new Westhill and Elrick Community Council (WECC) which was re-established at an extraordinary AGM on 12th March.

Prior to this, the previous community council received significant and very much appreciated support from the Garioch Area Manager and her Team; support which included a number of team-building sessions and latterly Community Councillor Elections.

It is testimony to the strong community spirit that permeates Westhill that these elections generated keen interest and the result, I am delighted to say, is a full quota of 17 volunteer Community Councillors from whom four Office Bearers have been appointed. These appointments are on an interim basis and will be reviewed at our normal AGM which, because of the virus, has been postponed to 8th October.

In the meantime since March, WECC members have immediately started on building our capability through various training programmes, and on the work front, dealing with such things as a Transport Evaluation on the A944 'Corridor', reviewing Westhill's Strategic Needs Assessment and the recently published Proposed Local Development Plan (see page 4). We have also successfully experimented with running our regular monthly meeting via Zoom conferencing technology.

On Covid, WECC has established a small grant scheme to assist community organisations that have been providing support during the crisis (see page 31). Elsewhere, we have also re-established our normal Community Support Fund (see page 31).

Across our community, the Coronavirus has had a massive impact on our everyday lives bringing separation from loved ones; serious worries about jobs and incomes and severe restrictions on our normal lives, especially for parents and teachers, facing the joys and challenges of home schooling, along with those who have had to strictly confine themselves within their homes due to shielding requirements.

However amongst all of these negative impacts there have been some very encouraging things; undoubtedly foremost is the commitment and courage of key workers who have done, and continue to do, so much to keep the essentials of our community life going. Also the degree of community spirit has been very striking, with several formal support groups and activities established quickly; and across the town, neighbours have worked together, e.g. to form WhatsApp Support Groups or, at an individual level, looked in on some of the more vulnerable in their locality.

Lifestyle has changed considerably too, with lots working from home, and given the spring season and generally good weather, many families have been spending more time together; out and about enjoying playing, walking and cycling together. I'm sure many will want to carry on with these activities after we emerge into a "new normality".

Finally at the top of the page to symbolise *all our hopes* for the future, I have shared a "Rainbow of Hope" image, which is one of millions drawn and posted by children worldwide in many thousands of homes and other locations. With your support and in this spirit of hope, WECC will continue to work hard to help shape a future for the benefit of all in Westhill.

Mervyn Barr Chairperson WECC

THE PROPOSED ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021

Aberdeenshire Council is currently at Stage 2 of developing a new Local Development Plan (LDP) for 2021 where sites are allocated either for development or identified as needed to be protected. In 2018 Aberdeenshire Council invited applicants to nominate land for future development which was referred to as the 'Call for Sites' stage and there were over 500 bids in the Garioch area from landowners, developers and agents. A series of consultations were then carried out by Aberdeenshire Council to assess the submitted bids which has resulted in 3 preferred sites being identified for development in Westhill and Elrick. These sites are:

0P1 Strawberry Field – An allocation of 10 houses. This site is subject to planning permission in principle for 10 houses and has been carried forward from the existing LDP.

0P2 Burnland – An allocation of 38 homes and commercial/retail uses. This site is described as having existing planning permission as it forms part of a wider development of 228 houses which were completed in 2013.

0P3 Land at the Former Blockworks Site, Straik Road, Elrick There is a proposal for 63 affordable houses to be built on this site.

None of the other options presented in the Main Issues Report have been allocated in the Proposed LDP.

Response Form

The Proposed LDP will direct future decisions being made on land use, planning issues and planning applications in Aberdeenshire for a 10 year period from 2021-2031. As part of this planning process there is the opportunity for residents of both Westhill and Elrick to make their comments/concerns known on the **Response Form** provided by Aberdeenshire Council. The response form comprises of two sections: the modification that you wish to see in the proposed plan and the reason for change. It should be highlighted that this will be the only opportunity for you to comment on the proposed plan before the replies will be analysed and reported back to Scottish Ministers. Your comments need to be completed and forwarded by email to <code>ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</code> by <code>31st JULY</code> or posted to the Planning Policy Team, Infrastructure Services, Aberdeenshire Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, AB16 5GB.

Aberdeenshire Council have now put online a virtual drop-in consultation document which allows the members of the public to visit a virtual room that provides all the relevant information on the proposed LDP. It also includes the opportunity to talk to the officers who will be able to answer any questions that you may have about it. Information about the virtual consultation can be found on the WECC website www.westhillelrick.org and at https://aberdeenshirepldp2020.consultation.ai/ or www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/ldp.



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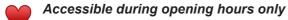


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Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month (no meeting in June, July and August) in the Trinity Church Halls at 7.30pm. Tea and biscuits are provided at the conclusion of the evening's programme and all proceedings end by 9.30pm.

Future dates and topics for your diary, presently dependant on Covid-19 restrictions, are:

September 16th – The Story of the MacRoberts will be told by local author Marion Miller October 21st – A talk entitled 'Wildlife and Wildlife Sites of Aberdeen' will be given by lan Tallboys, Aberdeen Ranger

November 20th – Photographer Simon Hall will give a talk entitled 'Views of Nature'. He will also judge the Annual Member's Photographic Competition.

The talks and garden visits we have unfortunately missed in spring will hopefully be added into next year's syllabus.

The club meetings are always open to visitors and new members at any time.

For further information please contact Paul Connell, Secretary, W&DGC on 07979 533456, or send an email to westhillgardenclub@gmail.com.



Councillor Iris Walker (Westhill & District)

As I write this article in advance of publication, we are now in week 11 of the Covid-19 lockdown. I can barely remember what "normal" felt like and it is clear that there will be a very different "new normal" for us all to adjust to as we go in to the next phase. Not one single person in Westhill and District will have been unaffected by the global public health crisis. I think of all of you have lost loved ones during this time and who haven't had the chance to say a proper goodbye in the way that you would have wanted. It has been worrying for those with friends or family suffering ill health in

hospital or at home and very hard not being able to be with our families.

The community spirit across Aberdeenshire has made life that bit easier for many and I have seen examples day in, day out, of folk helping each other; neighbours looking out for others; calls for assistance on social media being answered with enthusiasm and good humour and many, many community groups and organisations as well as businesses adjusting their way of working to help out in any way they can. Our young people have been fantastic, keeping up with learning at home and from what I hear being roped in to help around the house – all great life skills! My hat really does go off to parents though who are juggling being teachers to their children and trying to work from home at the same time, or still going out to work as a key worker. Some have the added stress of not knowing if they have a job to go back to. We have all been knocked out of our routine in some way.

Council business for us has carried on although some decisions were delegated to council officers in their capacity as Category 1 responders under the Civil Contingencies Act. We have carried out almost all of our normal schedule of meetings via Skype so democracy is in good fettle so far. We have been able to join Westhill & Elrick Community Council (as well as Echt & Skene) meetings online and it is great to see the new group up and running and already taking on new projects.

I know my colleagues are updating on specific council services in their Bulletin reports so I wanted to concentrate on the general direction of the council as we try to "build back better". Over the last few months, council income has been decimated as facilities were forced to close. Millions of pounds have been spent on carrying out critical services and responding to the emergency, most not budgeted for. Aberdeenshire Council have set up a Recovery Group which is made up of officers and councillors. Assessments will be carried out to look at the impact on residents, businesses, infrastructure, environment, etc., and out of these assessments will come a balanced, affordable recovery action plan. This recovery plan must have you at the heart of it and I am sure we will all share as much information as we can and seek feedback as we go along. One thing is certain; there will be difficult decisions ahead and some services will reduce or cease. Equally though, there will be opportunities and a chance to be innovative.

As we face a summer without our beloved local shows, galas and our own family events we had planned, I hope that we can keep each other's spirits up and continue to look out for each other.

Although my face-to-face consultation surgeries are cancelled for the foreseeable future, I have carried out online surgeries via Zoom and am happy to continue – just contact me to arrange a date/time. Tel: 07876 475272, email *cllr.i.walker@aberdeenshire.gov.uk* or Facebook/Tweet me.



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The grant is supported by funding from Westhill & Elrick Community Council, Aberdeenshire Community Safety Partnership and the Garioch and Marr Area Committees.

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Cllr. Ron McKail

Has Covid-19 Made Westhill a More Cohesive Community?

