

Macduff Old Folks' Association Newsletter The Community Association

(Reg. Charity No. SC 029003) Autumn 2011 for the Over 50's

Hello again A special welcome to all our new members A reminder to all that our main events are normally held on the 2nd. Tuesday of each month except January (3rd.) and we have a month off in July.

Official Opening Our refurbished hall will be Officially Opened by our local MP Dr. Eilidh Whiteford this Saturday 8th. October at 2pm. Members are welcome to attend and join us for a cuppa. Bring a friend. This will be of particular interest to those who were at the hall when the TV camera's came. Although we had a special concert in April, that was for members & former committee members.

This Event is to promote our community hall to the people of Macduff, Banff & District as a venue to hire with great catering facilities. It is time for our hall to keep itself & free our funds for association benefit.

Our Next Project is a car park at the rear – especially for the disabled. We are trying to purchase land behind the hall to develop this. All this costs money & through the RBS Community Force Fund, **we require everyone to vote for the Macduff Old Folk's Association by calling 0800 2100 245** an automated service will invite you to leave your name & telephone number. Within a few days they will call back to confirm your vote. Alternatively you can vote on their website but above is the easiest way.

Hire Helpers We are seeking volunteers to help open & close the hall when we attract new hirers. It would be great to have a list of volunteers so we can all take a turn. Are you willing to give your Association a few hours per year. See the enclosed form or phone Michael 833512 or Douglas 832646

Remember that helping - even in a small way - gives people an opportunity to put something back into the community within which we all live. Non members can help as volunteers too Perhaps your family.

Other Help You can help out at concerts or cuppa mornings without being on the Committee - as also you can be on the Committee without the obligation of pouring the tea.

We will have a new and safer arrangement in place at the next concert for serving & clearing up.

Concerts etc. A list of concerts & other events is attached.

Xmas Shop We have been asked to consider running a bus to the Dobies Christmas Shop. We are willing to do this if it is self funding, although we will do so at basic cost to the Association. If you want to go or simply want more information fill in the form or telephone on the above numbers.

2012 Bus Outings Where do you want to go next year. Refer to that section on return form or call.

[Computer Self Help Group](#) Are you interested in this. You will require your own laptop or perhaps you can borrow one. Learn to care for your computer; gain confidence in its use; E. Mails and the internet.

[A.G.M.](#) The Officers & Trustees were unanimously re-elected en bloc at the Annual General Meeting

held in May and attended by 70members. The subscription remains at £5. and concerts have increased to £2.50. Cuppa days stay at a donation – **minimum£1** Would those still to pay their subs do so soon.

The President & Vice President attended the [Regional Assembly of Age Scotland](#) in Inverness last Saturday. It is comforting to know so many people are working on behalf of us – older persons - in North Scotland & nationally. Macduff Old Folk's Association is a member association of Age Scotland.

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Newsletter Autumn 2011 – Members Comments / Return Form

All replies are treated in confidence and your name will be withheld if that is your wish [see below]

Alternatively call (01261) Michael 833512 - E. Mail michael.mak@btinternet.com - or Douglas 832646

Can you help : Name Tel.

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Helping preference

Are you interested in going to Dobies Yes / No Name & tel.

Suggested venue for June 2012 Bus Outing

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Suggested venue for August 2012 Bus Outing

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For many years we have hired Robertsons Coaches as their prices are reasonable & there is a wheelchair lift. Some members have asked us to use a hirer with new coaches [we do not know of any with a chair lift in a coach less than 6 years old.] Can you let us have your views

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Computer Self Help Group [no fee but, a donation of £1. each to cover venue & cuppa]

Interested Name Tel.

Preferred day/time depending upon availability of
volunteers

Any Other Comments to help us help you

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Withhold your name from the committee Yes / No * indicate preference.

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Events Diary 2011/12

Day Date Time Event

Saturday 8th. October 2pm Official Opening of Refurbished Hall

Tuesday 11th. October 7.30pm Concert with Bill Gray & Friends [new to us]

Tuesday 18th. October 7pm Board Meeting – come along - members welcome

Thursday 20th. October 10am A Cuppa & A Blether – open to all

Thursday 27th. October 2pm Afternoon meeting with topical speaker

Thursday 3rd. November 10am A Cuppa & A Blether – open to all

Tuesday 8th. November 7.30pm Concert with the Elgin Strathspey & Reel Society

Tuesday 15th. November 7pm Board Meeting – come along – members welcome

Thursday 17th. November 10am A Cuppa & A Blether

Thursday 24th. November 2pm Afternoon Meeting [last afternoon until February]

Thursday 1st. December 10am A Cuppa & A Blether – open to all

The Cuppa team will take a well earned break

Tuesday 13th. December 6pm Christmas Party at the Banff Springs Hotel

Dancing to the Don Grant Duo

Thursday 12th. January 10am A Cuppa & A Blether

Tuesday 17th. January 6pm Scots Night with Frances & Friends

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