

DRUMMUIR & BOTRIPHNIE COMMUNITY TRUST

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2015

Hello Members and Friends!

It's September already so time for the Annual DBCT Newsletter.

Hall lets continue to be steady to the regular Clubs, Botriphnie School and the Destiny Church Group and occasional lets for business and private functions.

The hall is an ideal venue for family gatherings and parties and two locals have celebrated their "Big Birthdays" recently with a party in the hall.

The hard work and commitment shown by John Norman, Hall Cleaner and Caretaker, must be acknowledged. How fortunate we all are that he does such an excellent job.

HALL STORE

With all the necessary Planning consents granted by the end of 2014, and funding secured from applications to the Landfill Community Fund and the Hill of Towie Windfarm Community Fund, everything was in place to start the works. Two local contractors quoted for the job and Gordon Myron & Sons was awarded the contract. Work started on-site at the end of August, with the demolition of the old sheds, which were damp and unsuitable for the storage of furniture and equipment from the hall. The foundations have also been laid and blockwork will commence shortly. It is appreciated that access to the site has caused damage to the playing field but this will be fully reinstated by the contractor. The store will provide much-needed storage for existing furniture and equipment but will provide the capacity for additional equipment, which may be required in the future.

old sheds & the "3 crows"



AND...don't worry the "3 Crows" are safe and it is hoped they can be refurbished and hung on the new store!
Any budding artists want to give them a "spruce up?" or if you know who the original artist/s were... Contact Dianne Mark - dmmark@aol.com

HALL COTTAGE

Hall Cottage is currently let to The Harris family, who moved in at the beginning of May this year. Hopefully they'll be very happy living in Drummuir. One of the reasons they were keen on coming to Drummuir was the good reputation of Botriphnie Primary School, which they hope their young daughter will be able to attend in a few years' time.

Fundraising Events Over The Year

*A huge thank you to everyone for supporting all the fundraising events, over the past year, it's very much appreciated. A total of **£1855.16** raised!*



Peter McWilliam
Quiz Master



Quiz Nights - two Quiz Nights were held over the past year, one in November 2014 and the second in March 2015, raising **£396.00** and **£276.00** respectively.



November 2014
Reigning
champs

Runners up
"The Chasers"



March 2015
Victorious –
"Edinville
Hillbillies "



Runners-up
"Flora's friends"



Movie Nights – four films were shown from October to March and proved to be very popular, raising **£729.36** for DBCT funds. The 1st Movie screened was "Sunshine on Leith" which was followed by showing the comedy film "What We Did On Holiday." "Paddington" was screened, for the kids, on the first Saturday afternoon of the Easter holidays, with another film, "Mr Turner" shown that evening

More Movie Nights will be arranged over the winter months so keep a look out for the Posters, check the DBCT website or come to the "Trust" meetings.

Raft Race

The 7th raft race was held at Lochpark, on Sunday, 16 August, on one of the very rare fine days of this summer.



Although the raft entries were down from previous years, the enthusiasm of the teams wasn't!

Cruising home first was "Directors A Board" which was a very last minute entry, on a raft borrowed from local joiner Neil Donald, a couple of hours before the race started!

The "Black Bull" was a revamp of the "Hogshead" a winner in many of the previous races but just not fast enough on the day or were they just letting their elders "have their day"?

The team "All for One" never fail to entertain when they enthusiastically dress-up for the occasion. They were delighted their raft didn't sink this year (an ingenious alternative use for blow-up beds!)

"All for One"
(who look afa like the
Quiz champs
"Neeps & Tatties")



The fourth team home was "For Folks Sake" Realising their race was over the crew jumped ship halfway and rowed home in the safety boat, towing their raft behind them!

As always James and Janice from Lochpark so kindly allow DBCT to "take-over" for the afternoon and their continued support of this event is very much appreciated.

The event raised **£200.80** for DBCT funds.

Duck Race

The ducks made a welcome return to Drummuir on Sunday 26 July. A small but enthusiastic crowd watched the race from the bridge and enjoyed an ice-cream and a chat in the sunshine.

This event is one of the easier ones to organise. It's good fun and provides a welcome boost to DBCT funds, this year raising **£253.00**



Drummuir in Bloom

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU to all the gardening volunteers!

