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Elected Councillors

The four Aberdeenshire Council Ward 13 Councillors named below are ex-officio members of the Community Council. They attend the monthly meetings when they can but do not have voting rights. They put articles in Bulletin about current topics (see pages 7 to 12). They are also ex-officio members of two other nearby Community Councils in Ward 13.

Councillor Fatima Joji | Councillor Ron McKail | Councillor Craig Miller | Councillor Iris Walker

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

The agenda is placed in the noticeboard outside Nisa a week before the meeting and posted on the Westhill website www.westhillelrick.org

If you would like to join the meeting remotely a Zoom link can be sent - contact weccsecretx@gmail.com



WESTHILL & ELRICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE BEARER'S REPORT

Since the last Bulletin, members of Westhill & Elrick Community Council (WECC), supported by many volunteers, have been busy out and about doing work to help to keep Westhill looking an attractive place to live and work. This includes regular litter picks, attending to flower displays, spring cleaning the path network and, a significant amount of work in Denman Park. Thank you to all who gave and continue to give their time. As a Community Council, we couldn't achieve what we do for the community without the help of volunteers (see Green Spaces article on page 73).

Your chance to influence

WECC has places for 17 members plus the possibility of co-opting Associate members for a period of time to support us in a particular project or with a particular topic. At the moment, we have some vacancies. Aberdeenshire Council has now set a universal election date for all community councils. This will be in September and nearer the time there will be a lot of publicity and information on this new arrangement. We hope that this will stimulate interest from people seeking election. We would particularly like to see more representation from people with young families. We recognise that people lead busy lives, but apart from a meeting once a month on the second Thursday evening, everything else is optional. Members find that they can take on roles and tasks to suit their own interests, skills and experience and generally find that they get a lot out of being a member of the Community Council.

Community Action Plan

Thank you to everyone who stopped and spoke to us at our stand at the shopping centre over the weekend of 19/20 April. It was very cold and windy a lot of the time! The purpose of this event was to talk to people to see if this validated the information that we had gathered through an online survey and focus groups. It was also an opportunity to share any other thoughts with us about what you would like to see happening in Westhill. We are now close to finalising the Community Action Plan. Over the next few months, we hope to shape up a range of initiatives to improve people's lives in Westhill. We also hope to see some people, who would like to see things happen, getting involved to help make them happen. The Community Council can facilitate, advise and encourage, but it can't take on all the various ideas that have come forward. These include a sports/community hub, adult learning opportunities ('evening classes'), informal places to meet, chat, have a coffee, both indoor and outdoor, a range of issues to discuss regarding the shopping centre, activities for young people, public transport, paths and open spaces, also a major play park somewhere in Westhill. This list is not conclusive/exhaustive, there is more!

Shopping Centre

Most people will probably be aware that Westhill Shopping Centre has been sold. We met recently with a representative of the new owner. They will also manage it day to day which is different to the previous arrangements where the owner contracted day to day management to a third party company. We were encouraged by a very constructive and positive meeting and feel confident that a good working relationship will develop. See article on the new parking operator on page 55.

If you would like to comment on any of the above and/or express a view on how your quality of life in Westhill could be improved with our help, please write to the secretary at weccsecretx@gmail.com.

Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy

Thank you for including a Lieutenancy page in your wonderful Westhill Bulletin and congratulations to all those who contribute to such an informative and interesting community publication. The Westhill Bulletin is a great example of helping to build an ever more engaging and cohesive community spirit.

Many people may not be too familiar with the work of the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy. There are 35 Lord-Lieutenants throughout Scotland essentially one representing each county with the Lord Provosts of Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow also fulfilling the role of Lord-Lieutenant in their city.

I was delighted and honoured to be appointed as Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire by Her Late Majesty The Queen in April 2020. In my duties I am supported by my Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Lady Aberdeen, and 19 Deputy Lieutenants (DLs).

As Lord-Lieutenant I have the privilege of being His Majesty's representative in Aberdeenshire and my first and foremost duty is to uphold the dignity of the Crown. In this role I support The King in His capacity as "Head of Nation" in which The Sovereign acts as a focus for national identity, unity and pride; gives a sense of stability and continuity; officially recognises success and excellence; and supports the ideal of voluntary service.

We are fortunate to welcome His Majesty and other Members of The Royal Family on visits to Aberdeenshire from time to time and in recent times Westhill has welcomed three Royal visitors. In 2022 HRH The Duke of Gloucester visited Specialist Valve Services, in 2023 His Majesty The King visited Global Underwater Hub and more recently HRH The Duke of Edinburgh visited Westhill Men's Shed which included meeting representatives of Westhill Swimming Club, 1st Westhill Scouts and Westdyke Community Club (see page 56).

One of the Lieutenancy's roles is to ensure that messages of congratulations are delivered from The King and myself to those celebrating their 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversaries and 100th and 105th Birthdays.

Another hugely enjoyable part of our work as The Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy is to support, thank and encourage the remarkable work done by so many selfless volunteers in our communities. Whilst often so much work goes on "behind the scenes" and no recognition is expected, we are delighted when people nominate others for recognition such as a National Honour for their exceptional contribution to our society.

For example, we were delighted when Westhill's Men's Shed was awarded a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2021. The QAVS (now the KAVS) is the equivalent of the MBE for voluntary Groups.

The Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy is keen to know of any individual or voluntary organisation who have made an exceptional contribution for the wider benefit of others in their community and assist in giving full consideration for appropriate recognition. Please contact us at the email address below should you have any suggestions.

Please do look at our web site for further information: www.lord-lieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk or contact us on info@lordlieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk.

Finally, as Lord-Lieutenant I am delighted to support the work of our local armed forces and in this respect I always greatly enjoy visiting the very active 875 (Westhill) Squadron, Air Training Corps. In recent years I have had the pleasure of appointing my Lord-Lieutenant Cadet from this special cadet unit.

I very much look forward to my next visit to the thriving and friendly community of Westhill soon. Thank you for playing your part in making Westhill an ever place to live and work.

Best wishes

Sandy Manson, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire

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Councillor Craig Miller

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Pavement Parking

I wrote in the previous Bulletin regarding pavement parking which became illegal at the beginning of 2024. Many of you have written to me on this, with photographs, and it is clearly an area of concern.

Aberdeenshire Council have advised that patrols have been taking place in Westhill which has resulted in 33 warning notices being issued to cars parked in contravention of this legislation. As this is relatively new legislation the Council have adopted a practice of advising motorists of their offence, and in due course, this will result in fines being issued.

Please continue to report any vehicles you encounter in contravention of the legislation and together we can make the pavements a safer place for everyone.

You can report this online via www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/car-parking/pavement-parking-ban, or alternatively through the **myAberdeenshire** app under [Reporting>Online Services>Roads and Travel](#) section.

Community Grants

Constituted community grants in the Garioch area are invited to apply for grant funding prior to the deadline of 31st May. Match funded grants of up to £5,000 are available through the council's area initiative fund; additional grants of up to £500 are available through the council's small grant fund.

More information on these grants is available at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communities-and-events/funding/garioch section.

Councillor Surgeries

Councillor Ron McKail and I are continuing to hold monthly surgeries at Westhill library. These are held from 10.00-11.00 on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Whilst no appointment is necessary, you can contact either of us to set up a specific time if you want to guarantee availability. If you are unable to attend the surgery, I am happy to arrange meetings at mutually convenient times if you contact me directly. The next surgery will be held on Saturday 8th June at the Library within Westhill Primary School. Thereafter we will take our summer break and surgeries will resume in September, but you can reach us during that period if required via the contact details provided.

