

Hello again and welcome to everyone especially those who have joined since our last newsletter in February. I look forward to speaking to you all during the summer Thursday Morning "Cuppa and a Blether" Meetings. These are great opportunities for informal discussion.

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Bus Tour 3rd August

We have now started taking bookings for this outing to Inverness and the Speyside Heather Centre. The price including travel & High Tea is £12 for members. For non-members the cost is £17 with a concession of £15 for "Cuppa" regulars.

This newly introduced **concession** was approved by the Management Committee on 27th May.

The **Thursday** morning "**Drop in for a Cuppa and a Blether**" meetings are to continue over the summer. Members of the Team will be having a break from time to time over this period but we will spread our usual welcome mat and look forward to meeting our regulars and summer visitors alike. We would appreciate any extra help over the holiday period – even for one Thursday. As there has been some confusion between dates, this event will be fortnightly until further notice.

My wife & I have taken over the role of **Co-ordinators** for Bakers and Helpers. I understand some members had, in the past, volunteered to help with the baking but mainly these did not reach fruition. In taking this vital role upon ourselves, Bunty and I hope more helpers will offer their services and give us a call on 833512 or Douglas Thomson on 832646. Even help with a few pancakes and or scones would assist to spread the work – remember there is no need to be on the committee to help, whether baking or “hands on”.

New Thursday Activity

From September we will have an afternoon meeting once a month for an experimental period of 3 months. For the 1st event, it is envisaged as an open meeting with a speaker on a topical subject for older people followed by a cup of tea. I welcome member's ideas and we could even try an afternoon concert. Let me have your comments.

The Buchan Street Hall Project

We now have the plans and building warrant to modernise our hall. Our Property Convener, Douglas Finnie, is in the “driving seat” [thank goodness] and an application to the STV People's Millions has been lodged. Douglas has ambitious plans for our hall and he has the full backing of the committee. We will of course have to commit some of our reserve funds. We are now working on our Business Plan and members will be kept advised of progress.

A.G.M.

As has become established by custom and practice, the Annual General Meeting was held in conjunction with the May Meeting & Concert. The Officers unanimously elected were:-

President: Michael MacGillivray (833512) **Vice President:** Douglas Thomson (832646)

Secretary: Mrs Evelyn Greig (833593) **Treasurer:** Mrs. Jean Langham (818298)

Deposit Account Trustees: Colleen Slater & John McLennan

Finance

We are pleased to report a profit for the year. This is entirely thanks to the “Cuppa” and other fundraising events. As a result we are able to hold our charge for member activities such as bus outings Xmas party etc. at £12. We had hoped to use fundraising profits to reduce the fee for member activities such as this - but until the hall itself becomes profitable we are unable to do so. Concerts do at last show a small profit. Add to this the increase in raffle income means the Association itself is in good financial health – thanks to everyone who has donated the quality raffle prizes. However, we have seen an increase in hall operating costs of over £800 this year, at the same time as losing the income from a regular hirer [who simply outgrew our hall] added to the substantial drop of bank interest, our loss for the year to 30th April could have been around £2500. Thank goodness for the “Thursday Drop in for a Cuppa”. This venture and two other fundraising activities turned a potential overall loss into a welcome profit. Thanks to all bakers / helpers.

The Management Committee:

Michael MacGillivray; Douglas Thomson; Jean Langham & Evelyn Greig [Ex Officio].

Members:

Margaret Cormack; Helen Duncan; Elizabeth Farquhar; Douglas Finnie; Betty Marr; John McLennan; Garvick Mutch; Sylvia Riach & Rosemary Sanderson.

Management Appointments

In addition to the Office Bearers, the following appointments were confirmed at the recent meeting:

Property Convener: Douglas Finnie (815280) **Deputy:** Douglas Thomson (832646)

Kitchen Convener: Sylvia Riach (832601) **Deputy:** *Vacant*

Catering Co-ordinator(s): Michael & Bunty MacGillivray (833512)

Kitchen / Janitorial Supplies: Elizabeth Farquhar

Bowls Convenor: Garvick Mutch (861740) **Deputy:** Michael MacGillivray (833512)

Cleaners & Caretakers: David & Rosemary Sanderson (07946 122 588)

Macduff Old Folks Association

Diary Dates

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Info</u>
July	1 st	10am – 11.45	Cuppa and a Blether	
July	15 th	10am – 11.45	Cuppa and a Blether	
July	29 th	10am – 11.45	Cuppa and a Blether	
August	3 rd	8.45am at hall	Bus Outing	Inverness
August	12 th	10am – 11.45	Cuppa and a Blether	
August	26 th	10am – 11.45	Cuppa and a Blether	
September	9 th	10am – 11.45	Cuppa and a Blether	
September	14 th	7:30pm	Concert	The Green Brae Gaugers
September	23 rd	10am – 11.45	Cuppa and a Blether	
September	30 th		Afternoon Meeting	Speaker to be announced
October	7 th	10am – 11.45	Cuppa and a Blether	
October	12 th	7:30pm	Concert	Sandy Shearer & Friends
October	21 st	10am – 11.45	Cuppa and a Blether	
October	28 th		Afternoon Activity	

All activities are at the Buchan Street Hall unless otherwise stated.