This pandemic disease has had and will have a devastating affect on our community with the effects, I suspect, being felt for years to come.

We have accepted the restrictions on our freedom of movement. We have, with reluctance, accepted that many of the shops, pubs and restaurants are closed. We have accepted the necessity to queue outside Tesco's waiting to be admitted whilst all the time maintaining

the defined social distancing with other shoppers; some wearing a face covering along with plastic gloves to protect themselves from the virus as well as others. We have accepted this 'new normality' with understanding and tolerance.

But what I've also found interesting during 'lockdown' is the families and individuals who have taken the opportunity to explore Westhill whether on their bikes, getting in their 10,000 steps or exercising their dog.

I am also part of those who have walked more than they did prior to the 'lockdown', visiting other parts of Westhill on foot. We are so fortunate to have the 'off road' paths criss-crossing our community along with Arnhall Moss, Denman Park and Carnie Woods on our door step.

The pandemic has also provided opportunities to say 'HI' to neighbours we haven't spoken to before, whether on Thursday evening banging our pots and pan lids as we thank the NHS staff and all the other Key Workers for the work they are doing, or when out for a walk meeting up with other members of our community and enjoying a good chat.

Without doubt we are living in interesting times but a time when Westhill may have become a more cohesive community. Wonder if you agree?

Money Money - Grants Available to the Westhill Community

The Garioch Area Committee has £80,000 to be spent within the Garioch Communities before the end of March 2021. The Area Office wants the availability of these grants to be promoted and advertised hence my reason for bringing this to the attention of groups and organisations in Westhill. Clearly there will be many competitive bids for the various grants and if you have a project requiring funding please see details * below.

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Firstly, I would like to congratulate the new Community Council on its successful formation, following the election in February.

Whilst all things within our Council and community are still geared towards COVID-19 restrictions and measures in support of our community, a great deal of work has been continuing to ensure we can return stage by stage to some form of normality. Council Officers have been formulating a recovery plan, in line with the 5 phase

implementation proposals, and are adapting this to meet our rural community's needs. Further recommendations/information can be seen in this link www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis.

I welcome the opening of our Community Household Recycling Centre on 1st June. Westhill has proven to be the most popular in the Shire, according to the booking system records. In the first two weeks there was limitations on what they could take, but from 15th June all the normal recyclable materials except textiles were being accepted.

Our Landscape Service is also planning a return to land maintenance/grass cutting, however redeployment of staff in support of other COVID related services, will require careful planning. Presently, the Government guidance requires work to be assessed as 'essential' before it can be carried out and currently the service is acting only where the growth causes an obstruction. This would include footpaths, cycle lanes, pavements, kerbsides, parks, etc. However, it is anticipated that lockdown restrictions as they 'loosen up', will permit this maintenance programme to commence soon. I anticipate by the time the Bulletin has been distributed, we will have seen our open spaces returning to normal.

Our Swimming Pool has undergone some major refurbishment in the changing areas, however the lockdown in March has prevented completion, which will hopefully conclude in July, if the restrictions permit works to continue.

The Westhill Pool is an important leisure facility, enjoyed by many, and contributes to the health and wellbeing of our community, so it will be good to have it back in service.

I have again been in regular contact with both Council Roads Officers' and Police Scotland, with regard to speeding in our community. Having taken daily exercise around our town at differing times of day for the last 8 weeks or so, including Old Skene Road, Hays Way, and Westhill Drive, it would appear that the unusually lower levels of traffic has led to a small number of motorists ignoring both the 30mph limit, and the 20mph school signs when in operation.

Westhill Primary and Academy Schools are operating as Hubs within our Community, in support of key/essential workers, and parents and staff need to feel safe in accessing or leaving the schools. This is a very worrying development and it is recognised by Police Scotland who will be looking again at this in the very near future. We have a large number of children and vulnerable people in our midst and I ask that when driving in town and around our Shopping Centre or near our schools, that we drive carefully and keep to the speed limits.

The proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan is available for public viewing, and I urge residents to have a look at this, and to give comment where appropriate. For more detail see page 4.

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Councillor David Aitchison

The world has changed a lot since the last time I wrote an article for the Bulletin. Covid-19 has directly or indirectly affected us all and as a community we must thank our key workers, from our National Health Service to everyone who provides the essential services which we rely on.

We are all having to deal with the implications of the pandemic which has transformed the way in which we live. We have had to radically change how we go about our

daily lives. We are more aware of how our actions can affect others. We are more conscious of the way we occupy space in relation to other people.

It is remarkable how quickly we have adapted to the changes necessary to ensure our safety both as individuals and as a community. In Westhill with restrictions on travel in place we have benefited from the layout and design of our town which allows us to walk along the many paths. Our green spaces and parks seem more precious. The reduction in traffic has made cycling easier and safer. While we will move very gradually towards some form of normality many of the beneficial behavioural changes we have made will remain.

The way we access and use public spaces will change as social distancing measures continue and are further developed. Our use of transport has reduced and if the many people who can work from home continue to do so we will see our environment continue to benefit from a reduction in pollution.

Online access to services and shopping has proved its worth during the lockdown. We now need to marry that level of convenience with keeping our town centre vibrant and relevant. The Scottish Government and Aberdeenshire Council have committed to schemes and funding to do just that.

The Council has formed a new committee, which I will serve on, to oversee the transition from response to recovery from Covid-19. This group will make recommendations on the strategic direction of the Council required as a result of the impact of the pandemic.

I can be consulted at any time by telephone or email on any issue and also hold surgeries at Westhill Library. My next surgery will be advertised when guidance permits these to resume. Check www. aberdeenshire.gov.uk for a full list of dates.

Councillor David Aitchison

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Still in business – producing PPE

As soon as it became clear that visors and face masks were going to be needed urgently to help the effort to tackle Covid-19, Westhill Men's Shed swung into action, turning their many skills to the task. Key to the project was access to enough 3-D printers to produce the frames, along with a small army of helpers to assemble the face visors ready for use. It was important to get going quickly — and that's exactly what they did. Underpinning the whole operation was the funding needed to buy the raw materials, with an initial grant from the Aberdeenshire Council Community Resilience Fund. Later on, further grant were secured from the Scottish Government Response, Recovery and Resilience Fund and from Westhill & Skene Lions Club.



Men's Shed chairman David Thomson delivers PPE to a local care home

Since the Men's Shed was shut and not suitable for production with the social distancing rules, the work had to be undertaken in people's homes. As the volume of demand became clear a call was put out on social media for people who had 3D printers to help and this had a tremendous response-20 people volunteered their time and printers to help, and eventually 700 visors a week were being made. Along with the grant from Aberdeenshire council came the use of their transport to deliver materials to the printers and collect the finished headband, which was a game-changer; the volunteer time saved was immense and no longer was it necessary to explain to the police why we were out and about in lockdown!

To date just over 2500 complete face visors have been produced, most of them supplied to Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership's joint equipment store, from where they were distributed to front-line users. A small number, about 20%, of the production was donated directly to independent care homes and small businesses who were also in dire need of PPF.

Nick Pilbeam, who headed up a small team managing the operation, said "it's been an incredible response, and a rapid build-up of effort, from everyone involved, not just within the Men's Shed but within the wider

community. We were able to get up and running quickly because people were so willing to help. I just can't thank them enough". See photos of some of the production team on front cover.

Ironically, the production effort has now had to slow down, given delivery in May of large amounts of PPE from overseas. The Men's Shed are still receiving requests for PPE from smaller organisations, and will continue to meet those needs from their stock of finished visors.

Still here - but in a different way

Ironically the shed extension received its completion certificate the same day we all went into lockdown! However, we have continued to keep in touch via Zoom (like everyone else) by holding "teatable" meetings, and even a lockdown gardening club.

Apologies to all our customers, but given the circumstances, we are unable to take in projects or repairs for now. But when we do finally re-open, we will be in a super position to use the new cabin space for so many events and projects. Meanwhile keep safe and take care.

