



Hall Systems Go! With the announcement from Aberdeenshire Council earlier this year of funding to improve towns and villages, the Community Council successfully applied for part funding to **refurbish the old schoolhouse**.

Many Blether readers will already know that this community has worked very hard over the years to improve community facilities; and so this latest opportunity was not one to be missed. Very much a partnership project; the Community Council are working jointly with the Council who will continue to be the owners of the building. We were **awarded £41,000** toward the project, and we are hopeful that landfill tax funding will give us the remaining sum.

The refurbished schoolhouse will be amalgamated with the present hall and provide much needed additional space and storage to allow us more opportunities for community activities and events. User groups will be invited to meet with the Community Council in the near future to share everyone's ideas for how best to use the enhanced facility.



In Brief....

Better Red than Dead! Red squirrel signs have been installed on the Auchmacoy approach roads following a request by local resident *Trish Davidson*.

The Coastal Café enjoyed another successful season this year culminating in providing refreshments at the Ellon Pedal Car race in August. Everyone will be looking forward to their return next summer.

Community Service Thanks to the Community Service work force for their efforts helping village and pier work parties this year.

Jubilee Medals were presented to every child and young person in the Slains and Collieston Community. If anyone has not received their medal, please let us know.

Collieston's Bravehearts – Our Local Heroes The team of volunteers who organised the amazing Bravehearts weekend of coffees, teas, soup and pudding raised almost **£3,000** toward the cost of **buying and installing a defibrillator in the village**. It is now "live" and can be opened using the code supplied with this edition of the Blether. Plans are also now underway to install a second defibrillator, possibly in the beach shelter, and to arrange for training and the purchase of additional equipment.

YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Sarah Macpherson – Chairperson

Huib Attema – Treasurer

Sally Sheehan - Secretary (751244)

Roger Berl – Vice chair

Nicole Bell, Trish Cowie, Trish Davidson, Charles Esson, Nora Harper, Sheena Junor, Suzi Stewart, Julie Swan, Susan Taylor

Meeting are normally held on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Community Centre starting at 7.30pm.

Dates to Remember!

October

26 Fri Family Craft Club – weekly in the hall, see notice boards for details

November

3 Sat Bonfire & Fireworks

11 Sun  Remembrance Day

December

8 Sat Senior Citizens' lunch 

15 Sat Christmas lights & village social

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January

26 Sat  Burns Supper

July

6 Sat Multi Terrain Challenge

27 Sat Gala
- please note change of date!

Blether Submissions

Please submit your entries to *Sally Sheehan* or another member of **YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**.

Formartine in Bloom winners! Congratulations to the children, staff and helpers of Slains School who not only **won a gold medal** but also the small schools category for Formartine Beginning to Blossom – a great achievement. In Collieston, the team of gardening volunteers also received a **Highly Commended award** for keeping the villages tubs and displays looking so attractive, despite the weather this summer.

Old Collieston and Slains by local author *Ellie Ingram*. Essential reading for lovers of Collieston and Slains, this newly published book has a collection of photographs from 1890-1950's and records aspects of local life from days lang syne. Locals may purchase a copy, £9, from the Community Council supply, contact *Sally Sheehan*.

Copies may also be ordered via Amazon or the publisher http://www.stenlake.co.uk/books/view_book.php?ref=707