Councillor Craig Miller
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Ron McKail, Councillor for Westhill and District

Centennial Celebration of a Remarkable Life of Westhill Resident Ethel Taylor

As the representative of Aberdeenshire Council, visiting Ethel on the occasion of her 100th birthday was a privilege. Ethel Taylor (nee Watson) was born on 8th March 1924 at Mains of Kildrummy in Alford and moved to Cullerlie in 1927. Schooling was Cullerlie and Echt and on leaving school she worked on the family's farm. She married Peter Taylor in August 1953, and moved to a croft on the outskirts Westhill where Ethel still lives. She and her late son Peter were keen bowlers and won many trophies and regularly attended the Accordion and Fiddle Club. Ethel has been a widow for many years. She values visits from family and friends evidenced by the huge number of 100 years birthday cards she received, including one from King Charles. Ethel Taylor is one very special lady.



Congratulations to Westhill's Porter Pharmacy Being Awarded Pharmacy of the Year

Porter Pharmacy Westhill was nominated for Pharmacy of the Year at the Scottish Independent Retail Awards in Glasgow. Out of all the independent pharmacies in Scotland, to win this award was an outstanding and well-deserved achievement especially considering the history of the pharmacy before it became Porter Pharmacy. Changes which Porter's have made included a refit making the shopping experience more inviting and more streamlined; the 24-hour collection robot; and the hyperbaric oxygen chamber. The changes made contributed to their win and we as their customers are ultimately the beneficiaries. Being nominated for the award required submission of evidence to the judging panel and a public vote was included in the process. Hardly surprising customers voted their support of this important and vital service in the Westhill community where good customer care is a priority.



UCAN's Fund Raising Target of £2.5m to Fund a Urological Cancer Diagnostic Centre Want to Make a Difference? You Can With UCAN

I recently attended the launch of a local urological cancer charity fund raising campaign led by Professor James N'Dow. UCAN's goal is to fund, at a cost of £2.5 million, a Urological Cancer Rapid Diagnostic Centre (RDC) at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. The RDC aims to enable patients with a suspected urological cancer to be seen quicker, and to have all scans and/or diagnostic procedures during a single visit to hospital. The RDC aims to significantly reduce the time for diagnosis, which will improve cancer treatment outcomes and reduce anxiety for patients and their families across the North of Scotland. Currently the time for a urological diagnosis is unacceptably long (4-6 months). The statistics are stark- in NE Scotland 1 in 5 men will be diagnosed with urological cancer; 1 in 3 men with prostate cancers are diagnosed too late; and 1500 men and women are diagnosed with urological cancer annually. If you would like to find out more about the campaign, invite a speaker to your group or make a donation then please contact Gayle Stephen on 01224 557950 or g.stephen@abnd.ac.uk.

Councillor Surgeries

Along with Councillor Miller, our surgery is held in Westhill Library on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00hrs to 11:00hrs.

Councillor Ron McKail

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Councillor Fatima Joji

As of the time of writing (5th May 2024), it has been precisely two years since I had the honour of being elected to serve as your local councillor. I remain deeply humbled by the trust and confidence you have put in me to represent you and our community as one of four local councillors. Looking ahead, there are myriad opportunities for us to continue advancing together as a community. My door is always open, and I warmly welcome any chance to engage with constituents in person for discussions about matters of concern, or virtually, or over the phone. Please don't hesitate to approach me for a chat should you see me around Westhill.

Anti-Social Behaviour Concerns

I note the number of correspondences I have received about anti-social behaviour in Westhill, and I am grateful for residents who have reached out to raise awareness and engage in discussions about potential solutions.

A particularly known case concerned one of our local businesses being the target of an unpleasant episode of anti-social behaviour. Following the incident, I met with the owner of the local business. The meeting was positive where we also discussed opportunities to positively engage our kids for the benefit of our community.

It was great to see the response and reassurance from Police Scotland Northeast following recent reports. Their proactive approach is essential for the safety and well-being of our children and families, our local businesses – which deserve a secure operating environment – and the peace of mind of restaurant visitors.

Westhill is a beautiful town and thankfully, such occurrences are few in number. We can hopefully work on steps to ensure this does not happen again.

Nesting Gulls

This is a topic that has landed in my in-box. For anyone who has contacted me over the past two years, you might be pleased to know that Aberdeenshire Council is currently piloting solar-powered sonar devices at three locations across the region, including Westhill School, with the aim of dissuading gulls from nesting.

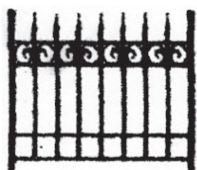
Installed in April, these devices are designed to be non-invasive to the birds and will be in place for around 10-12 weeks. Should this trial prove successful, Aberdeenshire Council will explore the possibility of deploying additional devices in other identified hot spot areas in preparation for next year's nesting season.

As always, please get in touch with any concerns or queries. I will do everything within my power to help. You can reach me via email at cllr.f.joji@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or by phone 07787 955311.

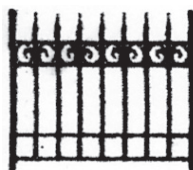
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Community and Schools

We continue to be active in and around Westhill including planting more crocus bulbs to support the End Polio Now campaign and the area around the Westhill Rotary stone at the entrance to Westhill has been given a tidy up. We've re-started our litter picks and have been joined in our efforts by Rotakids from local Primary schools. Work is ongoing to create a Petanque court in Denman Park and we have had discussions with the Bowling club to establish a Petanque section within their organisation. Look out for news on our Facebook page.

Our work with local schools continued with competitions organised for young, speaker, young photographer/artist, young environmentalist and young musicians. These are very popular events and our local pupils never cease to impress us!



Rotary Primary School Quiz

The local heat of the P7 Rotary Quiz was held at Trinity Church on Monday 26th February. The winners were Crombie Primary who received their certificates from Westhill and District Rotary Club President Allan Wink.

Bike Ride

Our Family bike ride took place at Dunecht House on 21st April and over £1000 was raised for the Shelterbox charity.

Pictured: some of the families who participated in the bike ride for Shelterbox.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Lazy Sunday

Our ever popular Lazy Sunday event returns again this year on 9th June, 2pm-6pm In the Ashdale Hall and field, with fun for all the family!

– Bring your own picnic and refreshments – • Bouncy castles • Food vans • Funfair stalls • Dark Island Ceilidh Band • Tombola

Charity Golf Tournament

Why not put together a team of 3 players for a Texas Scramble on Friday 2nd August at Westhill Golf Club. Tee times from 09.30 to 13.00 Tea/Coffee plus bacon roll on arrival and two course meal after the golf. Cost will be £50 for visitors and £40 for Westhill Golf Club members. There will be prizes for nearest to the pin on 3 holes, longest drive and, of course, a prize for the winning team and raffle prizes.

To book your team place, text or email Capt Pushp Vaid ASAP on 07743 895431 or email pushpvaid@gmail.com.

If you would like to find out more about Rotary and give something back to the community either by becoming a Rotary member or simply to lend a hand with some of our projects, then please get in touch – Secretary@Westhill.rotary1010.org or take a look at our Facebook page facebook.com/westhillrotary.

WESTHILL – BIKE CLUB –



Social Group Club Rides

Organised club rides for all members start from the Westhill Community Church, Old Skene Road, or the Westhill Shopping Centre, full details of all rides are posted on our club Facebook page.

- Saturday and Sunday Morning Social – For all abilities (usually a café stop for cake)
- Tuesday Evening Social – For all abilities, usually split into smaller groups
- Tuesday Evening Training – For those who like a bit more speed and distance
- Thursday Beginners – For those who like a more leisurely pace

We are actively looking for new members, why not come along for a “taster” session, complete beginners and experienced cyclists welcome.

Details are posted on our Facebook Page, or you can email us at info@westhillbikeclub.org.