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Westhill Walkers

Open to all no matter what your age or ability

Well this has been an 'interesting' year for us! We made the decision to cancel outings before lockdown actually started and sadly they will remain cancelled for the foreseeable future. Westhill Walkers was formed in 1988 and we have walked every second Sunday throughout the year since then with very few cancellations, so this will be the longest we have not been able to get out and about. The only other occasion where our walking was put on hold was in 2001 during an outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

Sadly we also had to cancel our regular spring break which would have been in a very attractive lodge by Loch Insh and which was complete with a hot tub – a step up from our usual hostel! Our September break is also highly unlikely to take place but we might just manage the pre-Christmas one.

Although it has not been possible to continue walks this year due to social distancing, several members have been walking on their own in their local area, discovering many short walks. Ideally we hope to list the walks, creating a valuable resource for the future. A few photos taken in the Westhill area are reproduced below – thanks Moira.







Whilst we are in a lockdown hiatus, one of our members has been producing a regular and very challenging quiz loosely based on walking. This has kept participating members out of mischief but racking their brains for hours on end with a lot of use of Google and much poring over the map question at the end. After seven quizzes our compiler says he is struggling to find walking based questions though! Thanks for all your hard work Graham.

With the gradual relaxation of lockdown and the ability for two households to meet, we hope to take advantage of this and enjoy some summer walking in company whilst still social distancing.

Although it is inevitable that restrictions will be in place for a considerable time, we all look forward to some relative normality. Until then, look after yourself, enjoy your local area and keep an eye on our website at http://westhillwalkers.org/ and our Facebook page for updates.





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Like many activities, face to face scouting across the UK was suspended the week before the country went into full Lockdown.

With the fast pace developments at the time, it sadly meant that our section leaders and assistant leaders didn't get the chance to have a final meeting with our youngsters. However, I'm delighted that our volunteers are continuing to keep in contact with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts by providing virtual activities to keep them involved and enable them to continue with their badge work.



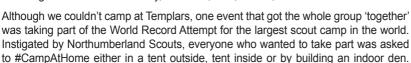
Some sections are having regular Zoom calls and others are being set activities online via social media.

We're also delighted that some youngsters who had started Beavers just prior to Lockdown have now been officially invested via the power of Zoom! Congratulations and welcome!

Sadly one casualty of the Lockdown was our planned Family Camp at Templars Park in May. This year's theme was to be 'Scouting in the Future' and would have seen around 200 youngsters and family members come together for a weekend of fun activities including a big sing-a-long and campfire. We were sorry to have

to cancel.

As part of our plans for family camp, youngsters were asked to design a camp badge. We received over seventy fantastic designs! A short list of six were selected and had family camp gone ahead, one of these designs would have been made into a real badge and given to all participants. Well done to everyone who designed a badge including those shortlisted – Amy, Rebecca, Alex, Calum, Sebastian and Tabitha.





Youngsters also had to build a real or virtual campfire, help cook a meal and take part in a scouting activity. There was campfire singing and much munching of marshmallows.



Over 70 youngsters and adults joined in from Westhill. Northumberland took note of the numbers who signed up and they were delighted to advise that over 95,000 people from 68 countries took part making it the largest Scouting event of all time! Well done to everyone who participated.

We don't know when face to face scouting will resume so in the meantime our leaders and assistant leaders will continue to lead their sections in 'virtual' activities.

Lockdown has given many people the time to stop and think about their priorities and lives. When we do return to face to face scouting, we will be needing new helpers as

well as our current core of volunteers. Would you be interested in helping?

We will be looking for additional volunteers to become section leaders/assistant leaders, but we are also always on the lookout for help on our Executive committee, maintenance team and hall / badge administration.

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1st SKENE BOYS' BRIGADE

Until the 'lockdown' and suspension of 'face to face' activities in late March, early 2020 proved to be a successful period for the Company, starting with a group of senior boys providing a very well received Bacon Roll to the congregation at Trinity Church following the Sunday morning service.



The following week, we competed in the Scottish final of the BB National Masterteam Quiz in Glasgow and achieved a very creditable 3rd place. We also had 7 senior boys successfully complete a National BB Leadership Skills course resulting in all now awaiting the award of the Presidents Badge.





On Saturday 14 March we hosted a Pop-Up Restaurant in Trinity Church where under the guidance of local Chef and ex company member Neil Hudson,

the boys prepared and served a three-course dinner to 38 guests and provided some musical entertainment to bring a most enjoyable evening to a close.

The Boys' Brigade quickly responded to the challenges the 'lockdown' brought to our normal activities and introduced the **BB@Home** programme. This is a cross age group package of activities, updated weekly which boys undertake themselves or on-line with friends.



Congratulation to Sam Brooks of the Junior Section who was inspired by Capt. Tom Moore's amazing efforts. Sam challenged himself to run 5K – with a difference. His goal was to complete this distance with a large teddy bear on his back, to support the NHS and Cancer Research. Sam set himself a target of raising £100, but actually raised just over £1000.

While it is disappointing our normal adventurous summer activities, camping, mountain biking, hill walking and canoeing are currently on hold, we are looking ahead and hope to be able to restart at least some activities in early September.

Meantime our Facebook page remains active with news and photographs which are updated regularly so please feel free to visit us on-line at any time.

The Boys' Brigade caters for boys from 5 to 17 years and in 1st Skene Company we participate in a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities throughout the year.

We have no 'Waiting Lists' and new boys will always be made most welcome.



Rotary in Lockdown

We are bringing this report to you in very strange times and obviously not able to write about all the things that Rotary would normally be doing at this time of year. There are too many of these projects to list, ranging from all the youth activities we would be organising around the end of the school year to putting out the hanging baskets and even getting organised for the Westhill Gala. All unfortunately brought to an abrupt halt by the Coronavirus.



Without the ability to meet with others we have had to adapt to the lockdown and social distancing rules so have embraced new technology to enable us to continue our regular meetings via Zoom. With over 30 members participating these can be a little chaotic at times but are still fun and focussed.

Even though Rotary is unable to operate as normal our members have remained active in the community with some still undertaking their regular volunteering activities where possible. During the recent Mental Health Week our members were active with local charities Grampian Opportunities and Peer Support Group and in hosting on-line meditation classes.

During their regular exercise in Carnie Woods some of our members had noticed a significant amount of rubbish and dog poo left lying about so we decided to do something about it. On a couple of separate days John and Fiona Glascodine took some poo bags and litter pickers on their regular walk in the woods and collected over 200 assorted items in a 20-minute period. These included: dog poo and discarded poo bags, crisp and sweet wrappers, plastic bottles, hand wipes and......a pair of underpants!





Some of the Carnie Woods rubbish

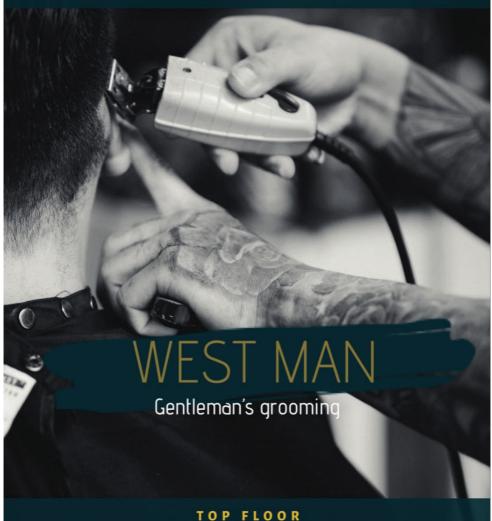
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Westhill and Elrick Community Council Covid-19 Grant Scheme

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To be eligible a 'group' must be:

- 1. Based and/or operating in the distribution area of the Westhill Bulletin magazine
- 2. Undertaking work beyond the normal scope or scale in order to assist individuals and the community as a whole to deal with Covid-19 within the area.
- 3. Unlikely to be able to recoup additional costs and, as a result, foresee financial challenges in resuming normal activities in due course.
- 4. A community group or social enterprise, but not a profit making business.
- 5. Not eligible to apply to the Aberdeenshire Council Community Resilience Fund or got a grant but still require further assistance.

WECC has set aside a sum of £5000 with a maximum grant award of £1000.

If a group operates more widely than the area then a grant may be proportioned commensurately.

Applications should be made by email to <code>treasurerwecc@gmail.com</code> and must be brief but provide evidence to satisfy the 5 points above. If operating more widely than the area, applicants should provide information on the proportion of activity within the area. WECC will endeavour to process the applications as quickly as possible after they are received.