A grant from the Hill of Towie Windfarm Community Fund allowed the purchase of all the beautiful plants but without the hard work and efforts from all the volunteers there wouldn't be the tremendous floral displays in and around the Village for us all to enjoy.



Parking

There's been little progress with trying to find a piece of land for additional parking. The plan to buy the HORSIA hut site, beside Botriphnie School, couldn't progress as the owner of the property, didn't want to sell at the current market valuation price.

The preferred option is still the former School Playing Field, opposite the Hall, however some members of the community have recently suggested the Village Playing Field option should be revisited. This is always an Agenda item at the bi-monthly "Trust" meetings (Hall & Community Association) so come along if you have any good suggestions or ideas about a solution to the parking problem!

Hill of Towie Windfarm Community Fund

This continues to be an excellent source of funding, available for a variety of projects in our Community.. The election for the representative from Drummuir, to serve on the Decision Making Panel, was held at the last Community meeting. We're delighted that Mary Stewart was re-elected. Mary has served over the past two years and has worked extremely hard for our Community.

Edintore Windfarm

Construction has started and it is anticipated that it will be fully operational by June/July next year. Docherty Consultants are meeting with local organisations (DBCT, Strathisla Community Council & Keith Community Council) to set up the Community fund, which will be £70,500 per year for 25 years. The Consultants would like 3 representatives, from each of the above organisations, to form a Working Group, to set up the Community Fund. If you would like to put your name forward for this, please email info@drummuirhall.org.uk by Monday 21 September 2015. The first meeting of this Working Group will be held, in Keith, on Thursday, 8 October 2015 (tbc). Updates will be reported at the bi-monthly Community meetings.

DBCT Website

Just to remind everyone the DBCT website address is:- www.drummuirhall.org.uk

You will find information about DBCT events, the bookings calendar, hire charges and you can view the minutes of the Hall and Community Association meetings. The Annual Accounts are also available for viewing, in the Members section.

If you have forgotten the log-in details please email Dianne dmmark@aol.com

Andy Riach, one of the DBCT Directors, does a great job keeping the website up-to-date.

If you would like a link to your club/organisation's website to be displayed on the "Trust" website please let us know.

DBCT A.G.M.

The date of the AGM hasn't been set yet but will probably be late January 2016. This allows the completion and approval of the annual accounts for the year just finished (2014/15).

Jim Law and Jim Thain, Directors, are due to stand down at this AGM, as will the co-opted Directors James Mark and Peter McWilliam.

If you would like to stand for election to the board, please make sure you send your letter of nomination, counter-signed by two members of the Trust, to the Registered Office (Ritsons, 1a Cluny Square, Buckie) one week before the A.G.M.

The current Board of Directors - Jim Law, Fred MacDonald, Dianne Mark, James Mark, Peter McWilliam, Andy Riach, Jim Thain and Stewart Thain, are the management committee of DBCT. All the Directors give their time and equipment voluntarily. Help and support from members of the community is always very much appreciated.

DBCT or the "Trust" encompasses the Hall and Community Association. "Trust" meetings are held bi-monthly and all members and representatives of the Clubs/Organisations are encouraged to attend

These meetings are good for finding out what's going on in and around the community, for raising any issues/concerns and for sharing information about your Club or Organisation.

DBCT MEMBERS

If you know of anyone who has recently moved into the area, please encourage them to become a member of the "Trust" - membership application forms are usually available in the hall or contact Dianne dmmark@aol.com

Please let Dianne have your email address if you wish to be added to the DBCT emailing list.

However, if you don't have an email address or just prefer to get a paper copy of minutes etc, please contact Dianne (01466760214) to arrange.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

24 OCTOBER 2015 tbc	MOVIES – AFTERNOON & EVENING
2 NOVEMBER 2015	HALL & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING
7 NOVEMBER 2015	QUIZ NIGHT
LATE JANUARY 2016 (date tbc)	A.G.M.
FEBRUARY 2016 (date tbc)	MOVIE NIGHT
MARCH 2016	QUIZ NIGHT

Hogmanay Hoolie

If anyone wishes to organise the Hogmanay Hoolie, arrangements will need to be made in advance. This is a good social event for the local community but must be organised and run responsibly to ensure the safety of all attending.

If you would like any further information about Drummuir & Botriphnie Community Trust please do not hesitate to get in touch – email info@drummuirhall.org.uk