



# The Slains & Collieston **BLETHER**

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Making a welcome return in time for Gala 2015 The Blether is the community's newsletter with news and information of what's going on in Collieston and Slains. Catch up with local news here and Gala news on the other side. Gala programmes coming soon!

*The new Collieston Calendar for 2017 will be on sale for £5 at the Gala and in Smugglers Cone. The perfect Christmas present, with all proceeds going to Pier funds.*

## **Is it Bill or is it Ben?**

The Formartine Partnership have challenged us to take part in the **Formartine Flowerpot Family** competition with communities creating their own Flowerpot Person to be put on display, encouraging people to get out and about in Formartine.

As part of Gala activities, the Community Council hope that lots of flowerpot creations will appear round the village and beyond. A nautical theme would be good but the only stipulation is that your character/creation includes at least one flower pot.

Judging will begin in Gala Week – please let us know either on Facebook or by telling a Community Councillor where yours will be situated so it can be included in the judging.



The Wee Shop by the Shore

## **Smugglers Cone**

will be open through the summer -Thursday till Monday – (plus when the sun shines!)

Ice cream, hot drinks, fine pieces and lots of toys!



## **The Battle of Colliestonloo**

Blether readers will no doubt have been angered by the Council's decision to close the public toilets at the end of summer. Alternative options have been suggested, but nothing presented so far has been acceptable to the Community Council. Discussions continue, with the hope that agreement can be reached and that the toilets remain open in some form. There is no plan at the moment to stage a sit in at Council HQ's toilets as happened the last time this proposal was put forward – at least not yet.....



## **Some wee blethers.....**

\*There are two defibrillators in the village – one in High Town, the other outside the Hall. Refresher training coming soon!

\*The Community Council have installed WiFi in the Hall. The password is beside the phone.

\*The A2B Community Bus goes to Ellon twice weekly (Tues and Thurs). To register to use the service phone 01224 665599.

\*Plans are underway to improve the Schoolhouse Garden over the coming weeks. Call for work party coming soon!

\*The Community Council have a PVS Film licence, with more shows planned for the autumn.

## **Community Council Election**

Notices will be posted shortly inviting applications to stand for Slains and Collieston Community Council. A great opportunity to make a difference in your community.