Westhill Bike Ride 2024 Sunday 9th June

Starting from Ashdale Hall at 11:00, registration from 10:00

The annual Westhill Bike Ride started in 1999 and is open to individuals, families and clubs. The circular route is 13 miles long and will take riders out of Westhill and into the surrounding countryside, firstly heading towards Kinellar then back over the hill with fine views of Loch of Skene, before returning to Westhill via Kirkton of Skene. All funds raised this year will go to help the new Westhill & Elrick community initiative **Cycling Without Age Scotland**, Westhill chapter.



Entry Fees

- Adults £12
- Children (under 16) £10
- Family £25
- All under 16's MUST be accompanied by an adult
- Completion certificate awarded to all participants
- Refreshments provided at half-way stop
- All proceeds go towards the Westhill Chapter of Cycling Without Age Scotland (CWAS) (see article on page 37)

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Register your place for this family friendly event on our Facebook page now.

As your local cycling club, we will continue to represent the interests of cyclists to increase and improve cycling infrastructure in this area. **If you have any suggestions or comments on local cycling, please do let us know.** If you are already a club member, we look forward to welcoming you back for some social cycling, if you're not a member and would like to be, please do get in touch.

Come and meet us at the next Westhill Lazy Sunday Afternoon family fun day on Sunday 9th June

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'We offer Cone Beam CT scans and OPG X-rays and our iTero system means we can offer 3D scans for dentures, crowns, bridges and orthodontic treatment rather than taking impressions.

We also have our own dental technician and lab on site, providing a fast turnaround on private dentures and denture repairs. We even offer dental plans and patient finance and are currently accepting new private and NHS patients.'

Dr. Narra continued: 'We know that some people feel a bit nervous about coming back to a dentist and may not have been for a couple of years given the pandemic. We are lucky to have a great and friendly team of receptionist and nurses, therefore we can offer as much support as possible. At our Smile clinic, we offer intravenous sedation on a private basis, which many patients find helpful, particularly when getting implants, multiple restorations or during an extraction.'



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Andalucian Adventure

Seville, Cordoba, Ronda and Malaga

As a travel expert, I use my destination knowledge to help you get the most out of your visit. Aberdeen Airport doesn't offer many direct flights. Last year, I challenged myself to explore other places I could visit directly from Aberdeen. I went to Granada and loved it so much that I decided to extend my trip and explore more of Andalusia using trains and buses. I booked a direct flight from Aberdeen to Malaga and planned a 10 day trip.

Upon arriving in Malaga, we hopped on a quick train from the airport to the departure station for our train to Seville. I enjoyed exploring this vibrant Spanish city and spent a few days visiting the Royal Alcazar Palace Complex and the Cathedral. I went up to the top of Las Setas to catch the sunset and enjoy a fantastic light show. The streets of the old town are full of little shops, tapas bars and restaurants, making it a great place to wander around. As the birthplace of Flamenco, the sound of the guitar can be heard all around the city. The Plaza de España is another must visit spot where you can spend some time and maybe even catch a Flamenco show on the steps.

The next destination on the trip was Cordoba, renowned for its magnificent Grand Mosque. The old town has been granted world heritage status. The narrow, cobbled streets slowly reveal their secrets of flower filled courtyards (Los Patios) and fantastic bars and restaurants. With its rich history and characterful charm, Cordoba is a city that should not be missed on any visit to Andalusia. It can be easily accessed by train from Seville in just around 45 minutes.

During our train journey to Ronda, we were treated to stunning views of the mountains and the Tajo Gorge. As someone who had seen this place on TV, I was thrilled to finally visit it in person. And it did not disappoint – every corner we turned revealed a breathtaking scene. The town is easily accessible on foot, with many picturesque walks to take in the views. We were fortunate enough to be among the first to experience the first phase of the Camino del Desfiladero del Tajo. I'm looking forward to returning to complete the full route once it's completed.

From Ronda, we headed back to Malaga by bus and spent a few days exploring the city. Malaga's old town is rich in history, and the Picasso Museum is a must visit. The city has a beach and is close to the Costa Del Sol beaches reachable by train. An ideal destination for a quick city break in the sun from your doorstep.

I had a great time exploring this captivating region of Spain, which offers so much to see and do. I'm excited to discover where my next adventure will take me.

If you would like to know more or simply need help with travel plans. Contact me via the ad on page 72 – or follow me on Facebook/Instagram for updates.



Heather Reynolds, Travel Counsellors

WESTHILL SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP



Hopefully we have seen the worst of the weather and look forward to the longer and hopefully warmer days ahead. It has been great to see so many people coming along to our Senior Citizens on a regular basis. If everyone who registered came along at the same time we would have around 60, but normally we see about 45 people, which is great.

We've had a variety of entertainers – Don Carney giving us a talk on ancestry, Tara Leiper with Banchory singers, Fiona Kelly – a local singer; a Choir.

We are very grateful to Barratt Homes who gave us a generous donation. Seniors had the option of a bus trip to Seafield Arms in Cullen or lunch at the Shepherds Rest. On the 16th May 28 people enjoyed Cullen and 33 went to the Shepherds Rest.

Our last 2 meetings for this term will be:

Thursday 30th May – Bingo, games and sing a long

Thursday 13th June – Nova Quartet.

We re-start on Thursday 5th September 2024 and run fortnightly thereafter.

I am very grateful to my band of volunteers who help – Mika, Wendy, Shona, Jen, Moira, Jane, Nancy and Wilma. Without whom our Seniors wouldn't get their refreshments!!

We are very grateful to dial a bus for their transport and co-ordination this past year. And to the drivers – Jim and Neil.

We meet in the Hall at the back of Trinity Church from 2pm until approximately 3.30pm. We have entertainment for an hour then refreshments.

For many people the hardest thing to do is to get yourself out the house and come and try something new. Please come along and see how you enjoy our meetings.

If you need any further information please get in touch.

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Email – heathercook@tiscali.co.uk or

Mika McKenzie – 01224 742004

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Westhill Swimming Squad off to Tenerife

Westhill swimmers are fundraising hard to cover the costs of their warm weather training camp in Tenerife. The 10 swimmers jet off in October this year with two of their coaches for a week of intense training.

The squad has been fundraising tirelessly to raise funds to cover flights, accommodation, and training costs. Fundraising so far has included: a bingo night including a raffle supported by local companies; hot dogs & bake sale at the Westhill Market; and RagBag collections. Our next fundraising events are a stall at the July Westhill Market, a stall at our club Minnows competition in September and another RagBag collection.

Several of the swimmers attended the Scottish National Age Group Competition at ASV during the Easter holidays, with a few making finals!

If you would like to support the swimmers with their fundraising endeavours or would like some information, please get in touch at secretary@westhilldistrictasc.org.uk.

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The Community Council has a scaffold tower which was bought to help with erecting the Christmas street lights. The tower is available for hire to Westhill residents. The platform working height is 2.73m.