WECC COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

Westhill & Elrick Community Council has a surplus of funds due to the strong demand for advertising in the Westhill Bulletin. Some of these surplus funds are available for donations to local voluntary groups.

WECC started to give donations in 2011 and up to the end of 2018 a total of £29,000 has been donated to a wide range of groups. It was not possible for any donations to be made in 2019, but a new Community Council was elected in February 2020 and the donations policy has been revived and reviewed.

See https://westhillelrick.org/people-make-a-place/donations/ for Guidance Notes and the Application form or contact treasurerwecc@gmail.com.



A new café in Kirkton of Skene. Opening Soon

Kirkton of Skene includes some 250 houses and several establishments and businesses such as Pitcairn Lodge, Skene Parish Church, Skene School, a graveyard with a panorama of the Angus hills, the Milne Hall, Hosie's Fish and Chips, Mackley's Honey and the Red Star Inn. These are within a two mile walk or cycle from Westhill shopping centre and just a mile from the Community Church, along the bicycle friendly off-road footpath.

The imminent new arrival is "Bothy 57", a café with a small grocery. This new business is owned by Stephen and Jill who previously ran the Village Store from the same building at 7 Kirkton Cottages. Many will remember that this Village Store was run for many years by Alastair Ogg, his father and family.

We plan to be fully open in August 2020, but from late June we offer doorstep sales of hot and cold drinks, ice cream



and tempting snacks with a 'couthy' greeting on your round trip walk or cycle ride from Westhill. Why not treat yourself? And please pick up a loyalty card while you're passing by. There is ample car parking across the road outside the Milne Hall.

By autumn, we will welcome you to 'sit in' next to a wood burning stove and provide table service of food from morning to late afternoon. Cushioned bench seats are purpose designed for relaxation in the pre-1860 interior structure of the café now blended with a modern, cosy ambience. There is a new colour scheme, child seats, kitchen, outside bike racks and a wheel chair accessible WC for all.

The premises' refurbishment and start of this new business is reliant on the extensive support from the local and wider community and residents, including: Dunecht Estates, the Echt and Skene Community Council, Aberdeenshire Council Economic Development Department and our elected Westhill councillors and MP's office. We wouldn't have managed without any of you. Meanwhile, there is some way to go.

Many have asked if you can donate. That's kind of you. We have a digital payment link and have already reached one third of our target. https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-build-bothy-57.

You may write cheques to "Kirkton of Skene Ltd" or make a direct payment to our bank account by contacting bothy57skene@gmail.com.

Shortly we will share our other sponsorship plans and announce the date of our postponed variety concert.

Several have offered volunteer or paid work within Bothy 57. Thank you. There are some back office and unsung tasks to enhance the natural appeal of Kirkton of Skene and we welcome your offer of support. Contact bothy57skene@gmail.com for more information.

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JOGSCOTLAND WESTHILL

- Two steps forward, one step back (for now)

2020 had got off to a great start for us at JogScotland
Westhill but it certainly hasn't turned out the way we were
expecting. In February we held our 4th Annual General Meeting where we welcomed several



Our team The Westhill Wonders were victorious in the North East JogScotland Quiz



new members onto the committee to replace those who were standing down, and our guest speaker was the inspirational Myles Edwards who spoke about his life as a runner and fundraiser for his charity The Gathimba Edwards Foundation. The work they do is amazing and Myles' talk gave us a lot to think about. One of our teams in the North East JogScotland Quiz had come out on top, and our Couch to 5K programme which had started in

January was going really well, with everyone making fantastic progress and heading towards the finishing line of completing the Garioch 5K. Meanwhile the members in the other five groups were all enjoying the regular twice-weekly sessions and quite a few had moved through the groups as their fitness and speed increased. Then the Coronavirus struck and along with everyone else, we found all our group activities coming to a halt as lockdown happened. The events that members had been looking forward to participating in were cancelled or postponed, which of course meant that our Couch to 5K group couldn't complete the programme and take part in the Garioch 5K as planned. The very popular Westhill 10K (scheduled for June) was also cancelled but has been rearranged for Sunday 27th September, so fingers crossed that might still go ahead. Keep an eye on http://www.sensationall.org.uk/events/westhill10k/ for updated info.



The medal and certificate from one of the many virtual runs members have taken part in

However, this hasn't stopped many members continuing running regularly during the lockdown period. We've all had to get used to solo runs instead of enjoying the camaraderie and encouragement of the group, but it's well recognised that exercise plays a huge part in helping to improve and maintain mental health, so it's been even more important than ever to encourage members to get their exercise. To help with this, we created a range of 'virtual' group activities, including a relay where members complete a run then pass a virtual baton on to



Solo runs and selfies have become the order of the day

the next person. In the first round the group's mileage was equivalent to running all the way from Westhill to Manchester! We're about to start another round, so who knows how far our virtual travels will take us? We've also been holding a regular Friday-night pub quiz via Zoom so that members can catch up for an online chat with a bit of friendly competition thrown in, as well as photo challenges and leader-boards on Strava. Added to all this, individual members have been earning medals in lots of virtual events so there's still been plenty to enjoy.

Although we can't meet in person for now (and can't predict when we'll be able to start the sessions again) it's encouraging to see so many people out running. Once we're allowed to restart the group, we'll announce it on our Facebook page https://www.jogscotlandwesthill/ and website https://www.jogscotlandwesthill.org so if you've taken up running while we've all been in lockdown and are keen to continue but with the support of a friendly social running group, keep an eye on social media and join us when we can all get together again.

Westhill Tennis Club

Open for Tennis

Welcome back to tennis. Following the Scottish government's easing of restrictions, we were able to open the courts to members on 28th May. A summary of the guidance can be found on the noticeboard on the pavilion and we have introduced several restrictions.

Facilities

- The pavilion is off limits to the Tennis Club the floodlights are not to be used.
- · Court bookings must be made at least 24 hours in advance via the club's website.
- Do not book more than 2 consecutive hours on court.
- Anyone can play singles. Doubles can be played if your partner is from your household.

There should be no sharing of equipment, including balls.

- We aim to have a supply of hand cleaner on court for those who forget to bring their own
- At time of writing, the courts are not open to the public as the key is held by Costa which is currently closed.

Fees

Membership fees were due on 1 April. We have recently reduced the family and senior membership fees in view of the shortened season. We need the income for the significant costs for court resurfacing over the next few years. Packages can be found at https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WesthillLawnTennisClub/Membership/Join.

Benefits of membership include:

- Free court time for members with online booking sheet
- Social tennis evenings for adults on Mondays & Thursdays from 7pm and Saturdays from 2pm
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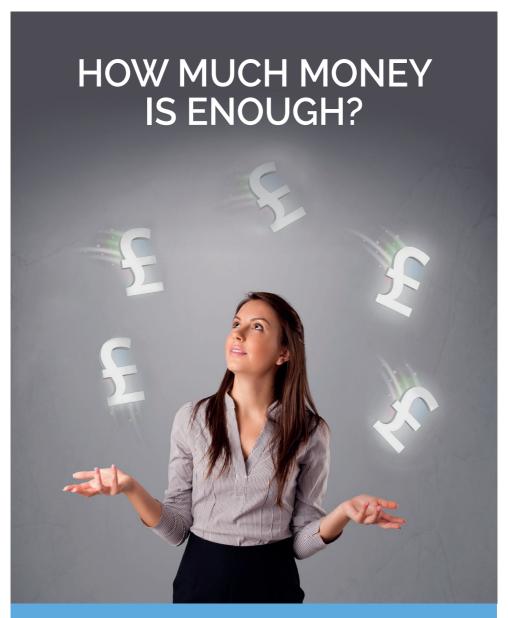
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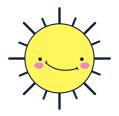




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SUMMER UPDATE

It has been a challenging time for all of us & SensationALL management would like to thank everyone who has reached out and offered support to the Charity during the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope that your families have been safe and kept well throughout.

Unfortunately, like many, we have suffered an extreme loss of income due to cancelled fundraisers, donations and via our services - to the tune of almost £50,000.

It will be a tricky year ahead, however SensationALL will continue to be there for those that need us.

