

MAY FOR BISTRO, FILMS, THEATRE AND MORE

MARY FAIR ROCKED!

The 100 year anniversary staging of the Mary Fair was a huge success, despite the hail and the SNOW and raised £650 .

When added to our year end bank balance of around £13,000, plus a further £8,900 grant ring-fenced for the Storytelling project, it means we are in pretty good shape.

The Mary Fair day was heralded by the Towie Pipe and District Band and the hardy folk of Lumsden demonstrated their support for the day with no regard for the dreadful weather.

The number of dogs participating in the Dog Ability show was up from last year - and here we have two of them eyeing up the competition.



The Whisky Squares winner was Joanne Cairney - her husband Richard is pictured collecting the bottle of Fechtin Fusky on her behalf.

And Bill Murtly of the Towie Pipe Band correctly guessed the weight of the lambs at 28 kilos.



SSW building a paper kiln!

The Black Cat bistro served soup, sweets, teas and cakes to over 100 people. In fact, the bistro was so popular that we even had to manage the queue by issuing waiting numbers.

The Fechtin Fusky whisky all sold out, the stalls in the hall did well, the lambs were weighed (but not found wanting) and the delightful dogs did their stuff.

Petra Vergunst led a village walk to kick off 'Storytelling Lumsden', a joint project between Lumsden Community Association, Lumsden School and the Lumsden-based Scottish Sculpture Workshop aimed at capturing the history of Lumsden and its traditions and present them in a modern, interactive form. More on page two.

THANK YOU - TO SO MANY

The number of people we have to thank for making this event such a success is pretty long - but bear with us:

Marie Chapman & the Towie Pipe Band
Gordon Wood Turners
Police Scotland
RNLI
Yvonne Billimore and the Scottish Sculpture Workshop residents and technicians
Petra Vergunst
Dorothy Anderson at the Alford Heritage Museum
All the owners of the fabulous tractors
Colin Kelman & Lynne Thomson (lambs)
Annie Nicholson
Jill Pratt & her team of dog handlers
Sue Cross * Gold Star** ★
Bob Cross
Gordon McIntosh
Terry Stock
Julie MacGregor
Caroline McGunnigle & family
Norman Burnett
Yvonne Burnett
Lorraine Davidson
Phillipa Ralph
Lauren Scorgie-Findlay; Rachel Elmslie
Fiona Hudson
Ali Begg
Fiona Topp
Mike Starkey & family
Friends of Lumsden School
The many bakers & donators

THEATRE NIGHT AND BAR

Our next theatre night will be **BURTON** on Saturday 6th June at 7:30pm.

BURTON is the one-man theatre show that took the Edinburgh Fringe Festival by storm when it was first performed. **Rhodri Miles** (Richard II, Torchwood, Game of Thrones) takes on the role of the younger Burton in this production which won 'Best International Show' at the Hollywood Fringe Festival 2010 and received wide critical praise at the Edinburgh Fringe Festivals in 2009 & 2014.

Make sure you book your ticket for this widely acclaimed production - either online at www.neatshows.co.uk or through Lumsden Events or call 01464 861747.

Doors and bar open at 6:15pm.

MORE NEWS ABOUT GRANTS

We have been successful in our application to Sainsbury's for a small community grant for food-related projects.

We await a cheque for £400 in due course, to be spent on kitchen equipment.

Participating in this event is a partnership project between Lumsden Community Association, Lumsden Primary School, the Alford Heritage Museum, the Towie Pipe Band and the University of Aberdeen and facilitated by volunteers with their support.



ARE YOU MUSICAL?

The Towie and District Pipe Band are looking for drummers ... Anyone interested in learning to play the snare or tenor drums please get in touch with them.

Give Marie a call or text on 07833 175 470 or email her at mariechapman123@gmail.com

The band practise is on a Tuesday night at Towie Hall at 7.30pm and excellent tutors are in place for teaching the drums. Look them up on their website www.towiepipeband.com

CONCERT - 24TH APRIL

The Scottish Accordion Music Group concert in the hall on Friday 24th April was another successful event, arranged by Janet Trundle.

Funds raised are to be shared by the music group and the LCA, which is a very generous gesture from the music group.

HELLO FROM LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Hello everyone.

My name is Paul Scrimshaw and I am the Interim Head Teacher at Lumsden School. I started working at the school on the 27th April, and will be here until at least the end of the term and possibly longer.

I am the Head Teacher of Gordon Primary School in Huntly and have been Head Teacher in two primary schools in England before that. My teaching experience has been varied, working in small schools like Lumsden, large inner city schools and medium sized schools in market towns.

I am pleased to be working with the children, parents and staff at the school and getting to know the wider community. Having spent just a few hours here I have been made to feel very welcome and am impressed by the children.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the near future.

Regards
Paul

FILM NEWS

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2015

THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING (12)

Doors open 7:30pm
Film starts 8:00pm
BYOB and snacks
Donations at the door as usual.

STORYTELLING EVENTS IN MAY

All free of charge.

At Lumsden Hall

Craft Workshop

Tuesday 5th May 11am - 1:30pm

Includes lunch

Bring your knitting, embroidery or other craft and join a morning of storytelling.

Old-style traditional ceilidh evening

Tuesday 12th May 7-9pm

Includes light snacks

Bring your instruments, ballads and satires for an evening of fiddle tunes, NorthEast songs and storytelling.

At Scottish Sculpture Workshop

Agricultural technology workshop

Tuesday 19th May 11:30am-1:30pm

Includes lunch

Join story-gatherer Petra Vergunst and SSW technician Eden Jolly in exploring agricultural tools and the role they've played in the development of farming in the area.

RECYCLING POINTS

The issue of the re-siting of the recycling bins was raised by George Marshall (Donside Community Council) at the recent LCA AGM. A view was offered that the village and surrounding area should have been consulted before moving the bins.

The new set of five bins - now in the **correct** position - is on a trial basis and is in addition to the existing bins, to be assessed over two months. This is at the suggestion of Aberdeenshire Council.

Up to April this year LCA, as a registered charity, paid reduced trade waste rates.

As of April 2015, the council's Trade Waste service that is offered to charities is changing and LCA were made aware

of this by letter in March. There are two choices:

1) Change from Trade to a Domestic Service and incur no annual charge. Like all households in the area the Hall would be entitled to one General Waste bin and one Co-mingled recycle bin and a food caddy. The glass bins would be removed and **ALL** users of the hall would be required to take their recycling home or to recycle the glass at the community recycle point.

The LCA would be responsible for any waste or recycling left by users and have to pay the appropriate fee to get any waste or recycling collected.

2) The alternative would be to keep the glass bins and pay full commercial Trade Waste rates for all waste, including the General and Co-mingle bins. This will run to £352.27 (for 2015-16) a year which will have to be found from LCA funds.

During our discussions with the Council Waste Team about the recent frustrations surrounding non-collection of the hall waste/recycling, the council proposed that they would be happy for the community recycling points to be re-sited outside the hall.

The Hall Committee is in favour not only because it solves the problem of glass recycling and potentially saves the village hundreds of pounds a year in Trade Waste fees but also because the new site is tidier and close to other village amenities.

With reference to consulting the village, the Council has followed its consultation procedures in this case; they do not carry out individual household consultation for a re-siting of recycling bins but have contacted local councillors and Community Councils to ask their views.

Because the new site is on a trial basis there are a couple of months for further consultation before a final decision is taken.

We therefore invite anyone who has a view on the re-siting of the Community Recycling Points to write to any member of LCA or email us at lumsdenevents@gmail.com.