



Newsletter Autumn 2023

**It's aye caul in Aiberdeenshire in
November, myne an hap up!**



Or as Billy Connolly famously said, there's no such
thing as bad weather; just the wrong clothes!

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THE LAST HARA'r?

At the 2023 HARA AGM it was confirmed that two of the previous committee members had left the village. As both were the only HARA committee council tenants, future Aberdeenshire Council grant funding would be dependent on

replacing at least one of them with another council tenant. Although one person came forward it was made clear that this was only to attract the grant funding and that this person did not want a committee role.

Also stated at the AGM was the intention for three other committee members to retire from HARA although they would remain to 'mentor' new members should anyone come forward. As no new members came forward at the meeting, this note is to inform the village that HARA has no choice other than cease to continue unless there are individuals within Hatton willing to form a new committee under the existing constitution. This requires an elected Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary as a minimum. This with a view to continuing the work that has aimed to enhance village amenities since HARA's inception more than 20 years ago.

There is a tight schedule in that any individual should indicate interest no later than **Friday 20th October**. This can be via email at hara@haraonline.org.uk or by text message to **07765 640829**.

A meeting will be arranged for the following week to either welcome a new committee or close the existing HARA bank accounts. The accounts will be audited by Aberdeenshire Council prior to monies in the business account being returned to the Council. It is intended that the balance of the fundraising account will be divided between existing commitments and other groups within Hatton.

Without HARA the tool library will no longer be available.

(Incidentally, there has been no tool library this summer as it was not felt reasonable to have equipment serviced and/or PAT tested given that the costs for this would come from the business account

despite there potentially being no one available to 'man' the tool library given committee retirements.)

There will no longer be twice annual litter picks, seasonal social events or funds to cover the Hall's hire cost for the Repair Café or to replace the defibrillator pads either at the use-by date or should they have been required by the emergency services in the interim. Fundraising for small grants such as those that helped the school when its grounds were vandalised, sponsorship to individuals raising funds for cancer charities and much larger grants for items as the previous playpark equipment and installation, the intended Hatton footpath or any other village enhancement will also be extremely difficult or impossible to continue without a constituted group.

To close, HARA would like to thank all previous committee members and other unsung village residents for volunteering their time and energies over the past years and are hopeful that there are others that would like to continue to make Hatton a great place to live.

HATTON NEWSLETTER New Beginnings

As there are a large number of village residents and many others in outlying areas that either have no access to, or simply choose not to engage with social media, we feel our printed Hatton Newsletter should continue quarterly with or without the existence of a Residents Association.

Most of the existing advertisers have already agreed to pay a small fee which will ensure enough funding is available to produce a quarterly Hatton newsletter along the lines of the old HARA Newsletter, (as it was pre Covid).

Our new newsletter will be a place to share information about our village, upcoming and past local events and our many group activities along with dates, timings and contact details. It would also be possible to include a 'spotlight on' article each issue, which would give our local groups a chance to highlight their activities and their members achievements.

CRUDEN CRAFT GROUP

We meet every second Tuesday (1.30 - 3.30 pm) in The Cruden Old Church Hall. Since restarting after Covid with six members we have grown and gone from strength to strength either knitting or crocheting for ourselves or producing items for local charities. We are a happy friendly bunch and there is always chatter around the table, and yes we have a cuppa.

If you like to knit or crochet or even hand sew eg embroidery, but feel your skills are now going to waste, why not come and join us. We have a limited number of spaces available so don't put it off for too long.

If you are interested please contact me on 01779 841418 or email me on crudenh.crg@gmail.com

Margaret Kidd

LONGHAVEN HALL EVENTS

Longhaven Social Club will be starting weekly Indoor Bowling at Longhaven Hall in October.

Check www.facebook.com/longhavencommunityhall for details

Saturday 18 November

Cruden Bay, Hatton & Longhaven Branch SNP
Christmas Fair & Soup and Sweet
in Longhaven Hall

CRUDEN CHURCH'S MEDIAEVAL BELL

One of the oldest bells in Scotland (in fact the fourth oldest) once hung on Cruden Parish Church. Dated 1519, it was probably made in the Netherlands, though the inscription it bears is somewhat obscure. For many years it summoned folk to worship in the Kirk. Unfortunately it cracked and had to be replaced.

The old bell is now on display inside the church.