We closed the doors to the Old School House on 18th March, however that hasn't stopped us! We created an online programme of digital support including 1:1 and group activity so that we could continue to be present and offer sensory support, practical advice and guidance throughout lock down. Currently we are supporting over 50 service users on a weekly basis through video call and telephone consultations!

We do not yet have a date for reopening, however we do have plans in place to limit capacity, maintain social distancing and a new disinfecting procedure so that we can support safely as soon as we can.

If you would like to fundraise or donate we would be over the moon - every penny counts and your support would make a real impact to us.

Please contact Katie@sensationall.org.uk

Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene

We are continuing to raise money for Phase 2 for the extension and upgrading of the kitchen. Donations are appreciated to continue with this cause.

As you will understand all Events have been cancelled. However, just before lockdown the new 'Mary Gray Room' was officially opened by Mary.

Future Events: See Facebook Page for further details.

Regular Activities:

- Jazzercise, 7.15-8.15pm every Thursday.
- Skene Pre-School Playgroup Mon-Fri mornings during term time.
- Westhill Sooyang Do martial art group hold classes for children and adults on Monday evenings.
 Phone Chief Instructor Dave Bremner: 07970 188825.
- · Indoor bowling every Tuesday evening during the winter months.
- Skene Youth Club for Primary 1-7, Thursday evenings 6-7pm during term time.

Our hall can be booked for children's parties, funeral teas, etc.

For booking enquiries please use Facebook or phone Sandra Wisely on 01224 742660. See Facebook page for rates. Milne Hall Management Committee is registered as a charity (SC045034).

Help wanted – if you feel you could contribute in any way in looking after and improving the hall, you will be made most welcome. Please contact 01224 742804.



We have had a very short 2020 session due to Coronavirus outbreak which meant our season finished in early March. However we are hoping to restart again on 20th of August 2020 if the regulations in place are relaxed by then. If they have not been relaxed, we will carry on with external socially distanced meet ups at various locations in compliance with the rules in place at that time

The club took part in the Grampian Eye 2020 competition in March which was a bit strange as it was done on zoom, but we still managed to finish mid table which is a good result against the more established clubs in the Region. We also ran weekly challenges on facebook for our members during lockdown. We still intend to have a wide and varied programme for the remainder of the year with Guest speakers, club competitions, day trips and studio workshops all planned.

If you are interested in joining the club or would like some information why don't you come along for a few weeks and give it a try. We meet every 2nd Thursday at Westhill Community Church so if you are interested in coming along no matter what level you are please contact *Bruce.christie@me.com*







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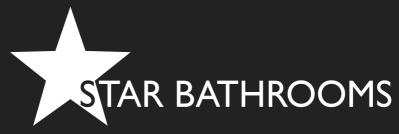
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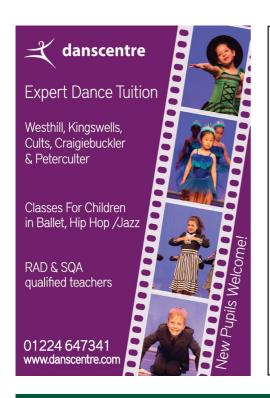


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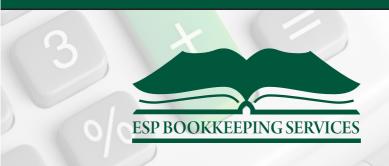


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Environment and Litter Projects in Westhill

The Environment Group has continued assisting residents while adopting safe procedures during these difficult times. Some of the more spirited volunteers still undertake regular Individual litter picks, as have some socially minded residents. A special thanks to all and thanks to our friends in Westhill Rotary, for their good effort in the litter and poo pick that they undertook at Carnie Wood. Our planned joint litter pick has had to be postponed, but it is excellent when all groups in Westhill work and pull together.



We still find bottles, cans and food wrappings dropped throughout Westhill. Aberdeenshire Council are currently unable to do the clear ups, so it is therefore even more important to not drop any litter. Some of our volunteers have even performed the very unpleasant task of collecting dog bags dropped by anti-social dog owners. If you own a dog, you may dislike collecting the poo but please consider how it is far more unpleasant for this to be done by others.

The new Community Council has encouraged our Environmental Subgroup to continue working along previous lines. Unfortunately, the pandemic has forced us to postpone any organised events, such as the Monthly Litter Picks. These will not restart until we get an "all clear" signal. We will then advertise the event on the WECC Website and Facebook. If

any resident would like to do a regular litter-pick outwith the organised events they are welcome to borrow the equipment. We just request a £10 deposit, refundable on the equipment return. Contact Raymond per details at foot of page.

Have you noticed "pink spray" on dog poo throughout Westhill and Elrick? This is an attempt to draw attention to anti-social dog fouling. We hope to encourage or shame owners into picking up their dog's poo and to bin it! The spray is a safe biodegradable product. It took five walks between Denman Park and Carnie Wood to clear up poo bags and to spray dog poo. We have been in touch with Keep Scotland Beautiful, who are promoting a drive against dog fouling and litter and we are keen to be involved in that project, as a continuation of our "Eyes Watching You" venture.

We undertake a watching brief on the health of the Denman Park ponds, which we monitor several times a week. The ponds have become very overgrown, but efforts are underway to consider funding sources to clear this. There were concerns in May that the water had turned white. The Environment Group, on behalf of WECC, contacted SEPA and Aberdeenshire Council to investigate. Scottish Water tested the inputs to the burn and ponds and no sewage pollution was detected. It is reported that some upstream domestic properties contain incorrectly connected plumbing, which releases washing machine wastewater into the rainwater collection pipes, which in turn lead to the burn feeding the ponds. This can explain the high levels of nitrates and phosphates detected, encouraging some of the undesirable growth in the ponds. They concluded the white water was likely caused by someone introducing white emulsion paint washings into a street drain. This problem has cleared now in the faster flowing sections, but slower water remains cloudy. Fortunately, wildlife, fish or amphibians in the pond seem unharmed.

There were reports of burns around Westhill looking orange, but this was likely due to natural iron minerals washing from soil into field drains.

For further information, please contact Ken Stewart at *kennethstewart@talktalk.net* or Raymond Swaffield at *swaffies@talktalk.net*.

Westhill Library News

Hello from all at Westhill Library! We are missing all our familiar faces popping in to see us and to use the library. We have all been working from home since the beginning of lockdown and most of us have been working in other roles while the library has been closed.

Many of you will be wondering when you will be able to use our physical services again and at present, we are not sure. As a service we will take our lead from Central and Local Government and strictly adhere to their guidance. Be assured that as soon as we can safely resume some kind of physical library service we will.

Meanwhile there are lots of on-line services available to use https://livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/.

Live Life @ Home where you can access the Digital Library here you will find out how to download e books, audio books, magazines and Press Reader (newspapers).

Other exciting digital resources available at https://livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/live-life-at-home/digital-library/ are:

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Summer Reading Challenge 22nd June – 22nd August 2020 is completely different this year as it isn't just about reading! The challenge is fully accessible online for you to enjoy in the comfort of your home, garden or local area, all you have to do is register. By simply signing up online we will take you on a journey filled with fun, fantasy and action packed activities for children and families of all ages and interests. It will not only encourage you to access our digital library and read, listen and share books, it will also provide you with exciting sport, physical, arts, craft, outdoor challenges linked to themes such as fantasy island, big read picnic and so much more.

Congratulations to one of our borrowers who won the Winter Word Challenge and received some books as a prize!

"I really enjoyed doing the Winter Word Challenge. It was fun to do and it encouraged me to download Libby and PressReader which I love using – I have told all my family and friends about them too!"

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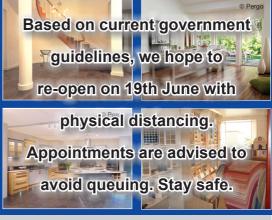
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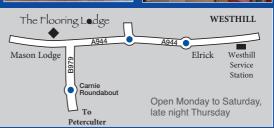
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Our café sadly remains closed during the Covid-19 crisis.

Please check our Facebook page, Trip Advisor or the Church website for news on when we will be open.

