

# Strachan Today

February 2010

Welcome to the February edition of Strachan Today. Well we certainly had a white Christmas but it didn't end there! The snow and frost made it difficult for some of our volunteer distributors to get around to everyone until later in the month. I hope you didn't miss out on any of the activities. Remember it is possible to have an email copy delivered to your computer in good time.

The snow did provide some very good opportunities for photographers and Ian Stutter's lovely sheep are featured below. I am sure many readers have their own favourites – maybe we should have a small exhibition in the village hall so we can all share our memories? What about it Village Hall Committee?

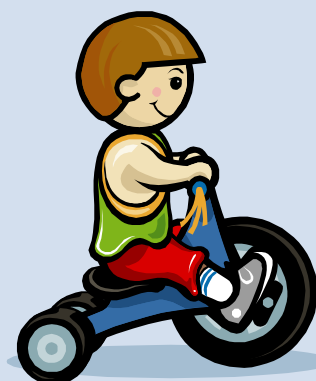
Lesley Young

PS Remember to check the website for all the latest news:  
[www.strachantoday.org](http://www.strachantoday.org)

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Snow Sheep – a photographic portrait by Ian Stutter



## What next for Strachan Under 5's?

Come and discuss improving the under 5's group within the village. This is being organized by a group of interested parents, grandparents and friends who aim to strengthen our links between the school and the community. Strachan School's Head teacher Mrs Jill Dunn supports this and wants to be involved in future plans.

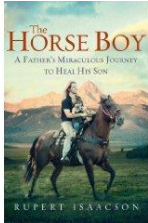
Tuesday 16 February  
at 7.30pm

Village Hall (Small  
Hall)



## STRACHAN HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Don't forget Emma Binns of the Rural Housing Service will attend the FWCC meeting at **Strachan Village Hall** on **18 February at 7.30pm**. Please come along if you would like to know more about affordable housing and the grants that could be available. Completed questionnaires can be returned to Emma; either at the meeting or by using the Freepost envelope provided by **FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**.



**The Strachan Book Group** will meet on 22 February to discuss "The Horse Boy" by Rupert Isaacson recommended by Pat James. Interested in joining us? Call Lesley ☎ 850581.

The book for March, chosen by Lesley Young, will be "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" by Mohsin Hamid.

## Strachan Scottish Country Dancing

The next Strachan Scottish country dancing evening will be on Friday 12 February at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. If you haven't been before then please come along for dancing and a great social evening. You don't need to know the dances as there is a walk through at the start of each dance expertly led by Isobel McMillan.



For more information please call Robert ☎ 850571.



## THE NEXT STRACHAN VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Friday 26 February 9.30 until 11.30 in the Village Hall

Do come along for a chat, cuppa and home bakes – all for just £1.

Proceeds to the Village Hall

*If you would like to help serve tea and coffee or make a few tray bakes, please contact Lesley Young ☎ 850581*

### **Bus information**

**DEESIDE VILLAGE HOPPER** **Thursdays** (On request, could deviate from route - ☎013398 85222)

Strachan	10.05	14.05	Banchory (High St)	11.20	15.05
Banchory (High St)	10.15	14.15	Strachan	11.30	15.15

**ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL SERVICE 204**

**Monday to Friday** (Travel line ☎0871 200 2233) - Leaves Strachan 07.35 to Aberdeen; Leaves Aberdeen 17.20

**65 SPECIAL – DIAL A TRIP SERVICE**

Strachan routes: **Tuesdays** to Banchory; **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** in month to Aberdeen; **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** in month to Porthleven and Stonehaven. To book seat (48 hours notice if possible) or for information: ☎01569 765765 or 013398 87070

## Primary 1 Enrolment for Strachan School

### Wednesday 3 February to Friday 5 February



Parents wishing to enrol their children should come into school anytime during these days, bringing with them their child's birth certificate and proof of current address. Posters will be placed in the local nurseries and the local press. If you know of anyone with children due to start school in August please pass on this information or pass their name to Jill Dunn, Headteacher (☎850231). Mrs Dunn will be holding an information meeting for parents of new starts, in school, on Friday 5

February at 11.15 am.