HATTON IN BLOOM

Thanks and a plea for volunteers



The Hatton in Bloom committee, Helen & Harold Duncan, Doreen Chisholm, Joyce Willox, Norman & Jeannette Smith and Grace Club, helped by a number of volunteers, have done a wonderful job of brightening up our village with an ever increasing number of planters with beautiful blooms since 2004. They have also organised for benches to be installed at various points in the village so that we can relax and admire the view. It has taken a lot of work and coordination to get the planters and benches funded, ordered and installed as well as organising the delivery and planting of the flowers each year.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the retiring committee and all their helpers for all their hard work over the years.

I will be taking over the running of Hatton in Bloom and I hope to continue to keep the 60 or so planters in bloom in spring and summer but I will need lots of help!

Many thanks to those of you who have taken on a planter or have been helping out with watering this summer.

We should have 500 bulbs arriving in October which can be planted in many of the planters and over-sown with wildflower seeds.

If you would like to be involved with this or any other aspect of Hatton in Bloom you can message me (Ruth Bone) on 07751 588320.



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Jog Scotland Hatton has runs on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, suitable for all abilities. Beginners are very welcome to join us too. More information and contact details are available on our Facebook page.

HATTON



& Pass-it-on Table

Bin it? No way!

Where? Hatton Public Hall

When? On the first Wednesday of the month,
March to November, 7pm to 9pm

What? Get clothes, jewelry and small electrical items
mended by volunteers.

Pass on stuff you no longer need,

Pick up something you do need

or just stop by for a hot drink, a biscuit and a chat.

How much? Free! A small donation is welcome but not
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Why? To save money, reduce landfill and fight climate
change. We can't promise to fix everything that is brought
along but will do our best. Volunteers welcome.

More information? Contact Ruth on 07751 588320 or
connect via our Facebook page.



Cruden Parish Church of Scotland

Dear Friends

One of the great pleasures of life is going away on holiday. Whilst I really enjoy what I do and consider it a privilege to be a parish minister, there are times when even I need to recharge my batteries. There is no other job I would rather do, but like everyone there is a need to balance work and responsibility with rest and recreation. This is essential for our personal well-being. I cannot fulfil my calling if I am worn and stressed out! We all need to look after ourselves if we are to help and support the people around us.

The season of Autumn is also a time of rest and renewal. The farmers have recently been scurrying around with tractors and combine harvesters, gathering in the last of the barley. I recently read that Aberdeenshire provides 35% of the oil seed rape grown in Scotland, along with 27% of the cereals, 16% of the potatoes, 10% of the sheep and 25% of the beef. Our local farmers are indeed a busy, hard working group of people.

The work of course does not stop with the harvest. Machinery needs to be maintained and mended. Animals need tending. The ground needs to be prepared for the next year's crops and so on. But at least the end of harvest should signify a reduction in the long hours of driving and operating machinery etc, (and more time for paperwork!) The shortening of the days and the cooling of the air signify a slowing of nature's work, a readying for a new season of growth with the emergence of Spring in the New Year.

At the heart of the Christian faith is what is called the cycle of grace. It is a rhythm that allows for rest and renewal keeping us deeply rooted in God's love even as we work hard and face many challenges. In this rhythm of worship and prayer we discover the tempo of God's sustaining mercy and grace. Or as Jesus put it: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11: 28)

Wishing you all a blessed Autumn.

Rev Sean Swindells

Parish Minister

As the local parish church, we have the privilege of offering a grassroots mainstream Christian presence to the communities of Hatton, Cruden Bay, Longhaven, Whinnyfold and surrounding area.

We offer a ministry of pastoral care through our team of visitors.

We offer opportunities for learning and exploring issues of faith through a regular series of Bible Studies and Reading Groups.

We offer appropriate ceremonies to mark significant life events through baptism and blessing, weddings and renewal of vows, and funerals. (Traditional and non-traditional)

Worship – every Sunday at 10.00 am in Cruden (Old) Parish Church.

*For more details, please contact the Parish Minister
(tel. 07791 755976)*

Saturday@The Kirk!

Saturday@The Kirk! Is a new series of family friendly events which includes faith, friendship, crafts, games, Lego, juice, tea and coffee, home baking plus the possibility of a bacon roll.

Saturday 30th September – Harvest Hairst.

