# rabbitThe Rabbit

### Spring 2012

Welcome to the spring edition of the twice yearly Finzean Rabbit. If you have any comments please contact Guy Haslam on 01330 850407 or at haslam.finzean@virgin.net. Please submit any entries for the October edition to me by the end of September.

2012 DIARY (more details below)

 **Thurs 19th Apr 6.00 pm Theatre - Wicked Willie Wolf**

 **Wed 16th May 7.00 pm Theatre – By the Seat of your Pants**

 **Thurs 24th May 7.00 pm Theatre – A Sporting Chance**

 **Fri 25th May 7.30 pm Concert – The Poozies**

**Wed 30th May 7:30 pm BCT AGM in Finzean Hall**

**(Includes a talk by Mel on POOT)**

 **Sun 3rd Jun 1.00 pm Fun Day Football Tournament**

 **Mon 4th Jun 7.00 pm Diamond Jubilee Party**

 **Thurs 21st Jun 7.30 pm Finzean Community Association AGM**

EVENTS

FINZEAN FAMILY FUN DAY - Sunday 3rd June

**The Finzean 2012 Family Fun day and Primary School Football Tournament commencing at 1pm at Farquharson Park. As in previous years, it will be based around the Primary School Football Tournament with side stalls run by local groups including BBQ, Cake & Candy, Bottle Stall, Hamper Raffle and lots more. Donations for hampers would be grateful appreciated and could be dropped off at Wendy Hector (Tel: 850453) or Donna Thow (Tel: 850421) before Friday 1st June.**

**We will set up for the fund day on the Sunday at 9.30am and any helpers would be warmly welcomed. Please note that no cars will be allowed in or out of the park after 12.15pm for safety reasons. If you are willing to help on the day with the football (i.e. refereeing) please contact Davie Hector.**

Diamond Jubilee Party -Monday 4th June

**Last year we celebrated the Royal Wedding with a community party attended by 340 revellers in glorious sunshine. This year we are planning another party to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee on Mon 4th June in conjunction with POOT. The committee is still working out the finer details but the current thoughts are:**

* **7pm start time – based on a 1950’s “Rock and Roll” theme –optional dress up!**
* **Ticketed event with a Hog Roast**
* **Band “The Malpaso Gang” -**[**http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gi8RiBTzVEc**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gi8RiBTzVEc)
* **Followed by disco till 1am.**

**Invitations will follow in early May. Finally if you would like to be involved in helping set up/tidy up please contact Mel (details below)**

PORTRAIT OF OUR TIME (POOT) PLAYS AND FILM

If you would like tickets for any of the POOT plays please email Mel.

**Thursday 19th April**  **Wicked Willie Wolf** **THEATRE** **Time: 6.pm\* NB early start**

 **Tickets £4, £6, £15 family ticket of 4 (max 2 adults)**

Willie is an outrageous but lovable rogue whose interests include food, motorbikes and rock ‘n’ roll. He plans to eat Granny and Red Riding Hood but fails miserably because of his unreliable motorbike. Luckily Granny is a good mechanic. Unluckily she is not a good driver...how will it end? Happily of course, if the audience helps! A riotous and funny show which everyone will love and enjoy!

**Part of Puppet Animation Festival & with support of NEAT**

**Wednesday 16th May** **By the Seat of Your Pants! THEATRE Time: 7pm**

 **Tickets £6, £8, £20 family ticket of 4 - max 2 adults**

Nothing to be done and nothing to do, Fritz, Franz and Rudy sit and wait. Expectation! Hope! Boredom! Delight! Not to take things sitting down, they put their best feet forward to make the grade and avoid a kick in the pants. A hilarious exploration of relationships, slapstick and chairs as three men await their fate By the Seat of Their Pants brought to us by the company Pluto La Vie. **with the support of NEAT**

**Thursday 24th May A Sporting Chance THEATRE**  **Time: 7.00 pm**

 **Tickets £6, £8, £20 family ticket of 4 - max 2 adults**

This show will coincide with the ever increasing wave of enthusiasm and publicity for the Olympics. Follow our hero with his lucky ticket as he tries to beat his own personal best on his journey to the stadium. He encounters every conceivable form of sport and athletics and we use every visual trick in the book to make a hilarious and dazzling piece of theatre. Brought to us by Cartoon Theatre.