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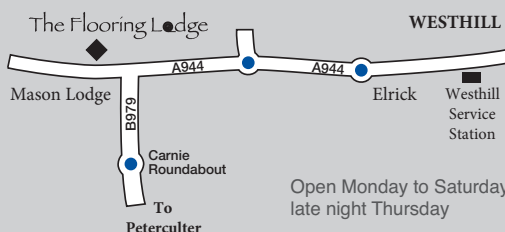
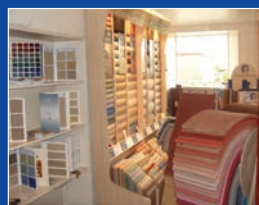
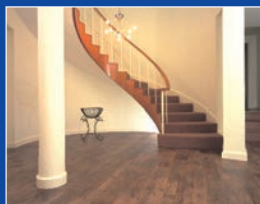
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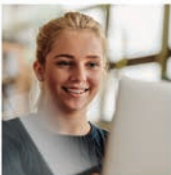


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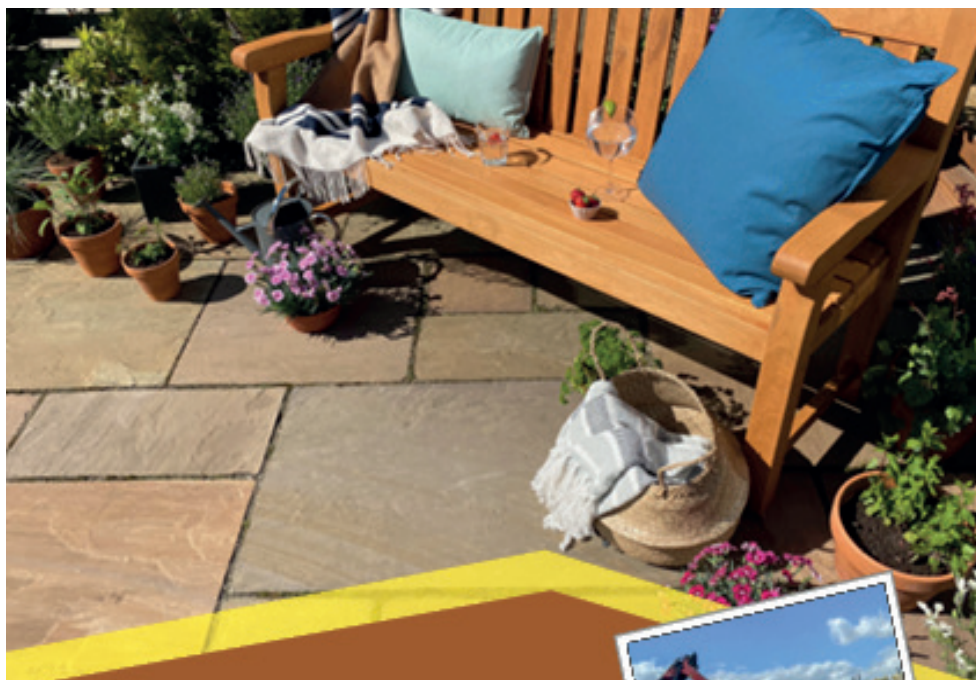
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To enquire about hiring, please email the booking secretary – milnehallbookings@gmail.com.

Future Events: See Facebook page for up to date details.

Regular Activities:

- Jazzercise, every Monday and Wednesday 9.45-10.45am and also Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm.
- Westhill Sooyang Do martial art group hold classes for children and adults on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Phone Chief Instructor Dave Bremner: 07970 188825. See advert on page 60.
- Skene Youth Club for Primary 1-7, Thursday evenings 6-7pm, October to April.
- Alba Black Belt Academies – age 3 to adult, held on Wednesday afternoons, call 07818 200371 for details.
- Baby Sensory – Thursday mornings.
- Mindful Movement with Qi-gong, Tuesday 7-8pm and occasional weekend dates.

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Skene Fundraising Committee – Macmillan Cancer Support

We take this opportunity to thank all who have donated so generously to Skene Fundraising Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Skene Fundraising Quiz was held in Dunecht Hall on 23rd February, and was well attended, we raised £1205.30.

We also supported Modelfest at Thainstone on 17th March, and raised £2506.04.

A Tesco Collection was held on 6th April and we raised £579.12.

A Fizzy Flycup was held at Skene Hall on 11th May. We will have a stall at the Echt Agricultural Show on Saturday 13th July, please come along and see us.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 28th September in Lyne of Skene Hall.

Please follow us on Facebook – [Skene Fundraising Committee-Macmillan Cancer Support](#) to read about these events and future events. In addition we do place posters around Westhill with the next upcoming event(s).

To donate to Macmillan Skene Fundraising Committee go to macmillan-org.enthuse.com.

The funds raised by the committee remain within this area.

If you would like to be a volunteer or join our committee please contact me at the number below.

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BILL'S GARDENING CORNER

Whatever the weather there is still a lot to do in the garden – preparation for the summer time to get your cuttings out of the greenhouse and into the ground under a cloche to harden off for a few days (keeping an eye on the weather). As the ground is warming up remember to stake taller plants as the wind can still be a bit harsh. Even with all the rain it is a good idea to have some type of water container handy, in case of drought, save rainwater.

I planted three types of potatoes in March. First earlies second earlies and main crop, they are just starting to come through. Onions and garlic are doing okay, carrots just sown, tomatoes are having a hard time, just have to wait.

Enjoy the summer.

Bill

SPEAR Physiotherapy asks.....should we Stretch?

Stretching has become less popular in recent years. You may recall incorporating a significant amount of stretching into warm-up routines. Nowadays, stretching is not commonly included in warm-ups and is often replaced by active movements. Foam rolling has become a common substitute for stretching in cool down routines.

Why is stretching a lost art?

The effectiveness of stretching has been a topic of debate, with research suggesting a limited short-term impact. However, Yoga has been around for centuries and continues to show positive results so what is going on? Recent studies in the last few years have discovered new evidence indicating that stretching does indeed increase muscle length, maybe just not in the way we thought.

Julian's (2024) recently wrote an article for Physio Matters outlining new research which found the following benefits to stretching:

- Stretching can increase the size of the muscle. For people that are too frail to do resistance training this may be a nicer, gentler and more enjoyable way to exercise.
- Stretching reduces arterial stiffness reducing heart rate and blood pressure. Stretching therefore has relaxation benefits. This ties nicely into what we know about Yoga.
- Stretching makes muscles more resistant to overload, giving injury prevention benefits and therefore can help us to train harder.
- Muscles are primed for performance without losing tension through range, which means it can be performed safely in a warm-up. This is contrary to current practice in the last decade when stretching in a warm-up has been discouraged.
- Muscles are capable of function at greater range of lengths. This is important for activities that require us to work into big ranges of movement like dancing. Interestingly stretching remains important in the world of dance.

Considering the numerous benefits associated with stretching, is it time for us to reconsider its importance in our fitness routines?

The evidence shows that stretching should be a vital component of any fitness regimen, independent of age, health and personal circumstances. The effects are so wide ranging we should perhaps recommend it for all.

If pain or discomfort is stopping you doing the things you love then contact SPEAR physiotherapy 01224 900102 or to book online www.spearphysiotherapy.co.uk.



ASHDALE HALL (WESTHILL DRIVE)

HALL NEWS

Our Ladies Night Fundraiser in April was a great success in raising extra funds for the Hall.

LAZY SUNDAY

There will be another Lazy Sunday on June 9th in the afternoon (see poster on front cover).

FUNDRAISING

We are planning more fundraising this year including a Kids disco on June 28th, another Ladies night on November 29th and a Kids disco on December 20th as well as others. But we really need people to join the fundraising committee and help come and organise.

CRAFT FAIR

There will be a Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 24th November 10am-4pm for which we are taking advance bookings at £20 a table space.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Please contact the Hall if you are interested in finding out more about being involved.

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

We have various time slots available during the week for let, please email the Hall if you are interested in making a regular booking or for parties/events. Our event prices have not changed in four years for those looking for a bargain and those prices are valid to the end of March. Contact ashdalehall@hotmail.co.uk.

WESTHILL MARKET (9am–1pm, 1st Saturday of every month)

Our monthly market is held at the Hall's front car park and we have a variety of stallholders selling fish, shellfish, bakery items, local fresh meat, pies, vegetables, loose tea, jams, fudge, eggs, bespoke cards, crafts, jewellery and more.

