



LEASK Residents Building Bridges

The old bridge at Mill of Leask was so badly damaged last winter that it was demolished by the Council. The future looked very uncertain when the Council later announced that it might not be rebuilt. However a hugely impressive campaign by the residents living near the Bridge, and supported by the Community Council met with success last month when the Formartine Area Committee approved plans to rebuild the bridge by next summer. Comments were also expressed that the response to the consultation from Leask residents had been a major factor in making the decision. Congratulations to all involved.

The wee shop by the shore will be closing soon for the season, but will make a welcome return in Spring 2014.

For more information go the Smugglers Cone Facebook page or email:

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Learning at the Schoolhouse

When the refurbishment work is complete, one of the rooms of the old Schoolhouse will be used to store and display memorabilia and photographs providing a setting for visitors and residents to learn about Collieston's past. The Community Council would really like to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in developing this idea. Please get in touch with Sally Sheehan on 751244.

There will be a breakthrough from the Schoolhouse into the current hall, providing for a larger communal space. However, there will be inevitable temporary disruption while the right place is found for everything - so please bear with us!

Watch for news about a grand opening celebration which everyone will be invited too.

C.O.R.C. BOBS UP

Collieston Offshore Rowing Club was launched earlier this year. The Club is building a St Ayles skiff which they hope to have ready for next year's Portsoy Boat Festival - and equally as important Collieston Gala! Anyone interested in finding out more can visit their Facebook page or contact John Hitchcock 751323.

Flowers are a Blooming Success

Formartine In Bloom judges awarded the runner up prize for small communities to Collieston, while Slains School also got a runners up award in the schools category and a Gold for School Grounds.



Winter Events

Nov 9th Bonfire and Fireworks

Nov 16th Pigeon Group Craft Fair, Ellon Kirk Centre

Nov 23rd Slains School Craft Fair

Dec 14th Senior Citizens Lunch at Newburgh Golf Club

Jan 25th Burns Supper

Forvie Funding Success

A new visitor facility is to be built at the Ythan estuary following the recent success of Scottish Natural Heritage's application to the Aberdeenshire European Fisheries Fund. The project will design and construct a sheltered interpretive education hub that will accommodate 30 people at Forvie Nature Reserve. The hub will be part of a chain of managed nature reserves along the east coast of Aberdeenshire from Fraserburgh to St Cyrus.

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