Saturday 28th October – Celebrating the Saints

Saturday 25th November – Preparing for Advent & Christmas.

Saturday (TBC) December – Coffee, Crafts and a quiet space for Christmas!

Admission is free. Families of all shape and sizes welcome.

Other events

Harvest Festival – 10.00 am Sunday 1st October
'Celebrating the gift of food and the work of farmers'

Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2023

10.30 am, Service of Remembrance at Cruden Parish Church, followed by laying of wreaths at the Parish War Memorial.

12.00 noon Act of Remembrance and laying of wreaths at Hatton War Memorial, Hatton Public Hall.

Hatton Public Hall – Hire Charges

with effect from 01 January 2023

(No increase since 2020)

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Contact: 01779 – 841 283 / hattonhall@btinternet.com		
The Hatton Public Playing Field & Public Hall (Hatton Public Hall) is a registered Scottish charity, No: SC010594		

HATTON PUBLIC HALL

The Hall is fully open for all activities, including private functions and children's parties. For details of rates etc, call 01779 841283 or email hattonhall@btinternet.com.

Unfortunately, due to the additional costs that will be incurred repairing the vandalised all-weather pitches, the fireworks display has had to be cancelled and will not take place this year.

ALL-WEATHER PITCHES

As most of you will already know, fencing at the pitches was vandalised and one of the pitches was set alight during the summer holiday period. Details of the incidents were captured on CCTV and have been reported to the police for further action.

Although some of the repair costs should be recovered from our insurers, there will still be a significant impact on the Hall's budget. This has, regrettably, meant that the money normally set aside to subsidise the fireworks will be required to fund some of the repairs and this has resulted in this year's fireworks being cancelled.

HATTON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Club meets once a month downstairs in Hatton Public Hall at 2pm . We are a friendly group who like to have a chat and of course our fly cup. Sometimes we play bingo, other times we have discussions or anything else that takes our fancy.

New Members are always made very welcome or just come along and pay £2 for your tea. You'll always be welcome to join us. Enquiries to Ann 01779 841474

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Wednesday 4th October 2023
Wednesday 1st November 2023
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We certainly have been busy at Hatton Stay & Play! Before the holidays, we treated the children to a trip to Playtown Inverurie. Many thanks to the Hatton Helpers for their kind donation which paid for our trip - the kids (and grown-ups!) had a fab time!



We also had a visit from 'Super Champs Sensory Sessions' who provided a very chilled out sensory session for us with lots of cool lights and fun things to touch!

We have lots to look forward to this term including a visit from 'The Bee Crafty Studio' and our Halloween party!



If you would like to come along to a session - we meet on Fridays (term time) at Hatton Hall from 9.30 - 11.30 am. It's £3 per family and this includes a snack and drinks for all!

Find us on Facebook by searching 'Hatton Stay & Play (SCIO)' - hope to see you there!

CRUDEN & HATTON COMMUNITY LARDER



Cruden & Hatton Community Larder has been running for a few months now from the Pavilion at Mill Park in Cruden Bay. It is a friendly, welcoming place which stocks fresh vegetables, some fruit and chilled food that would otherwise go to waste. We also have pasta, rice, cereals, tinned and frozen foods and personal

hygiene products which have been donated or are bought using funds contributed by Larder users and the community.

We are staffed by volunteers who enjoy meeting our regular and new visitors. We offer visitors a cup of tea and a biscuit and a chance to sit down for a chat. There are even recipe ideas for using the food we have in stock.

We are not a food bank, but a project aiming to reduce food waste and help the community with the cost of living. Some members of the community have been bringing in delicious produce from their greenhouses. If you ever grow more vegetables than you know what to do with, we'd love to see you.

We are open each Friday morning from 10:30 till 12:30. All who live in Hatton and Cruden Bay are very welcome.

We ask for a minimum donation of £2.

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PS No experience necessary. And who knows, you could learn something new.

You'll also find us on Facebook– Bogbrae SWI

1st Hatton Rainbows

We're looking for new members to join our group. If your daughter is between the ages of 5 and 7, then please feel free to bring her along to our next meeting.

Where: Hatton Public Hall

When: Thursdays (during term time)

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HATTON VILLAGE GROUP

A Facebook Page for the Hatton community to share events or goings on in the village and look for help with anything. This is a private group, so you need to be one of the over 1300 members who have already signed up to see what has been posted there.

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