We really need the support of the local community for the Market to be able to continue and to expand as stalls will only come back if more local people come.

Most of the products at the Market are locally sourced and made, with little or no food miles involved. Come along to see the fantastic quality and choice of the goods on offer and help the environment.

HALL CLASSES AND EVENTS

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ENQUIRIES

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Hello Westhill, greetings from Vinespring Church!

Generally, the weather has been pleasant of late, as we spring towards summer. Brighter, warmer and longer days making for really good conversations among neighbours and friends.

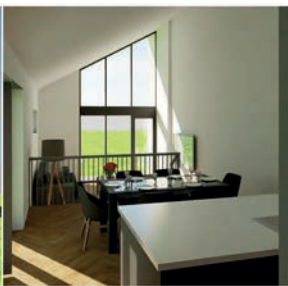
Obviously, beyond the weather, a lot has been happening within the community, across the nation, and beyond. From the politics of national governance to the war in Ukraine, and the conflict in Gaza and the middle east; events that remind us how precious life is, and how vital peace is to the stability of our world. It is clear, that no matter how physically near or far we may all be from the 'zones of interest' as it were, each one of us is affected one way or the other by the gathering clouds and the changing times that are upon us. As Christians we are compelled by faith and love to continually pray for our leaders, and for God's will to be done in this world, as it is in heaven.

As regards God's will, the scriptures make it abundantly clear that God does not desire the death or destruction of humans; rather the Great Creator, willingly and unashamedly solicits the repentance and reconciliation of hearts to Himself. Crime, injustice, terror, and every evil thing, are not here by accident. The human heart became lost by the disobedience of one man, Adam. As God is a righteous Judge, sin must be punished. In His mercy, God sent His Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died; taking our punishment on himself to reconcile us to God. Christ's death and resurrection says to everyone: *'sin has been punished forever, and death is defeated in Jesus Christ. Abundant life is now available to ALL through Jesus Christ!'* Hallelujah! Only repent and BELIEVE on Jesus Christ as Lord and saviour. This is good news! This is the gospel!

Like the manufacturer who knows what His product is made for and how it should be best used, God has left us His instruction manual in the Holy Scriptures. He also has field agents, who can provide support and direction to help us return. Everyone who has been saved by faith in Christ, is God's field agent. In addition, we are supported by God's Holy Spirit in what Paul the apostle called the ministry of reconciliation. To all, we say: *'your debts to God have been paid'*. No charitable works, enlightened study, or improved morality – as good as they all are, could substitute for the ONLY requirement for true reconciliation with God our Father – *faith and obedience to Jesus Christ*. In the end, whatever crises or conflicts that may be happening in our world, each one of us will give account of themselves to the Great and awesome Creator God, who is judge of all. So, be reconciled to God. It is God's will.

At Vinespring Church, we continue to welcome anyone who would like to know more. Our goal remains to raise God's banner high enough for all to see, however distant they may be from God. Our weekly meetings continue **face to face on Sundays 11am at The Events Hub 1 and 2, Prime Four Management Suite, Village Hotel, Kingswells, Aberdeen AB15 8PJ**. Our midweek meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. To join virtually and for more details please visit our website at www.vinespringchurch.co.uk or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vinespringchurch. To all residents, we would like to wish everyone a fantastic summer, full of mercy and God's grace. May you seize every opportunity to experience God's open door, in Jesus Christ.

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**Aberdeen's Childline office
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Thousands of children speak to a Childline counsellor in Scotland every year because they feel they have no else to turn to about their worries or concerns. Volunteers listen, assess and explore feelings and options with callers, who contact Childline by phone and online about a range of issues including bullying, abuse, neglect, sexuality and pregnancy.

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Registering interest can be done online via the NSPCC website: www.nspcc.org.uk/volunteer. Here you can sign up to an online information meeting which is the first step to volunteering.

You can also call the Aberdeen office to talk with the Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01224 973030. Kerri Stewart says 'Increasing our volunteer team will enable us to reach even more children and will ensure that we continue to provide a lifeline for young people in distress'.

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Come and meet us at the Westhill Lazy Sunday Afternoon family fun day on Sunday 9th June.





Kingshill Parish Church

What makes a good 'ending'?

Do you like all the loose ends tied up?

Would you prefer a happy ending to a cliffhanger?

I'm old enough to remember the excitement of waiting for and watching the ending to Dallas, back in the days when television was an event. But even more recently, there has been much debate over the endings to Game of Thrones and Line of Duty. It cannot be an easy task, to bring to a close complex storylines, where the characters have grown and developed over many years.

Luke's gospel ends with the beautiful story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. John's gospel has Peter being reinstated by Jesus and taking on the ministry of shepherding the new community of believers.

Matthew has something much punchier. Within it, we find what is sometimes referred to as the great commission. The disciples, gathered on a mountaintop in Galilee, are instructed by Jesus, to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the 3-fold name of God, and teaching them everything he has commanded. A pretty weighty task that has passed from generation to generation and which not only marks the beginning of the early church, but which also continues to be the mission of the church today. As T.S. Eliot puts it, "...to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

As I write this, I am making my own ending. From 1st July I will move from being parish minister at Kingshill Parish Church to being the presbytery clerk for the North East and Northern Isles. The job involves providing strategic and organisational guidance and advice for congregations and members of Presbytery and is one into which I feel a strong sense of calling.

Whilst I am excited to take on the challenge of this new role, I am sad to be saying goodbye to the congregation and the parish. Being part of the community here has been a wonderful experience. I've loved spending time getting to know so many people, from across the generations. It has also been a delight to serve alongside others and to offer support wherever I could. From the schools to our local care home and sheltered housing, as well as being part of our response to the arrival of asylum seekers in our locale. There is much that I will miss.

But now is the time for a new season, both for me and for the congregation. In this ending, there are new beginnings, which will unfold over time.

Thank you for your friendship and support over the last 12 and a bit years. May I take this opportunity to say how wonderful I think our community is and to wish all those involved with its growth and development the very best in the future.

Blessings, Rev Stella

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WESTHILL BOWLING CLUB

The 2024 outdoor bowling season is under way but at this stage there is very little to report. Everyone is still in all the competitions that they entered and retain hope that they will be picking up silverware at the end of the season.

As part of our initiative to attract new members we held two events during May.

Firstly, on 11th May we staged what we termed a “Pro-Am” event, where existing members, the Pros, were encouraged to bring along a non player, the Am, to introduce them to bowling. This something we haven’t tried before. Secondly, we held our TRY BOWLS event on 26th May. You may have seen our flyer about the day, either displayed around Westhill or on social media. If you couldn’t manage on the 26th or missed the event but would still like to try bowls please get in touch by e-mail robert.mutch@btinternet.com or telephone 07562 696193 and we will arrange a trial session. We are open to all. Men, woman, young and old. Don’t let age, ability or lack of experience put you off. We all had to start somewhere.

Westhill and District Gardening Club

The Westhill and District Gardening Club meet on the third Wednesday each month in the lounge at Trinity Church, Westhill at 7.30pm from September until May.

We are always looking for new members to join us and find out about garden and nature related activities going on around the local area and wider world.

In June and July this year we are arranging garden visits for the club members, and in August we will have a break.

Meetings will commence again in September – so watch this space for updates.

If you would like any information on the gardening club, please contact:
Press Officer – Ann Westwood at ann1.westwood@btinternet.com



1st Skene Girls' Brigade

We held our Open Night on Monday 25th March where all our girls showed off their physical skills they had learned and received their awards and trophies for the session.

We also attended a Company Bowling and Supper Night on 22nd April at Inverurie Bowling where we all had a great time.

5 of our Juniors went on the Divisional Fun Day to Camperdown Park in Dundee on 27th April where they all had a very busy and fun day.

