



Strachan Today

2012

Happy New Year and welcome to the January 2012 edition of *Strachan Today*.



Strachan School News



Sporting achievements Congratulations to two Strachan School pupils, Portia Clarke who came first in the Scottish Schools Biathlon at Kilgraston and Charlotte her sister who came 6th. They have both qualified to represent Strachan School in the British Biathlon Competition taking place in March 2012 at Crystal Palace in London. Very well done also to Charlotte Clarke who came 2nd in Aberdeenshire Schools Cross-Country Event at Tillybrake Field, Banchory on 1st December 2011.

'The Bumblesnouts Save The World' Congratulations to all the pupils on an excellent School Christmas Show. It was on an ecological theme and took place 15 December in front of an almost full house. Well done everyone!

Raising money for Strachan School. You could help Strachan Primary School to raise money whenever you shop online . It's very simple - just visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/strachanprimary/> to register and shop with over 2000 well known retailers like Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay and many more. Whenever you buy something, the retailer makes a donation to Strachan Primary School - Banchory. They've helped other causes raise over £2,000,000 so it really does work. It won't cost you a penny extra to shop through easyfundraising and you can even save money with special offers and voucher codes, so please make a difference to Strachan Primary School and take a look at easyfundraising today.



Rotary Shoebox Scheme Strachan School Children are pictured with some of the shoe boxes recently filled for the Rotary Shoebox Scheme. Through the scheme, shoe boxes are filled with toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods and donated to people in Eastern Europe. For many, it will be the first present they have ever received. In Strachan, 31 boxes were collected by Dave Edmunds from Banchory Rotary Club; a wonderful response for a small school!



Curling The senior class at Strachan School had their first curling session in November and absolutely loved it - and were very good at it! This is the first of 3 sessions within a Curling Outreach Programme and enabled them to participate in the Curling Festival in Aberdeen on Friday 9th December.

Village Hall News

CAROL SINGING FOR ALL IN THE VILLAGE HALL

We had a very enjoyable evening in the Hall on 11th December. We were very grateful once again to Louise Counsell with her choir and able musicians. Thanks also to Sharon, Bronwyn and Phoebe Griffiths for their musical contributions. Along with the singing, everyone enjoyed the refreshments and we raised an excellent £119 for Hall funds. Thank you!

STRACHAN VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING Friday 27 January in the Village Hall. Do come along for a chat, cuppa and home bakes – all for just £1.50. The “Baking Team” is very small and would welcome some new members so, if you could make a few tray bakes or would like to help serve tea and coffee, please contact Lesley Young ☎850581



Make your own music! Violin (all levels) and piano lessons (beginners), all ages very welcome. Daytime lessons available.

For more information please contact Sharon ☎850578



Riding for the Disabled meets on Tuesday and Friday mornings from Easter at a stables in Dess and urgently needs more volunteers. No knowledge of horses is required, just the ability to walk alongside the horse and to help the rider if necessary. If you can spare a couple of hours a week

and would be interested in helping - please contact - jill.randalls@btinternet.com or ☎824850.

Jill Randalls will be climbing Kilimanjaro in February to raise funds for **Riding for the Disabled**. More details on Jill's challenge and how you can sponsor her will be in the February edition of Strachan Today.



Who to contact

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Elma Duncan (Secretary) ☎820399

Lesley Smith (Treasurer) ☎823284

FEUGHDEE WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL (FWCC)

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Community Council News

Following concerns expressed about the standard of upkeep of Strachan Cemetery, Jill Randalls of Feughdee West Community Council has met with the Head of Landscaping for Aberdeenshire Council. Aberdeenshire Council have suggested that the community be involved in the general care of the graveyards ie helping keep the paths weed free, picking up litter that may have blown in from the road etc. If anyone would be interested in spending a couple of hours a month helping keep Strachan Cemetery tidy – please contact - jill.randalls@btinternet.com or ☎824850.



Strachan Book Group have chosen *The Mitford Girls* by Mary S Lovell from the Aberdeenshire Library Book Club list. If you would like to join us, please contact Lesley ☎850581 or lby.strachan@gmail.com

Fancy a night out to the Theatre? Would you be interested in getting together with other local people for a trip to the theatre or a show? If so, please contact Sue Stutter ISS48@hotmail.com ☎850563



Congratulations to Martin Thomson, a former pupil of Strachan Primary School and Banchory Academy, on his graduation from Robert Gordon University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Quantity Surveying.



Congratulations to Bob and Eva England who celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary on 1 December. They were married at Oldmeldrum Church in 1951.



LOGS FOR SALE

small trailer loads of logs, split and seasoned.

Please call Steve Ross ☎850497



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Strachan Scottish Country Dancing The next evening will be on Saturday 21 January at 8pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome, so please do come along! Wine, beer and soft drinks are provided and you are asked to bring a snack to share at the mid evening break. . We finish by midnight. Cost is £5/person. For more information please call Robert Brown ☎850571. Future dates: 18 February, 17 March and 21 April.

Calendar of events – January 2012

Every Thursday: Deeside Village Hopper from former Post Office

Sunday 1 January

11am: Service (Birse & Feughside Church)

Thursday 5 January

1.45 – 2.15pm: Mobile Library in village

Saturday 7 January

10am Strachan Junior Football Team Training*

Sunday 8 January

11am: Service (Birse & Feughside Church)

Monday 9 January

7.30pm: Bowling Club (Village Hall)

Friday 13 January

9.30-11.30: Under 5's Group (Village Hall)

Saturday 14 January

10am Strachan Junior Football Team Training*

Sunday 15 January

11am: Service (B & F Church)

Monday 16 January

7.30pm: Bowling Club (Village Hall)

Thursday 19 January

1.45 – 2.15pm: Mobile Library in village

7.30pm: WRI (Village Hall)

"Lesser Known Scottish Islands"

Friday 20 January

9.30-11.30: Under 5's Group (Village Hall)

Saturday 21 January

10am Strachan Junior Football Team Training*

8pm Strachan Scottish Country Dancing (Village Hall)

Sunday 22 January

11am: Service (B & F Church)

Monday 23 January

7.30pm: Bowling Club (Village Hall)

Friday 27 January

9.30-11.30: Village Coffee Morning and Under 5's Group (Village Hall)

Saturday 28 January

10am Strachan Junior Football Team Training*

Sunday 29 January

11am: Service (B & F Church)

Monday 30 January

7.30pm: Bowling Club (Village Hall)

*On pitch, unless unplayable, in which case, Village Hall

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Happy Birthday to **Ewan Petrie** (21 on 14 December) and
Izzy Young (18 on 19 December)