As I write the Covid-19 lockdown continues to restrict our social interactions. Even so it is remarkable how much encouragement can be found, sometimes in things that previously we overlooked, or took for granted. In our church life there have been so many surprises and things to be thankful for. I have been truly astonished at the way folk I previously assumed were somewhat technologically unskilled have persevered and triumphed in overcoming difficulties and setbacks, in order to help one another communicate and join in online services and fellowship groups. There are some who seem to have been ready and waiting for such a time as this, who have suddenly taken the lead in streaming services, hosting chat groups, and preparing recordings for those without internet connections.

Of course, it has not been easy but so often there have been significant encouragements. Sermons and meditations somehow have greater meaning with Bible readings taking place in the open air, birdsong in the background and worship groups that manage to display many musicians on screen together, all playing from their own homes, and yet all in harmony with each other. Some even manage to appear twice, playing two different instruments!

But I think what inspires me most, and makes me most thankful, is the increased determination I see, in the most humble people, to use every opportunity they have to give encouragement and support to others. Sometimes it is a word of comfort, or a brief prayer, with someone on the phone who is troubled. Sometimes it is a bunch of flowers left on a doorstep. Sometimes it is a visit to the chemist to collect medicines for those who can't make the journey. Sometimes it is making up a bag of groceries for someone who has encountered hard times. Sometimes it is just an understanding and gracious reaction to someone who has messed things up. Sometimes it is taking the time to weep with someone who is devastated. I'm reminded of the wise words of the apostle Paul, "Now these three things remain: faith, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor 13: 13). When other things are stripped away it encourages us to focus on what really matters.

Steve Townsend, Elder

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875 (Westhill) Squadron

At the start of the year, it was looking like it was going to be another busy one for the squadron with cadets already placed to go on various camps and courses but with the outbreak of the COVID-19 in March, a stop was placed on all face-to-face activities.



With our twice weekly parade sessions cancelled, we had to look at other ways to maintain contact with our cadets and continue their training. Headquarters quickly set up Microsoft Teams for all squadrons which has allowed us to keep in weekly contact with the cadets and to deliver training sessions, quizzes, STEM challenges and presentations from outside speakers. There have been a number of inciteful talks from a variety of outside speakers including an inside look at the RAF Aerobatic Team, The Red Arrows, from Sqn Ldr (Ret'd) Mike Ling.



In April, in was announced that our own Cadet Sergeant Lauren McIntosh was to be appointed as the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Aberdeenshire. The role of Lord Lieutenant's Cadet is a prestigious one in which the cadet accompanies and assists the Lord Lieutenant at public and private engagements. As the Lord Lieutenant is the Queen's representative in their area of lieutenancy, cadets will often get to meet VIP's and attend a variety of events.

Sgt McIntosh is only the fourth cadet in the history of the squadron to be appointed as a Lord Lieutenant's Cadet and her appointment is testament to her continuous personal development and dedication to the squadron and to the Royal Air Force Air Cadets.

Just weeks after the announcement of Sgt McIntosh's appointment as Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, it was announced she was awarded the Best Female Cadet in North East Scotland Wing for 2019. This is the first time a female cadet from the squadron has received this award.

During the period of the lockdown, some of the cadets have continued their classification training and have passed several exams in various aviation related subjects to achieve the next classification level. Cadet's Jamilah and MacColl passed their Leading Cadet exams, Cpl Weideman and Cdt Douglas passed their Senior Cadet exams while Sgt E Armishaw and Cpl McIntosh passed their Master Cadet exams.

Also during this time, we have promoted some of our cadets which would have taken place had we been parading as usual. Cdt C Weideman was promoted to the rank of Corporal, Cpl's E Armishaw and K Weideman were promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Sgt McIntosh was promoted to Flight Sergeant.

With lock down measures looking to ease over the coming months, hopefully we will be able to resume our twice weekly parade nights later in the year. This will only happen once Headquarters Air Cadets permit squadrons to start meeting again and only if social distancing and other measures can be implemented to ensure the safety of the staff and cadets.

We are currently recruiting new cadets and welcome young people aged between 12 and 17 years to come and join us. Cadets can take part in activities such as flying, target shooting, sports, adventure training, camps on RAF stations in the UK and abroad. Cadets can also gain BTEC qualifications and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We also provide a free uniform.

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Gold Awards for: Sean Corr, Angus Flett, Angus Gray, Caelan Teismann

We would usually have completed lots of Expedition section activities by now but that's all on hold. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and progressing that section of the Award at all levels. Meantime, participants are concentrating on adding evidence to their Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections. There are still lots of options available and we are encouraging some creativity in adapting their program while staying closer to home. Here's a taster of the challenges our latest batch of Award completions took on for each section:



Their Expeditions were mainly in the Grampian and Cairngorm areas with one Gold team venturing down to the Borders and another to Snowdonia. At Gold Award level there is the additional Residential section which again shows a wide variety recently including: activities and leadership course, building a new retaining wall and creating a new tow path, ACPS – flying scholarship, working at Blackpool Zoo, leading at Scripture Union kids camp, 5 days of outdoor activities and team bonding activities and an Outlook Adventure.

So, stay positive and keep adding more evidence on *eDofE.org* and we hope to see you again soon. Remember, if you have STARTED YOUR AWARD and need help to finish it, contact: *WesthillDoE@aol.co.uk*.

Skene Committee of Macmillan Cancer Support

Our year started well with the Skene Committee winning an award for the "Best Fund Raising Macmillan Committee in Scotland". This was the Macmillan Press release which followed:

"Our Skene Fundraising Group are the worthy winners of the Scottish Fundraising Committee of the Year Award. They've been actively supporting us for 43 years and over that time have raised well over £310,000.

They passionately generate awareness of Macmillan in their rural community and beyond, through a packed calendar of popular annual events. From their sell-out Burns Supper and the Macmillan Mammoth Quiz, there's something for everyone.

They're always willing to try something new too so in June 2019 a team of committee members and friends (and dogs), donned their tartan and took part in the biggest ever Aberdeen Kiltwalk.

Senior Fundraising Manager, Shirlie Geddes, said: "It is my absolute pleasure to work with this fundraising group. They're a tight-knit group of committed individuals, who each bring something unique to their events – their enthusiasm never flags. I am thrilled that their contribution has been recognised through this special award.""

The committee is delighted with this award, but again takes the opportunity to thank all our many supporters who attend our events and donate so generously. Our volunteers do not work for recognition, only to make events successful and raise money for the charity, however it is nice to see that our hard work hasn't gone unnoticed.

The total raised by the Skene Committee in 2019 was £26,792 with gift aid still to be added.

The Quiz night held in the Lyne of Skene Hall on 28th February, as part of the National "Macmillan Mammoth quiz" raised £797 and was an excellent evening, with 17 teams taking part.

The committee had met and started to plan the 2020 events. However, due to the Coronavirus restrictions, these have all been put on hold.

Donations can now be given, using our Macmillan Skene Fundraising Committee, "Charity Check-out" page, at https://macmillan-org.charitycheckout.co.uk/macmillanskene/profile or directly to a committee member. Also, if you would like to help the committee in any way, no matter how small, please get in touch – you would be made most welcome.

Please continue to follow the committee on Facebook: Skene Fund Raising Committee – Macmillan Cancer Support.

Until then, please stay safe. We look forward to getting together again soon. Thank you

Kath MacBeath, tel. 01330 860226

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Covid-19 has not only impacted individuals' income but also their expenditure with many 'luxury' items such as holidays & concerts no longer on the cards. For planning clients, we can advise on how best to utilise this additional income (e.g. one-off payments into pension/mortgage or why not just spend it!). Good planning allows our clients to seize the positives and plan for better times ahead.

If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's definitely that there's no knowing what is around the corner and that life is most definitely not a rehearsal. Now is the time to take ownership of your finances and get a plan in place.

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Westhill Bowling Club

By the time you are reading this the 2020 outdoor bowling season will have arrived, albeit seven weeks after our proposed start date, and in a much restricted way because of the Covid-19 virus.

It has been necessary for us to put in place special measures to enable any play at all. The type of arrangements that were applied will us all such as social distancing, sanitising of equipment and control of

be familiar to us all such as social distancing, sanitising of equipment and control of access.

However, the seven week delay was put to good use and those of you who have passed by the green while on your daily exercise will have seen a range of works going on. We took this window of opportunity to preform repairs and maintenance on the banks and surrounding paths. Several members gave of their time to lift and relay slabs, dig holes, mix concrete and clean paths and bank coverings.