We are trying to encourage folk who haven't been before, to come along and support something wonderful on the doorstep - for a very reasonable price (usually £8 & £6).

You may not realise that the sale of tickets NEVER covers the cost of these shows and are grateful to NEAT (North East Arts Touring) who helps with any shortfall. NEAT have had their funding severely cut and are changing the way they support events. So it's a case of "use it" while we can, the larger the audience - the less subsidy we ask for, and the more strength we have as a venue. PLEASE support these shows - preferably by buying tickets in advance from Mel on 01330 850674 or email melshand.artist@gmail.com.

**POOT continues to promote and support the arts and creativity to a rural audience - if you have any ideas or projects within Birse, Ballogie, Finzean or Strachan that you think we could help in any way please contact Guy by email:** **haslam.finzean@virgin.net** **or Mel Shand by telephone: 01330 850674.**

**FOLK CONCERT IN FINZEAN HALL**

Friday 25th May **'The Poozies'** **Live Music 7.30 pm** Tickets £10

**Please note that the Tickets for this event are from Frieda Morrison (****Birseland@aol.com** **or 013398 86180)**

The Poozies traditional instrumental music and song is described as ' bursting with energy' - ranging from the contemporary to the ancient Gaelic - this is a refreshingly wonderful sound.

Proceeds will go towards this years Harvest Folk Festival (the second hairst), which is already arranged again for the 28th/29th/30th of September

**FINZEAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL (FCC)**

**FCC have for some time being trying to establish a better medium for communicating with the residents of Finzean other than using expensive postal mail shots, and in line with others would like to establish a data base of email addresses. Obviously this information is confidential and you have our assurance only matters that are important and pertaining to Finzean will be circulated, furthermore your addresses will not be offered to, or sold to any other organisation requiring medium circulation.**

**If you wish inclusion on this local data base, please respond to my business email address, and I will collate a confidential diary for future circulation purposes. Any questions relating to this please do not hesitate to include these, the committee will review and respond accordingly.**

**Thank-You Andrew Wright** Contact Address: andrew.wright@oteac.co.uk

**ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL DIAL A BUS SERVICE**

**From Aberdeenshire Council**

**Aberdeenshire Council run a 65 Special Dial-a-trip service within the Deeside area, the “65 Special" services provide wheelchair accessible door-to-door (where possible) transport for people who have mobility difficulties. The service is also open to people who live in areas with limited public transport. In order to travel you must register to become a member. All trips must be pre-booked, at least the day before, by calling the booking line.**

**They are presently promoting the dial-a-trip services to local residents. If you would like to find out more information contact them either by email or telephone on 01224 664747 during normal office hours. Alternatively if you visit the Council's website you can find information at**.[**http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/publictransport/deeside.asp**](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/publictransport/deeside.asp)

FINZEAN HALL WEBSITE AND BOOKING SYSTEM

The more observant of you may have noticed that Finzean Hall has a new website ([http://www.finzean-hall.co.uk](http://www.finzean-hall.co.uk/)) which has a diary for the Hall and also an e-mail link to a central booking point. This will enable people to see if the hall is available to book a function and also what else is on.

We are currently still using the old booking system side by side with the electronic diary, but are planning to take a huge leap into the 21st century and using the electronic diary for bookings. People are therefore requested to use the e-mail system in future to make bookings. In the short term, if you do need to contact the holders of the diary they are:



**March & April Wendy and Davie Hector 850453**

**May & June Donna and Craig Thow 850421**

**HALL MANAGER / BOOKING CO-ORDINATOR**

**We are currently looking for someone willing to be the Village Hall Booking Co-ordinator and general manager. The position would be paid and would be supported by a group of volunteers who could help show people around/open the hall as and when required. The main requirement would be to co-ordinate the bookings through the booking site and then sent out invoices. We believe that the work would be around 10 hours each month. If you are interested in applying or for more information contact Guy on** **haslam.finzean@virgin.net****.**

FINZEAN VOLUNTEER E-MAIL LIST

**FCA would also like to set up a list of local volunteers to help out at community events every now and then. Currently the Community Association Committee members help out and we would like to widen the list of volunteers. Jobs are “now and then” such as tidying up the hall, putting up/ taking down on the fun day, building the bonfire / helping at the fireworks, taking down the Xmas lights etc. People of course are considered “volunteers” and as such can withdraw from the list at anytime!**