We will now be having a break and will return again once the schools go back in August with an Enrolment /Fun Night on Monday 26th August. We look forward to seeing all the girls, and hopefully some new girls too at 6-7.30pm in Trinity Church.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself: *Fiona Cumming (Captain)* on **07792 471199** or email fionacumming26@icloud.com.



Albacappella is looking for a new Musical Director!

The well-respected musical director of Garlogie-based a cappella choir **Albacappella** has moved on after 12 years of leading Albacappella, and the award-winning group is now looking for a new musical director to help it continue its success.



Albacappella, which sings in a four-part harmony, barbershop style, has grown significantly in recent years, now with over 30 members. The chorus relocated in 2023 from its base in Peterculter to the larger Garlogie Hall, where it now meets every Wednesday evening.

Albacappella performs its wide repertoire of traditional and modern songs at events and celebrations in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, and it has enjoyed great success at the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers (LABBS) conventions across the UK. The group also achieved first place in the Aberdeen Music Festival in 2019, and at Christmas entertained visitors at both Aberdeen Art Gallery and Union Terrace Gardens.

Albacappella chairperson, Elspeth Winram said: "After 12 happy years with our inspirational leader, we are now excited to be looking for a musical director who shares our passion for music, to help further build our musical skills and experience. We welcome applications from experienced musical directors who will collaborate with our music team to develop vocal and performance skills".

Applicants or those wishing to find out more information are invited to contact secretary@albacappella.groupanizer.com.

For more details visit <http://www.albacappella.co.uk/>.

Westhill & District Round Table Family

Round Table – At the moment we are few BUT although we have ideas we lack numbers (to help spread the work) – one or two projects a year is not much and the remainder we would like to socialize, making new friends with perhaps a visit or two to another Table in the area. Are you aged 18-40 years, keen to make a difference in the community whilst meeting other like-minded people, the children in Westhill and District deserve an event to light up their lives which does not cost a lot of money but brings them together with other children in the area.

Tangent – Another few months of collecting donations, checking and packing ready for delivery to Dundee area for shipping out to Ukraine – the best and most important thanks has been seeing the blank staring eyes in the children residing here now having bright eyes and a smile. If you watch any of the news reports either in Ukraine, Gaza or African countries, look at the children's eyes closely and you will understand – everyone here will know the joy, excitement showing in their eyes on birthdays, holidays and Christmas, it certainly brings a smile to many adults' faces. Children are the future.

We have 2-3 fun, free quizzes which we plan to release during the school holidays, check the Round Table Facebook page in June for further information.

Round Table 18-40 years old, male | Ladies Circle 18-40 years, female | 41 Club and Tangent – 41 years upwards (aim to help Round Table).

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Westhill Tennis Club

As activity at Westhill Tennis Club picks up again ahead of the summer, we thought it would be worth sharing the many benefits the sport can bring to your mental and physical health.

Fitness – Tennis provides both aerobic and anaerobic training. The average point in tennis includes bursts of activity and acts to condition our bodies the same way interval training would do. This has a profoundly positive effect on our heart and lungs with studies showing that playing just three hours a week reduces the risk of heart disease by over 50%. Tennis is a sport for all ages, genders, sizes and expertise levels, with benefits including maintaining healthy body composition, bone health, muscle strength and balance.

Strong bones and muscles – Playing tennis on a regular basis leads to stronger, healthier bones. Over two dozen studies have analysed bone health in tennis players at all different levels with most showing that bone density and strength increase because of tennis participation. This is most noticeable in the spine and hips and the dominant arm of the tennis player.

Improved immunity – There is a wealth of evidence to suggest that immunity is enhanced through exercise. Moderate exercise improves the immune system by increasing the number and strength of immune system cells, as well as increasing immune system efficiency. As tennis is both physically and mentally demanding, reason would suggest that it is one of the best sporting activities to give our immunity a boost.

Better coordination – Tennis leads to better hand-eye coordination because of the requirement to constantly judge the timing between the oncoming ball and the correct contact point. This combined with the frequent changes of direction and fast responsiveness to a moving target (the ball), tennis players generally will demonstrate improved agility, good balance, and body awareness (proprioception) which helps prevent accidents and falls throughout life.

Increased cognition and brain power – From alertness to tactical thinking, tennis enhances the ability for rapid and clever thinking and creative problem solving. Tennis players possess enhanced abilities in motion detection, speed awareness, processing and timing. Tennis also gets the senses fired up with faster eye tracking, hearing and touch perception. It is also shown that tennis enables our brains to remodel, building new neural (nerve) connections and pathways to create these positive effects.

Increased concentration – Tennis also dramatically improves the ability to concentrate, which assists with the completion of tasks that require problem solving skills, revealing the ability to persevere with high-level cognitive tasks. Activities requiring an increased level of focus for a prolonged duration can include school or university studies, learning another language, budgeting and logistical activities, such as those related to travel and schedules.

Emotional resilience – Tennis involves physical, mental, social, and emotional challenges. This increases a person's capacity to deal with perceived and actual stress and challenges and improves the emotional characteristics which foster resilience and wellness.

More than a sport – Perhaps the biggest health benefit that tennis gives us is its 'life lessons'. Players are continuously tested in how they react to situations and deal with adversity whilst developing a competitive and a winning mentality. A study that compared behaviour patterns of adolescent tennis players with those who do not participate in sport, demonstrated that the tennis players develop more autonomy, assertiveness, personality and an ability to persevere to reach their goals.

Sound good? Our annual membership fees are: *Adult – £85, Couple – £150, Family – £170, Student – £45, Junior (11-17 years) – £32, Mini (10 and under on 31st March 2024) – £17.*

If you have any questions, please get in touch:

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1st SKENE COMPANY THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Our current BB session is now drawing to a close for the summer. The boys have had a successful year, receiving their awards at our annual open night on Friday 10th May. Over the Mayday weekend 4 boys attended an outdoor activity weekend at Abernethy. This was a great success with the boys trying their hands at: skiing, zip lining, archery, canoeing, forest adventure course, orienteering and a special challenge to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the founding of the BBs.

We still have SPLASH sailing on the Loch of Skene and a summer camp to come, whilst the Anchors are finishing off with a 10 pin bowling evening. We will start our new session at the end of August. Membership is open to all boys between P1 and S6. We meet on a Friday night from 6.30pm at Trinity church (P1 to P3) or Westhill academy (P4 to S6). We have no waiting lists please pop along if you are interested in joining us.

Niall MacBeath, Company Captain

Contact: niall.macbeath@btinternet.com or via our Facebook page:
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Our programme this year has had something for everyone with practical sessions and informative talks running throughout the winter months at the Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene. In January, Simon White of WhiteSky Photographics set aside one of his astro photography workshops for our Club. For those interested in, or wanting to learn about, night sky photography this was a fantastic event.

In February, we held several hands-on sessions including an introduction to macro photography, indoor light painting and some creative photography loosely based on the theme of water. These sessions allowed many of our members to try something new.

In March, wildlife photographer Mark Deans wowed us with a presentation on local wildlife. March also saw us travel to Elgin for the weekend. We used it as the base to explore the beautiful villages and beaches of the Moray Coast. The weather could have been kinder, but it didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended. A great time was had by all!

In April, we took part in the Grampian Eye an annual photography competition for Camera Clubs in our region. This is always a well-run event which allows local Clubs to showcase their work. We finished off the month with presentations on intentional camera movement and a guide to bird photography.

Now that the light nights have arrived our weekly meetings have moved outdoors. We have already been to Stonehaven and a few of us recently braved the cold wind and ventured up Dunnideer (near Insh) for the sunset.

If any of this sounds like something you would enjoy then please get in touch at the following address Westhill.Photography@outlook.com. We meet at the Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene on a Thursday night from 7–9pm. New members are always welcome.

