



**CATs get the Cream!**



Collieston Action for Teens have had a great start to their year with two memorable events.

In May fourteen young people travelled to the Scottish Parliament to meet First Minister Alex Salmond who presented their Saltire Award certificates for volunteering. In June the group was awarded "Best in Formartine" as part of Inspiring Aberdeenshire. Representatives from the Coastal Café and Rainbow Recycling attended a ceremony in Aboyne; collecting a trophy which will be displayed at the hall during the summer.

A member of CATs – Alex Stewart has been co-opted to the Community Council after standing as a candidate in the recent election organised between Ellon Academy, the Community Council and Aberdeenshire Council

**READ HALL ABOUT IT!**

Blether readers will remember that the Community Centre refurbishment project had already been awarded £40,000 from Aberdeenshire Council. In February we had the great news of an additional £56,000 from the SITAT Trust. Aberdeenshire Council have now put the work out to tender and we are waiting on a starting date for the work to begin. The refurbishment will result in a larger communal space, meeting rooms and much needed additional storage. User groups will be contacted soon for their ideas and suggestions.

**COLLIESTON TEAM WIN  
BOULES MASTERS  
TOURNAMENT**

A team from Collieston Boules Club – the Creoles – won the first ever Monymusk Boules Masters tournament held in the historic Aberdeenshire village on Saturday, June 8.

The tournament, which raised nearly £6000 for local charity and is scheduled to become an annual event, attracted 30 teams. The Creoles – Jack Page (skip), Ken Ingram, Bryce Thomson and Alan Whyte – won six matches in a row to reach the final which saw them beat local team the Boule Dozers.

Collieston Boules Club was well represented at the day-long event with four teams taking part and each winning its league stage to get through to the knock-outs (the Forvie Folkies - Elizabeth Hay, Ellie Ingram, Alison Allan and Charles Esson - came fourth).

The Masters trophy, which is retained at the Grant Arms Hotel in Monymusk, was presented to the Creoles by Lady Grant of Monymusk.

**Dates to Remember!**

**June**

**29 Sat** Coastal Café reopens for the summer season. Home Bakes always appreciated!

**July**

**6 Sat** Multi Terrain Challenge in aid of Pier funds

**27 Sat** GALA DAY  
Programme coming soon

**September**

**27 Fri** Community Council AGM

**Braveheart 2**

The Community Council have agreed to buy a second defibrillator for the community. We would welcome suggestions where this should be mounted, or alternatively if you would like to donate a space for it to be installed – please let us know.

**PIER SUPPORT**

**The fundraising and practical work for the Pier continues apace. Look out for new fundraising merchandise and events coming soon!**

**Blether Submissions**

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

The Community Council tries to acknowledge special birthdays, new babies etc. Please let us know when these occur. Contact Sheena 751737.