



Glass Community Association

Newsletter

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Glass has been another busy place for us all this past year! Many events on the calendar produce such fun with many folks coming together to enjoy the community spirit of Glass. The pet show really got the fun started! Photos were on the web page, that's another great place to find out about what's happening in Glass now but also about the past. There are many people now looking on the web pages and asking us questions about the locations and history as they try to trace their ancestors, so we are grateful of any old photos and information that you may hold about Glass that we can display on the web pages. Photographs, old maps showing old properties etc are fantastic and we can scan these in and get originals back to you! so do please get in touch if you have anything that you think might be able to get published on the web.



The summer passed with See Thru Productions performing to a full house on two nights this time and ice creams were on sale! A real theatre experience. They have their next production coming up and it looks to be another great show, so do come along and support all their hard work and have a great night out! Also coming up will be their performance at the Huntly Castle in the summer putting on a play written by Anne Forbes, if you are interested in getting involved in the production do go along to the casting dates or call Anne. This has funding from the Huntly Cultural Fund.

Our sponsored walk was a great day last year on a lovely hot sunny day with a fine BBQ on our return; why not join us this year? A donation was made to the Glass School P.T.A.



The duck race once again proved a great hit with all ducks being sold and then we watched them race down the Markie Burn, great fun to see if your duck might win! This year it will be taking place once again and we are having a leisure hunt too with the results announced that afternoon along with a fine cup of tea and some cakes! The leisure hunt will be available from early July and allow plenty of time for you to complete the course and get your entry in, look out for more details, and if you are not on email or cannot access the web then please do get in touch with me if you would like the leisure hunt sheet.

The usual event at Aswanley serving tea and cakes was another great fund raiser for the community along with the Stewarts Hall coffee morning. We are grateful to everyone for their support of these events and appreciate your help throughout the year as we raise funds for the hall and the wider community.

Reels again proved a great night to get some exercise and enjoy some fine food and company, and this year we are having a family ceildh so please do all come along and learn the steps on our two practise nights and then come along on the night to eat and dance, so we hope the younger members of the community will enjoy dancing with mums and dads and find their dancing feet. This year we really hope the older primary school children will come and join us.

To get us into the Christmas spirit a lovely Young person's Concert was held in Glass Church with a fabulous array of talent and donations were made to the Aberdeen Children's Hospital.

Carol singing around the houses was another successful evening with around 25 singers and drivers visiting many houses in Glass, we all enjoy visiting and are delighted you like to receive them, this year once again some of the money raised went to the Huntly Area Cancer Support Centre.



It was then Christmas and a lovely family service was held in the church, this was very well attended and the money collected was given to the Huntly Christmas Lights appeal.

There have been plans discussed this past year about the upgrading of Glass Hall. This is progressing and like any major event takes longer than we might think. Currently we are awaiting a Structural Engineer to look over the hall and help us assess really what we can do with the hall. There were plans on display in the hall and on the web page and we were delighted with the response received to help us take your ideas on board and make changes to these plans to ensure that the hall will be good for the next 30/50 years and to serve the community. During this time Mr J Ingleby came to the committee and has offered the community some of the field across from the hall, this can be a gain to the community which we hope will help us when we make further plans. This is something that

will take time to realise and we are very grateful to Mr Ingleby for allowing us to consider all options when it comes to the hall upgrade.

We will keep putting out plans and details on the web and on the hall notice boards, as these become available so do watch out for any changes and dates of any meetings we will be holding to ensure you all are involved in our plans. If you wish to know anything or can assist in any way with these plans we would be delighted to hear from you, please call Margo Wordie 01466 700243 or anyone on the committee, expertise is helpful in these matters.

There is currently a discussion on going about the money that is coming to the communities from the Vattenfal wind farm that is currently being built up in the Cabrach. We will be sending out an email and letter to anyone not on email asking you to complete a survey with regards to how this money should be spent. We really would encourage you all, everyone in the house if possible! To complete these surveys as they will help to show how Glass would hope to see the money used. Some of the funding we would hope to be able to apply for to help with the hall upgrade plans. So please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

During the year many of the functions and events help to raise money not only for the upkeep of Glass hall but we also like to give something to local groups and charities, this year we gave to Glass School, Marie Cure Cancer Care, The Huntly Area Cancer Support Centre, Aberdeen Children's hospital, and The Huntly Christmas lights Appeal. We retain the majority of the money raised in the community for the general upkeep, ongoing maintenance, insurance, heat and lighting at the hall. As the plans progress for any development of the hall we shall be applying for funding and any monies we have will assist us in generating more grants.

The committee are very grateful to all the support of everyone in the community to ensure we have a great vibrant community with a hall that allows us to meet. We hope the hall plans will encourage you to get involved and express your views, all are welcome so please do watch out for more information as we have it.

We are always happy to have more email address from anyone so please pass them on to Margo at margowordie@btinternet.com The web is another great place to see what we have happening so why not sign up there to receive alerts, go to www.glasscommunityassociation.wordpress.com

And Finally....

We also have an exciting project happening right here in our community with Darren and Petra Farquhar making a film project which involves the whole community, if you wish to get involved! They delivered posters in January 'Through the Looking Glass' and they received funding from the Huntly Cultural Fund to enable them to develop the idea of a Glass Film Festival. This will take place later in the year so they hope you will all make some short films about Glass, or the people who live here or why Glass is such a great place to live, really the topics are endless and you can choose so why not get filming! They will be able to support you and are planning some workshop dates in March where you can go along and get help, advice and guidance or even just to ask questions or find out more so go along and see! Watch this space for more information on dates!