At a time when it was difficult to source and get deliveries of heavy building materials we are greatly indebted to two local Westhill companies for their assistance. Garry Smith of G I Cladding and Joinery collected and delivered sand, cement and blocks to allow us to get on with the works while we are also grateful to Stuart Grassick Building Contractors for his donation of paving slabs.

As you would expect there is very little bowling activity to report on. We should by now have played Abbeyview Bowling Club from Dunfermline in the first round of National Top Ten Competition, having won the Bon Accord Bowling Association Top Ten in 2019 to qualify. However, with the suspension of all competitions this has been postponed until 2021.

The competition would have been an ideal opportunity for us to unveil our new club shirts and jackets for 2020. Our club colours are yellow and dark blue and this is reflected in the new design. The club badge also features prominently on the front of both garments. There remains scope for a

company or organisation to have their logo and name added to our shirts and become our official sponsor.

Although there is limited opportunity to play bowls we have still managed to attract a number of new and re-joining members for this season. It is unfortunate that the restrictions in place will not allow them to fully take advantage of their membership this year but we hope that they still enjoy their time on the green.

We are still open to accepting new members. Anyone interested in joining can take advantage of an attractive membership offer for £20. If interested please contact the club president by email *robert.mutch@btinternet.com* or telephone 07562 696193.



The Westhill Bike Club was established in 2015 with a focus of encouraging like-minded people into cycling with a group. We do not organise any racing events, although our members are free to participate in competitive events if they choose. We want to attract people who are riding on their own or not riding much, to achieve some personal challenges.

Our key objective is to be a friendly, social cycling club for the Westhill and wider area.

• We are predominantly focussed on recreational cycling

• We have regular midweek and weekend rides to suit all abilities – details and routes are posted on the club's Facebook page.

• General rules of the road and common-sense cycling will apply, with regards to safety, etc.

• Nobody gets left behind, nobody shows off; everyone has a great ride together

• On longer rides we usually plan a café stop – we like cake!

Membership of our club also entitles you to:

• Cycle with fun and enthusiastic people

• Buy club kit at a discounted rate

• Attend our summer BBQ and Christmas party

• Good rates for bike repairs and maintenance from local bike mechanics

Our club also organises The Westhill Bike Ride, which takes place each year on the Sunday at the end of the Westhill Bike Ride, which takes place each year on the Sunday at the end of the Westhill Bike Ride, which takes place each year on the Sunday at the end of the Westhill Bike Club. org.

Cycling during Lockdown

This is still allowed and indeed encouraged as part of your regular exercise, however you can only cycle with someone from your household. Although we cannot have our usual club group rides, we've created a public Facebook page "Westhill Bike Club usual club group rides, we've created a public Facebook page "Westhill Bike Club Club Cal Rides" with a selection of local routes so that cyclists can get out and explore (and spread out a bit) there is something to suit everyone.







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April 2020 will see the arrival of Kippie's double skinned heated tennis dome which will be the first of its kind in Scotland. This dome will cover 2 of Kippie's courts leaving the 3rd court for outdoor play. Kippie's tennis professional runs private and group coaching throughout the year.

Wellbeing & Fitness Classes

2019 saw the development of a new pilates and new yoga studio which now offers over 49 wellbeing classes such as nia, yoga, barre and pilates. If its cardio classes you enjoy Kippie also has a wide range of low to high impact Les Mills and freestyle classes. All wellbeing and Cardio classes are included in the membership fee.

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SOUTH WEST ABERDEENSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU



Service Continues During Lockdown

The Citizens Advice Bureau in Westhill has continued to provide a phone and email service during the current crisis. We have seen a 40–50% increase in enquiries, dealing mainly with Benefits, Employment issues and Relationship Breakdown, but Energy, Immigration, Money Advice, and Consumer/scamming advice have also seen significant increases.

If you need help, call 01224 747714 or email via our website www.swacab. org.uk. If you get voicemail, LEAVE A MESSAGE – speaking clearly, with your name, address and contact details. We will call you back – however, our staff and volunteers are working from home and your call is likely be returned from a with-held number.

Alternatively, you can call the CAB Aberdeenshire Helpline number on 0800 028 1032.

During lockdown, we have appointed new staff and also started new projects, whilst securing funding to continue some of our most popular services. The EU Settlement Scheme continues in the meantime to help EU workers secure settlement status; the Energy project funded by SSEN helps people switch supplier, resolves billing problems and fuel debt to help people in this area make the most of their money; Help to Claim both helpline and direct support for Universal Credit applications; Money Talks Team and our very new Gambling Service Training and Support Officer is now taking referrals. We are also planning for a phased return to Bureau opening when official guidance permits and the time is right to do so.

Due to the award of a recent contract, this Bureau now covers more than half of Aberdeenshire to include the settlements of Newmachar, Blackburn, Kintore and Kemnay as well as Westhill, Drumoak, Banchory, Durris, Aboyne, Ballater, Braemar, Strathdon and Upper Deeside, Tarland, Torphins, Lumphanan, Alford and all points in between.

Volunteer with us!

As a local charity, our Bureau could not survive without the commitment, hard work and support of our volunteers. 75% of our personnel are volunteers whose dedication to helping people in our communities is greatly appreciated. Our volunteers range from Board of Management members to Advisers, to a wide range of roles in administration and support for our advice services. Each and every one is valued for the contribution they make to the success of the Bureau. If you would like to volunteer, call 01224 747714 with your details, or alternatively volunteer via our website on www.swacab.org.uk. Eveline Crossan, Bureau Manager, would be happy to discuss volunteering opportunities with you.



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Girlguiding Westhill District



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celebrate **World Thinking Day**. The girls participated in activities using the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Thinking Day Challenge "Living Threads" based on themes "Diversity, Equity & Inclusion" and of course earnt a badge! Girls raised £185 to be donated to the World Thinking Day Fund which enables girls across the world to expand their horizons.

raise their voices and take on incredible challenges.

On the weekend of Saturday 30th May, Girlguiding Gordon hosted their first ever "virtual camp" for over 600 girls. "Flamingo Safari" was a fun-filled 24 hours of activities with girls camping overnight in tents in their garden or dens in their house. Over 50 girls and leaders from Westhill participated and had a fantastic time! https://www.grampianonline.co.uk/news/600-young-people-enjoy-virtual-camp-201750









Some of our units continue to meet virtually via Zoom but for those who cannot (and anyone on our waiting list), there are **challenges** available here too:



https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home/

https://www.girlguidingscotland.org.uk/guiding-at-hame-hub/



Finally, congratulations to the following Young Leaders who have successfully completed their Young Leader Qualification.

- Nicole Cowie, Adele Foubister & Jenna Starkey, 1st Rainbows
- · Emma Smith, 2nd Rainbows

Caroline Gray & Alison Smith, District Commissioners

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Skene Parish Church



We want to say thank you.

Thank you to all those who have been volunteering across our community to help individuals and families with shopping, with prescriptions, with lockdown.

Thank you to all those who have been working on the frontline to ensure that our bins get collected, the shelves are stocked and shopping is possible,

hospitals, offices, stores are cleaned, food production happens, the post is delivered, medical and nursing needs are met, emergencies are responded to, children are nurtured and educated, funerals can take place, the vulnerable at home or in residential homes are cared for and takeaways are available.

To all those who have kept our community functioning and who have shown kindness to neighbours and strangers. To all those who have worked hard to keep us safe and to all those who have been creative in keeping our spirits up. We want to say thank you.

We have heard it said over and over again, these are unprecedented times. And it's true. We have nothing really to compare this global pandemic or lockdown to. It has stretched our resilience and our capacity to respond to deeply challenging circumstances. And we're not done yet. As I write, we are easing our way slowly out of lockdown, but there is much uncertainty about the days ahead.

I listened recently to a leader who was reminding us that unprecedented times call for unprecedented movements of prayer. Paul, in his letter to the church in Philippi, encourages us to bring every situation to God in prayer. And we've seen across the globe, a remarkable surge in people praying and wanting to know more about prayer. Now, more than ever before, we need to bring our community and our nation and our world to God, crying out for His help and wisdom in this season. Now, more than ever before, we need to discover for ourselves what the good news of the gospel



is and how faith in Jesus Christ is an anchor that holds us fast, even in the stormiest of times. Now, more than ever before, we need the comforting presence of the Lord in our lives, to help us in our grief and in our suffering.