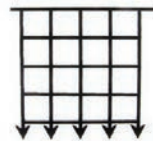




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- If you are going to Duncano's restaurant you can still give your car reg and stay for more than 3 hours for no charge.



Jog Scotland Westhill

For those of you who don't know us (or have seen us running round Westhill in our yellow t-shirts!), we are a friendly and inclusive local jogging group and we meet on Mondays and Thursdays in the Westhill Academy car park (next to main road) at 1830 hrs and run for approximately 1 hour.

Each year, normally in Spring, the club runs a 10-week Learn to Run programme, lovingly called "Couch to 5K (C25K)", and we are delighted to share that our latest cohort of C25K runners recently completed their programme which culminated in them all successfully completing the Balmoral 5K run which took place on 27th April.



They have now integrated seamlessly into the "main" groups where we have a variety of groups to cater for all abilities.

As well as running round Westhill on Mondays and Thursdays, during the Summer months we also try to "mix it up" a bit and arrange to run out at Dunecht Estate for a change of scene!

We love to welcome new members so if you would like to come along or find out more information about us please contact jogscotlandwesthill@gmail.com or visit our website <https://www.jogscotlandwesthill.org>.



WESTHILL AND DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

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Visit to the Shed by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh

On March 25th HRH the Duke of Edinburgh made a visit to the Shed along with the Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeen, Alexander Manson. He was introduced to several groups of volunteers from Westhill – Westhill Swimming Club, 1st Westhill Scouts and Westdyke Community Club (Football Club). He met Westhill Academy pupils.

He spent some time talking to shedders.

This was a follow up to the Queens award for services to the Westhill community.

The award was endorsed for special recognition for our work on creating PPE during covid where we made nearly 3000 face visors. These were printed on 3D printers and assembled by volunteers. The SheShed made scrub bags (to keep scrubs together when washed with other people's washing) and cloth face masks. All were delivered free of charge to hospitals, care homes and 'front line workers' (facing the public despite the risk to their health) working in shops or as carers. Great support from Aberdeenshire Council.



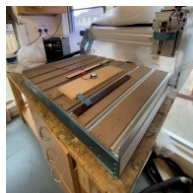
Our tool sale in the shopping centre

A great success coming at the start of the gardening season. We sold many mowers and other tools (more still at the shed – come along if you need anything. See advert on page 45). And with a twist this time the SheShed had a table and donated the income to shed funds.



Computer controlled cutter (CNC)

The CNC machine has now arrived and has pride of place in the woodwork area and will be a great asset to the Shed. Jim (the woodwork projects manager) has been busy setting up the machine ready for use.



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Why not come along to the Shed and consider joining us – it is free and you will be helping the community.

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Introducing our new minister – Dave McCarthy

Dave arrived in Westhill in March and here he tells us a little but about himself

I was born and grew up in rural Ayrshire. I have served churches in Glasgow and Edinburgh since the 1980s, so coming to the northeast of Scotland has been a huge (but wonderful!) change. For rest I enjoy listening to (loud) rock music.

It's been a joy and a privilege to begin serving with Westhill Community Church. Our vision is to serve the local communities and to work in partnership with other churches both here and around the world. Above all else we want everyone to know that they are welcomed and loved by God. I hope in the coming years to meet many who read this. My office door at the church is often open, so please drop by for a chat!

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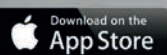


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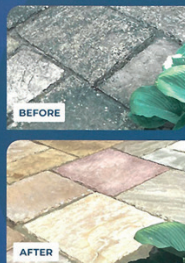
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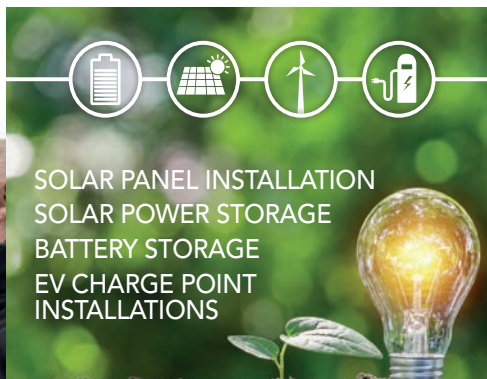
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At this time of the year, we have as many as 9 weekly competitions running which means there are plenty of opportunities to improve those handicaps (or handicap indexes as they are now called). Whilst it is fair to say that many golfers enjoy the thrill of competition and the elation of winning some silverware it is actually the social side of golf that brings many out to play. It is an opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise whilst spending time in the company of friends and family. The social side of golf is often overlooked and this is something we have always prided ourselves on at Westhill Golf Club – we are a very friendly club. So, if you are new to the game or wanting to get back into golf why not give a membership at Westhill some consideration! When the club is on your doorstep, it is easy to play at a time that fits around your other life commitments.

Besides the golf, it is worth reminding everyone of the wonderful food available within the clubhouse from the 'The Feed Barron'. A social membership for £10 allows you (and up to 5 guests) to enjoy The Feed Barron. You also get access to a number of other social events throughout the year – themed nights, quiz evenings, fares, suppers and tribute nights to name a few.

Karen Templeton, Club Captain



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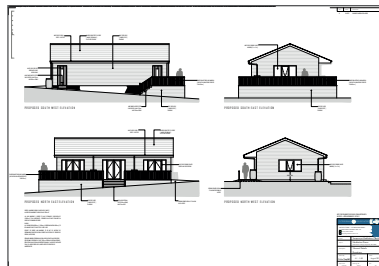
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At Varapunya Meditation Centre, Westhill

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is made, even so many good deeds should
be done by one born a mortal —*

The Buddha (Dhp 53)

The Varapunya Meditation Centre would like to invite you to be part of the 'Uposatha Meditation Hall Project' at the Centre in Westhill. It will allow the centre to offer more support to various communities. We, therefore, humbly request your generous donation towards this cause. Your every support, no matter how great or small, will be highly appreciated.



1. Background of the project

The Centre was established in 2012, a registered charitable organisation (SC043989), and moved near Westhill in summer 2016. The Centre has been offering different services on Buddhist practices and meditation sessions at the small living room in the cottage and in various places in the city and online. The centre runs on members generous donations. However, all services and sessions are free of charge.

In order to provide more space for larger spiritual and community services, short/long courses, and meditation retreat facilities, and also to free up space in the Cottage for accommodation for monks, nuns and retreatants we decided to build a decent hall. Of all the options available, the decision for its location became on the field opposite the cottage. Now, all consents have been received and the building warrant that lasts for 3 years ending April 2025. The total estimated cost is £200,000 for the construction but we won't know final cost until we invite tender bids. Internal fittings such as blinds/curtains, rugs/carpet, wall hangings, etc. are not included.

2. How much raised so far?

Members of the centre have raised funds in various ways over a few years to support the project and have successfully raised 75% of the total cost (£200K). We have to raise another £40k (25%) by spring next year. We therefore humbly request your financial support for this noble cause for any amount you feel comfortable contributing.

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At the May 2024 round two donations were made:

- towards the cost of transporting some asylum seekers from the Hampton Hotel to Aberdeen College for a course of English lessons
- towards the cost of setting up the Westhill Chapter of Cycling Without Age (Scotland)

The next round of donations will be considered in October 2024. Closing date for applications is 4th October. See <https://westhillelrick.org/people-make-a-place/donations/> for Guidance Notes and the Application Form or contact treasurerwecc@gmail.com.



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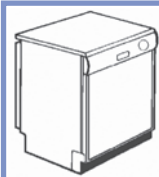
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Westhill Paths and Green Spaces Group Update

Spring has certainly sprung, weeds and all! It's time to ensure that paths are kept clear of overhanging vegetation, and fortunately the community is well served by a small army – let's call it a team – of volunteers to help do that.

