



Back to the Future!

2013 is a year of regeneration and renewal in Collieston – looking to the future, but with an eye on the past. **Work to improve the Community Centre, major fundraising for the Pier** and a **nostalgic Gala** are some of the exciting events taking place this year. Make sure you are part of it!

Year of the Pier

The winter storms this year have taken their toll on the Pier. Work was already booked to repair the person sized hole in the seaward side of the wall, and to investigate underwater holes which are enabling the sea to wash out the filling from the core of the pier. The original hole is now big enough to hold a small fundraising event inside it, and it has now been joined by a second hole of a similar size. We can only guess at how bad the underwater damage is.

Although the Harbour Working Group has already been in touch with Aberdeenshire Council about accessing funds available for storm damage – realistically Collieston is unlikely to be top of the list.

The Harbour Group will continue to hold work days during spring and summer, harbour meetings are the last Monday of each month. A funding group has started to investigate large scale grants and the **Multi Terrain challenge** will be in **early summer**.

GALA – SATURDAY 27TH JULY

The Gala is Collieston's major fundraising event. Funds raised support the community in a number of ways including events, grass cutting and new equipment.

This year's Gala is will re-create all the best aspects of the first Gala back in 1958.

We want to hear your memories and stories of the time, along with photos, games, sweets and amusements. Get in touch with Nicole Bell (751305) or any Community Council member with your ideas.

End of an Era

Nora and Andy Harper are to pull up their neeps and tatties for the last time when they retire from their vegetable shop at the end of February. Collieston has been lucky to enjoy the freshest of vegetables straight from the ground for twenty five years.

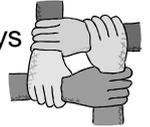


Digital Hi Tech Spec

The Community Council have invested in a **portable PA system and a digital projector** for the hall and events. Groups and individuals can borrow the items for a £40 refundable deposit.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

A number of work days have been planned by local groups.



They would really appreciate your help –even if you can only spare an hour or two – it really does make a difference! Notices will be posted on the village notice boards and the website.

Thanks also to Rab Chalk and Liam Macleod for the greatwork they have done, restoring and widening the footpath at Perthudden.

Blether Submissions

Please submit your entries to Community Council Secretary *Sally Sheehan (751244)* or another member of your Community Council.

Blog on! Collieston's **new website** is now live!

Check out www.colliestononline.com for all the latest news and information.