If you want to find out more about Jesus and God's unfailing love, connect with us through our Facebook Page or join us online for Sunday worship. The details can be found here: www.skeneparish.com. It's never been easier to explore the Christian faith.

On a practical note, we are closely following the guidance issued by the Scottish Government and the Church of Scotland. In the coming weeks, we'll be working out if, how and when we can reopen in worship and reopen to groups. We will be listening to God and working to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our staff and our community. Please be patient with us as we discern the right way forward.

Rev Stella



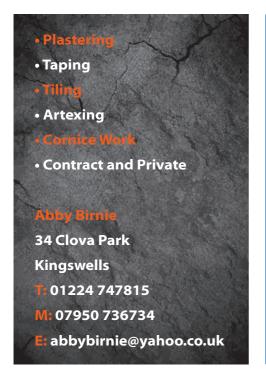
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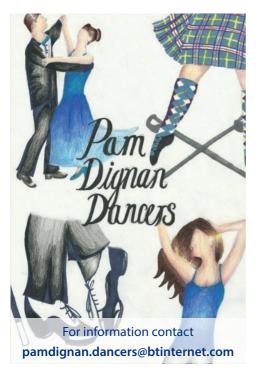
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Westhill and Kingswells Community First Responders

We hope this message finds you well during these challenging times.

The Scottish Ambulance Service and NHS have been working round the clock to help protect the community and save lives. We would like to extend our thanks to all key workers who have continued to work hard during the Covid-19 crisis to keep the country going.

As some of you may already be aware, the Community First Responder scheme has currently been suspended by the Scottish Ambulance Service due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. This step has been taken to protect our volunteers and members of our community. We are not currently attending emergency calls within the community or holding any first aid awareness sessions.

Once the current government restrictions are lifted, and with the approval of the Scottish Ambulance Service, we will resume our awareness sessions and attend emergency calls from the public. If your organisation or club wishes to book an awareness session in the future please email us at westhillkingswellscfr@gmail.com.

We all look forward to returning to normal soon and being there, once again, to serve and help our community.

The Westhill and Kingswells Community First Responder Team

Westhill Golf Club

It would be fair to say the last few months has been as challenging for Westhill Golf Club as we imagine it has been for all local businesses. For the first time in memory (and we think since our club opened in 1977) we had a prolonged period of closure. During this time the course was maintained. This period of 'golf free activity' meant numerous changes to the appearance of the course could be done. Feedback from our members has been exceptionally positive with many saying the course is almost unrecognisable now. We thank our new club manager Phil Watson for his phenomenal work during this testing time!

During lockdown we also had lots of walkers visit the course and we hope you all enjoyed the stunning views and peaceful tranquillity. We thank all of those who exercised on the golf course carefully and considerately. Now that golf has resumed, we are glad to see that walkers are being sensible and avoiding the course – it would be fair to say that golfers are not always very good when emerging from a 'winter break'.

On Friday 29th May, we were allowed to re-open with members following the 'safe golfing practises' devised by the R&A and Scottish Golf. It would be fair to say the golf course has been busy since re-opening. However, our definition of busy is up to 10 persons starting a game in 2's per hour. So still far less busy than a trip to the shops!

Since the last couple of weeks of May, we saw an increase in membership enquiries with many of these coming from Westhill residents. This pleases us greatly as we are a facility based on your doorstep and we pride ourselves with being friendly and affordable. All in all, we have welcomed 20 new members since the middle of May. We have room for many more so get in contact with us (office@westhillgolfclub.co.uk) if you would like to enquire about membership!

Westhill Golf Club

BILL'S GARDENING CORNER

Spring has been and gone, dry and very windy, causing a few hic-ups in the planting regime, but not to worry things will turn out okay (we hope). The spring flowers did take a bit of a beating, the tall ones especially, lesson learned to stake them.

Nice to see the Garden Centres are open again; getting plants could be a bit of a challenge to find the ones you want, but bedding plants can be picked up in many shops and stores plus seeds can still be sown. Thinking ahead for the autumn and what to do, I know it sounds a bit early, but if you take a note of your planting and photographs it might help you to plan the spring show for next year and get some new ideas for over-wintering colour in the garden.

At the end of the day, sit and relax with a glass or cuppa; enjoy your garden.

Bill Loudon

Pam Dignan Dancers

Pam Dignan is doing 18 dance classes per week via Zoom. The classes will be continuing during the school holidays.



Our seat from the Shopping Centre has been painted by Graham Christie ready to go back when they decide what to do with the space at the shops. Nell our dog will be staying at home!

John Findlater, Blacksmith at Skene, made the seat many years ago.

pamdignan.dancers@btinternet.com

1st Skene Girls' Brigade

We had our Open Night all planned and girls' were all ready to go but due to current restrictions this has all been put on hold. As soon as government guidelines allow we will get back to the church to have more rehearsals and will reschedule this event.

Deaconess Marion Stewart was a big help with our badgework in Girls' Brigade and we will miss her but wish her all the best in her retirement. Here she is with the gifts from us all. Any enquiries please call (Captain) Fiona Cumming on 07792 471199.



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Westhill & District Senior Citizens

It is with great sadness that, due to COVID-19, we have been unable to operate since the middle of March 2020.

Our helpers – Mika, Wendy, Jane, Sallie, Janice, Wilma and myself have been phoning all the Senior Citizens on a regular basis. We have offered any help and support needed and a friendly chat. We have found that most of our seniors have family or neighbours who are helping them out on a regular basis – which is very reassuring. We're very pleased to hear that many are keeping well and have been abiding by the rules.

Hopefully by the time the Bulletin comes out we will have a better idea of how and when more facilities will be opening up. We have tentatively intimated that we would like to re-start on Thursday 27th August but this is dependent on several factors:

- What the limit is on large groups (of around 45/50) meeting
- Whether the Church is available and ready to accept groups back
- What precautions we need to take when large groups are together

We need to consider how our Members will get to the Meetings.

Once we establish the above we will have a better idea of when we are able to re-start.

Provisional Dates for starting in August 2020 (all Thursdays)

27th August, 10th September, 24th September, 8th October, 22nd October, 5th November, 19th November, 3rd December, 10th December – Christmas Party Holiday Inn

We have entertainment for around an hour then tea/coffee with biscuits/cakes.

Our Group meets alternate Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm in the Hall at the back of Trinity Church. Open to those age 55 years and over. Cost is £3 per session for refreshments and a one off £6 annual subscription (paid in August/September).

We will continue to keep in touch with our members on a regular basis and keep them informed as to our restart date. Hopefully see you all on 27th August. I hope the weather will stay as nice as it has been over April/May and you have all been able to make the most of your gardens. I hope that you are able to have a little more freedom over the next few months and able to meet up (socially distancing) with your family, neighbours and friends.

Contact Heather Cook for further information – *heathercook@tiscali.co.uk* telephone 01224 741194.

SKENE SINGERS

After a lengthy break from choir, we hope to resume our evenings on Tuesday 1st September 2020, if the lockdown has been lifted sufficiently by then to enable us to get together again. We meet on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Trinity Church back hall. We welcome new members who enjoy singing a wide repertoire of songs. Music knowledge is useful, but not required. We perform several concerts over the year to appreciative audiences, where we all have fun.

All enquiries to Ann Imrie on 01224 740720.



Unfortunately this year the Community Council is not able to run the normal Westhill in Bloom Competition.



Instead you can take photographs of your garden and some of them will

be published in the Autumn issue of Westhill Bulletin.

Please send your photos to westhill.bulletin@gmail.com by 21st August. Prizes of £20 gardening vouchers for the three best photos will be awarded!

Please advise if you agree for your name and address to be published with the photos.

WESTHILL 10k

!SUNDAY 27TH SEP 2020!

The Westhill 10k has been rescheduled to above date due to the ongoing Covid-19 outbreak.

We will adhere strictly to Government guidelines and public health & safety is our priority.

Registration fee goes directly to local charity SensationALL - so please continue to sign up and support this community event.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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