

## INDIAN SUMMER IN SEPTEMBER?

### AND WE'RE BACK ...

We kind of took the school holidays off- although not really, as there was a lot going on behind the scenes, but now we're back in full operational mode!

### 2016 LUMSDEN PRODUCE SHOW

There was a good turnout for our Produce Show, although not as many as last year, perhaps due to the competing motorbike convention in Alford. Or perhaps due to the less than sunny summer months putting paid to those vegetables?

Either way, there were still a good number of entries, particularly in the flower classes, and a good number of prizes awarded.

We don't have room to list all the winners in each class for each section, so those of you who were hoping for a name check please forgive us. But we can say that all the first prize winners - Eileen Stewart, Norman McAllan, Mike Ford, Bob Cross, Yvonne Burnett, Sue Cross, Janet Trundle, Neil Bain, Helen Cowe, Des Trundle and George and Vera Marshall - did themselves proud.

As did the first prize winners in the children's section - Ruth McGunnigle and Laura and Neil Smith.

The two Best in Show prizes went to Eleanor Woolley for her lovely picture of her cat and Stephen Elliott for his glorious hanging basket.



The afternoon cafe did a great trade and those show entries which were not retrieved by their owners were raffled off after the show to add to the funds for the LCA.

In all the day raised around £400, which will go towards hall maintenance and upkeep - of which more later.



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

First up on Friday 30th September is a theatre evening in Lumsden Hall.

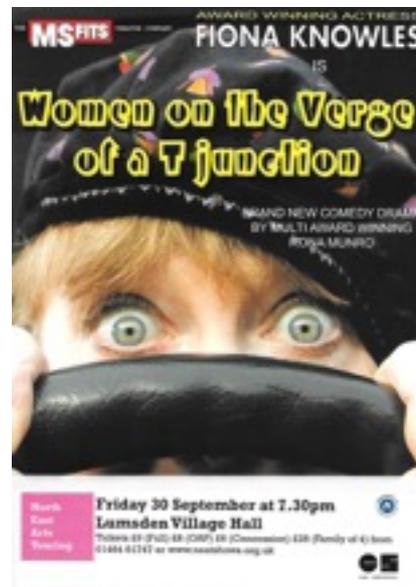
### WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A T JUNCTION!

is a Comedy Drama by award winning playwright Rona Munro.

Four women, three generations, three agendas and one lapse of concentration – this is all it takes to reduce a grown policewoman to tears!

No-one's hurt but who is to blame? Not Bessie, 94, she might have trouble seeing over the steering wheel but she drove 4 wheel drives over mine fields in '44! Not Liz, 63, she may be on her 5th driving test, but this time she HAS to pass! Not Ellie, 41, she may have a mobile phone stuck to her ear, but she is a Whizz at multi-tasking!

When their cars collide at a T junction their lives become as entangled as their bumpers in this hilarious and poignant comedy drama from The MsFits.



*Funniest & most attractive drama around.*  
**Scotsman**  
*Observational comedy is spot on*  
**Evening News**  
*...colourful, gloriously embellished new drama Fiona Knowles triumphed again.*  
**Strathspey & Badenoch Herald**  
*Warm hearted comedy timed to perfection altogether a highly enjoyable experience.*  
[EdinburghGuide.com](http://EdinburghGuide.com)

The show has been very well reviewed so please come along and support this community event. If we don't get the audiences we won't be able to keep doing the shows.

Doors open at 6:30pm and the performance starts at 7:30pm.

Come early and have a drink with friends while you wait for the show. The licensed bar will be open and there may even be peanuts.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Next up on Friday 7th October is a musical evening featuring local hero Jonny Hardie.



An evening of music with Jenny Sturgeon, Jonny Hardie and special guest Sharon Hassan.

Doors: 7.30pm, music starts at 8pm  
Tickets: £12 (£10 concession) will be available on the door.

Alternatively, to reserve tickets please email [info@jennysturgeonmusic.com](mailto:info@jennysturgeonmusic.com). There will be a bar!

[www.jennysturgeonmusic.com](http://www.jennysturgeonmusic.com)

Jenny is from north east Scotland. Her passion for music lies in her interest in traditional folk song combined with the enjoyment of creating fresh new compositions

Jenny will be joined on stage by Old Blind Dogs frontman, Jonny Hardie. Over the last decade Jonny has toured extensively with Old Blind Dogs and has been involved with a variety of projects including theatre and production work. In 2004 OBD's released the award winning album Four on the Floor and were once again voted Folk Band of the Year. Alongside working with OBD Jonny has recorded CDs with Gavin Marwick (Up In The Air and The Blue Lamp), recorded and produced The Captains Collection (recording from Captain Simon Fraser's 1816 collection) and a CD featuring the music of Inverness fiddler Donald Riddle (called A Highland Fiddler). In 2006 Jonny released his first solo album Lucky Jonny. Over the last few years Jonny has been much in demand as a producer, guitarist and fiddle player working with Ronan Martin, Bruce McGregor, Back of the Moon and many others.

"A superb album – I love every track", Mike Harding

## COMMUNITY PROJECT WORK

If you go to Auchindoir Church you may notice a beautiful new bench in the graveyard - the result of a volunteer project. Alan Ralph was parting company with a bench which was seized on and refurbished by Gordon McIntosh and Terry Stock to replace the previous bench at the graveyard which was regrettably stolen.



The new one is cemented in and looks lovely. The boys also installed a water butt so that relatives can water the flowers they place in memory of their loved ones.

## LUNCH CLUB NOW STROLLING!

Our regular community lunch club, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month is now planning to start with a short stroll - could help you to work up an appetite!

The first stroll will be on Wednesday 14th September - meet at the hall at 10am, to be followed by lunch after.

## COMMITTEE UPDATE

It is now two and a half years since the new committee stepped in to prevent the threatened closure of the hall. In that time we have worked tirelessly to raise funds to improve the hall, square and general village facilities. Here are just a few of the projects undertaken:

Repaired and refurbished the emergency lighting and alarm systems at the hall, including replacing almost all the failed emergency lights and batteries; repaired and upgraded heating system; refinished the hall floor; installed new hall sign; purchased smaller tables to allow flexibility for smaller events; purchased a new fridge/freezer, purchased a sound system to avoid having to constantly hire equipment; purchased a series of divider screens to allow us to section off the hall; purchased a marquee to expand the useable space for larger events such as Mary Fair; purchased large-scale Christmas street lights for lamppost attachment; purchased 'verge signs' for publicising events; installed new goalposts in the square; installed external power sockets at the hall, redeveloped the 'hall' website into a larger, more modern total community website; introduced the regular monthly newsletters; created and installed the Storytelling panels in the hall.

Our most recent achievement has been purchasing new curtains for the hall and the next one is to repaint the hall as well as bring the kitchen ventilation up to current health and safety standards and repair the wheelchair ramp.

To keep up to date with everything that's going on in and round Lumsden check out the four poster sites - inside and outside hall noticeboards, community noticeboard and garage, sign up to our e-circ list which reaches over 170 people - [events@lumsdencommunity.co.uk](mailto:events@lumsdencommunity.co.uk) or go to our website - [www.lumsdencommunity.co.uk](http://www.lumsdencommunity.co.uk).