The Flora campaign to support cooking with schools has started again. Tokens can be registered online or brought into school, so please keep collecting! The tokens can be used for purchasing more equipment for baking. More

information can be found on the website: [www.cookingwithschools.com](http://www.cookingwithschools.com)

#### Childline in Aberdeen Needs Volunteers

Over 27,000 children spoke to a ChildLine in Scotland volunteer counsellor last year - over 6,000 in Aberdeen. Sadly, they could only answer 60% of the calls received, which is why they



desperately need more volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or should you require any further information, please contact the Aberdeen Base on 0844 892 0200.

<p><b><u>Who to contact</u></b></p> <p><b>BIRSE-FEUGHSIDE CHURCH</b> (covers parishes of Strachan and Birse) Rev Jack Holt The Manse, Finzean ☎850237</p> <p><b>BOWLING CLUB</b> New members welcome on Monday evenings Elma Duncan (Secretary) ☎820399 Lesley Smith (Treasurer) ☎823284</p> <p><b>FEUGHDEE WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b> Alistair Stenhouse (Chairman)</p> <p><b>SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLUB</b> Robert Brown ☎850571</p> <p><b>SWRI ("RURAL")</b> Aileen Black ☎824781</p> <p><b>STRACHAN HALL COMMITTEE</b> Sam Wylde (Chairman) ☎850655 Arlene Thomson (booking secretary) ☎850324 David MacFarlane (Treasurer) ☎850657</p>	<p><b>STRACHAN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB</b> David MacFarlane ☎850657</p> <p><b>STRACHAN PATHS GROUP</b> Mark Hagger ☎823418 Stirling Marshall ☎850439</p> <p><b>UNDER 5's</b> Pamela Clarke ☎850727</p> <p><b>STRACHAN SCHOOL</b> Jill Dunn Headteacher ☎850231 Linda Yule (School Administrator) <a href="mailto:strachan.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk">strachan.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>SCHOOL COUNCIL</b> Fiona Daines (Chairman) Pamela Clarke (Secretary) Jennifer Neish (Treasurer)</p> <p><b>STRACHAN TODAY WEBSITE</b> <a href="mailto:webmaster@strachantoday.org">webmaster@strachantoday.org</a></p> <p><b>PORTRAIT OF OUR TIME ("POOT")</b> <a href="http://www.portrait-of-our-time.co.uk/home.asp">http://www.portrait-of-our-time.co.uk/home.asp</a> Mel Shand ☎850674 or <a href="mailto:melanie.shand@gmail.com">melanie.shand@gmail.com</a></p>
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Ian Stutter has captured the spirit of Hogmanay Strachan Style. Over 100 people, young and old, enjoyed dancing to Dark Island Ceilidh Band and welcoming in the New Year



## Calendar of events - February 2010

### Monday 1 February

9.30-11.30: Under 5's Group (former Post Office)

7.30: Bowling Club (Village Hall)

### Thursday 4 February

Deeside Village Hopper from former Post Office

### Saturday 6 February

10am: Strachan Junior Football Team Training\*

### Sunday 7 February

11am: Service (B&F Church)

2pm Strachan Junior Football Team play Drumoak (Keithmuir Park)

### Monday 8 February

9.30-11.30: Under 5's Group (former Post Office)

7.30: Bowling Club (Village Hall)

### Thursday 11 February

Deeside Village Hopper from former Post Office

### Friday 12 February

8pm Scottish Country Dancing (Village Hall)

### Saturday 13 February

10am: Strachan Junior Football Team Training \*

### Sunday 14 February

11am: Service (B&F Church)

### Monday 15 February

7.30: Bowling Club (Village Hall)

### Tuesday 16 February

7.30: Under 5's Meeting (Village Hall – see front panel)

### Thursday 18 February

Deeside Village Hopper from former Post Office

7.30: FWCC (Village Hall)

Evening: Rural: 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

### Saturday 20 February

10am: Strachan Junior Football Team Training \*

### Sunday 21 February

11am: Service (B& F Church)

### Monday 22 February

9.30-11.30: Under 5's Group (former Post Office)

7.30: Bowling Club (Village Hall)

### Thursday 25 February

Deeside Village Hopper from former Post Office

### Friday 26 February

9.30 – 11.30 Village Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

### Saturday 27 February

10am: Strachan Junior Football Team Training\*

### Sunday 28 February

11am: Service (B& F Church)

2pm Strachan Junior Football Team play Durris

**Next edition of Strachan Today will be March 2010 – deadline for copy is 17 February 2010**

\*On pitch, unless unplayable, in which case, Village Hall



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