Over these last few weeks and months since my last report the team has been warming up by tackling some of the planted areas in **Denman Park** that the Council's Landscape Services team hasn't been able to get to during the dormant season. So we came to an arrangement where volunteers do the pruning and Landscape Services dispose of the waste, usually by chipping.



Meanwhile, another team has been keeping an eye on the tubs at the junction of Westhill Drive and Old Skene Road, both on the roundabout and at the “green wall”.

The Community Council couldn't undertake these tasks of keeping our green spaces tidy if it weren't for the help of our volunteers. So, a huge thank you to you all. You know who you are!

In terms of green spaces, the highlight of the summer is undoubtedly going to be the **path and bridge improvement work in Denman Park**, designed to make the park a more engaging green space to spend time in. This was only possible due to the community's support of WECC's funding application to the Scottish Government's Place Based Investment Programme. Work is ongoing as I write this, with the contractor due to finish at the end of June.

Meantime, another Council contractor is installing a “downstream defender” unit designed to improve water filtration and the quality of water flowing into the **Denman Ponds** area, which in time, should improve the habitat for wildlife.

Ongoing Maintenance

Also in May, we hope to patch some of the wetter sections of the **Orbital Trail** with quarry material after the wear and tear of footfall over an exceptionally wet winter. Our focus will be on sections alongside the burn at **Lawsondale**, and on the farm track on the northern edge of **Meadowlands**.

In June, we should take delivery of summer bedding plants to populate the tubs and hanging baskets around the “green wall”.

Over the next few months of the growing season, until September, most of our work will be keeping the Orbital Trail paths clear of weeds and overhanging vegetation, but we also hope to find time and resources to remove the remaining **boardwalk in Carnie Woods**, working alongside the City Council's Ranger service.

If you would like to join us in these voluntary tasks, please let us know. Thank you.

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Proposed North Elevation, facing towards Westhill Road

Firstly, a huge **THANK YOU!** to everyone who supported our fundraising Ball at the Chester Hotel at the beginning of March. It was our largest fundraising event to date raising just under £30,000 which will go towards our vital services in 2024. Special thanks to The Jellie Foundation, Oilenco, Global Port Services for their sponsorship and to all our donors who made the auction and raffle possible. Planning is already underway for the 2025 event!

The SensationALL Quiz night was held at the Broadstrak Inn on the 23rd April. 'Thank you' to everyone who came along and supported us and had fun at this sold out event, which also had fundraising games, including a tombola. The total raised hadn't been finalised at the time of this article being submitted, but it was so popular that we are looking at holding another one later on in the year!

Services update:

During the Easter holidays we held craft sessions, family soft play sessions, Teen social groups, and even had a visit from Farm Stop with their gorgeous baby goats and sheep! As always, we had more requests for places from families than we could accommodate so sincere apologies to those who missed out.

Demand for our services has grown massively in the last few months - currently there are over 80 youngsters on our waiting lists for social groups and self-regulation programmes. However, the below services can be accessed immediately:

- Parent/Carer support groups
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- Advisory consultations

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The Old Schoolhouse

We have some exciting plans to redevelop the Old Schoolhouse into a state-of-the-art centre and valuable community facility. By extending the space that we and our sister organisation, Schools Out Club, have, we will be able to do more activities for more people. In April we held a public consultation on our plans as we wanted to hear your thoughts – all the plans are now on our website and we'll be sure to keep you up to date as the project progresses. Thanks for your support!

Get involved!

We are hugely grateful to anyone who raises money for us as, every penny enables us to support more families across the northeast. Why not take part in the **Kiltwalk** (Sunday 2nd June) or **Ride the North** cycle (Saturday 24th August). Or arrange something with friends or colleagues like a coffee morning, bake sale, raffle etc.? Whatever you can do, we'd love to hear from you!

3rd-9th June is national Volunteering Week and sees the return of the Big Help Out, encouraging people to volunteer for organisations on their doorstep. There are lots of ways to volunteer at SensationALL – we can offer opportunities for people of ALL ages including secondary school pupils doing their Duke of Edinburgh awards – get in touch volunteering@sensationall.org.uk.

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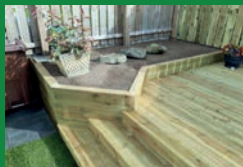
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Westhill Library News

Spotlight on: Reservations!

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It's been a busy few months at the library with a varied program of events including sessions with Aberdeenshire Libraries Local History team, Enterprising Aberdeenshire and Social Security Scotland as well as our regular activities for adults and children.

We're currently planning our activities for the Summer of Play 2024 which will be available to book in June. Look out for sessions of stories, arts and crafts, Lego, Lego WeDo, Bookbug, a teddy bears' picnic and a wizarding writing workshop.

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Our cub packs have also been developing their skills. Kaa have enjoyed hikes up Brimmond Hill and Barmekin Hill by Echt and they've learned about personal safety. Shere Khan have worked on their road safety badge, they've made looms and bookmarks to achieve their DIY badge and they also learned about Chinese New Year traditions.

Our Scout troops have equally been busy. Keir troop have practiced camp cooking, they planted saplings for their world challenge badge and practiced tent pitching. They also achieved their fire safety badge with assistance from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, who visited the scout hut with an appliance.



Westwood have been working towards their cycling safety badge, they have been working on their team working skills with various activities and games, plus they also took part in Chinese New Year festivities and Shrove Tuesday.

At the end of May we are looking forward to enjoying our Family camp which is taking place at Templars scout camp near Maryculter. With a wild-west themed programme of activities, and over 100 attendees, it is set to be a fun filled weekend.

All of our beaver, cubs and scout sections are currently full and we have over 80 children on our waiting lists. We would like to expand the scout group by opening new sections and providing more spaces to young people in Westhill. To do this we need more adult support. If you have an interest in getting kids away from screens and helping them to develop #SkillsForLife please contact our Group Scout Leader gsl@1stwesthillscouts.co.uk. There are a range of roles to be filled from support functions to helping run sections.

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Westhill Swimming Pool

Hot Sun, Cool Fun: Dive and Refresh!

Your local pool in Westhill would love you to come and join a swim session. The timetable offers something for everyone. From the lane swimmer who powers through to the family who wants to play and increase water confidence. Locals have told us that the deep-water swim is great for their mobility and wellbeing.

Have you looked at our timetable or looked at which sessions you could attend? Our staff can help you find a session that suits you needs. To ensure a place in a session, you can book through our App or website. If you need help with booking, the pool staff can assist.

We are always pleased to see you - you can walk in and often you will get a space during a session. The pool offers a warm sitting area and Wi-Fi while you wait.

We have a suggestion box at reception please help us know your thoughts.

Timetable

(Via Facebook)



Deep water swim – suitable for anyone who is confident in deep water – this is a 15m length swim.

Pool Play Session - aimed towards family groups where the floor is raised and the large floats and toys are out.

Lunchtime Swims - Monday to Friday from 12pm.

Early Morning Swims - Tuesday-Thursday from 6am.

Tel: 01467 536994 Email: westhill.swimmingpool@aberdeenshire.gov.uk Facebook: @westhillpool



Newly refurbished in Autumn 2023, The Broadstraik Inn has been decorated with lots of Scottish character, giving the place a cosy feel with a modern twist.

LIVE SPORTS

We show a range of live sporting fixtures and events throughout our Bar and Snug areas.



We are dog friendly and welcome your four legged friends in our bar and snug areas, unfortunately they are not permitted in the restaurant.

Give the gift of The Broadstraik Inn with a voucher for food and drinks which can be purchased over the phone or by coming in to see us.

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