**Guy (as Chairman on FCA) would keep a list and send an e-mail out “as and when” - nothing more than that. If you are willing to put your name down then please e-mail** **haslam.finzean@virgin.net** **or call 01330 850407.**

FINZEAN HALL SIGN

**Thanks go to Doug Gray who has carved a sign for the Hall which will go up in the next month.**

FINZEAN FARM SHOP

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| Finzean_Logo**deeside’s farm shop & tearoom****buffet evenings**Every second Friday of the month. These are informal evenings and an ideal excuse to meet up with friends and enjoy a hearty meal the Farm Shop way!3 course meal including Tea & Coffee - £25.00 per person.Please call **01330 850710** to book.**Open 7 days a week for breakfasts, lunches and teas. Mon-Sat 9-5 & Sun 11-5**[**www.finzean.com**](http://www.finzean.com) |

FOREST OF BIRSE FIRE

You will probably have seen the press releases in the Piper and Press and Journal recently regarding the large fire we had on the West Hill in Finzean starting at about 3 pm on Friday 30th March and eventually finishing up at 7.30pm on Sunday 1st April.

On behalf of the Estate I would like to thank everyone who helped to put the fire out. The response was fantastic and the speed and the number of you that came out was so important in eventually getting it under control. It could have been a lot worse had it got into the main forest canopy as it would have been very difficult to know where we could have stopped it but thanks to your help a disaster was averted.

It has made us realise how vital the local knowledge and experience is to any future fires so I would like to compile a list of any volunteers with their contact details (e-mail address, mobile and home numbers) so we can have a record for a Finzean Fire response team. I would be grateful if you could e-mail me at andrew@finzean.com with those details if you are interested.

To those of you again that helped, our sincere thanks and I hope we don’t see the like again!

BIRSE AND FEUGHSIDE CHURCH

 

**Any community news can also be advertised though the Church Newsletter which is published weekly by contacting Pat Lawson (****pal63@live.com****).**

EXERCISE CLASSES

**Finzean fitness classes take place on every Monday evening at 7.30 – 8.30 in Birse and Feughside Church. Please contact Maree on 01330 850274 for any further details. All monies raised are donated to the Church funds.**

FINZEAN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

**This Club, whose aim is to promote fellowship and friendliness, welcomes new members. Monthly evening meetings start at 7.30 p.m. in Finzean Village Hall. Tea is served at the end of the meeting. Each member and their guests are requested to bring a mug/cup for tea and a small prize for the Raffle.**

**PROGRAMME FOR 2012**

**Monday 7th May The Lodgers entertain**

**Thursday 7th June Bus Run**

**Monday 2nd July Scolty Group entertain**

**Tuesday 7th August Bus Run**

**Monday 3rd September Couthie Company entertain**

**Monday 1st October Hector Riddell and friends entertain**

**For further information or help with transport contact Elizabeth Rose (01330 850768).**

FINZEAN UNDER 5s

**Finzean Under 5’s welcome any parents and carers with children under the age of 5 to come along every Thursday 10:00am to 12:00pm at Finzean Hall for crafts, games, sing songs and a wee cuppa and a snack!**

**FINZEAN SWRI**

**Next year’s session will be starting on the 3rd Thursday of September. The meetings are usually every 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:30pm in Finzean Village Hall, from September to April, however December's is usually the first Thursday.**

**Please feel to come along to any meeting; you don't have to join and attend all the sessions. We simply ask visitors to contribute towards the speaker’s costs, teas and hall expenses, last year we requested £2.50. Please contact Moyra Gray on 01330 850516 or moyra.gray@yahoo.com if you have any queries, Moyra will be standing down as Secretary this year, as she has done 3 years, but since we don’t know who will be secretary yet; please contact Moyra.**

**POOT CREATIVE CHOIR**

#### **Invites you to come and join the Creative Choir which meets 7.30 - 8.30, every Wednesday in Finzean Hall. Louise Counsell says “We are a very relaxed and ‘un-grand’ singing group, singing rounds, folksongs, popular songs and local composers. Do come and join us, no talent necessary (!), just a desire to sing together. It lifts your spirits and makes you feel good of an evening!”**

#### **Contact Louise Counsell (nee Jolly) on 850323 or just come along to the Hall on a Wednesday evening**

MEMORIAL BENCH

**The community collection for Kevin Strachan’s bench raised over £700. The FCA have now placed an order for an engraved bench, which will placed opposite the Mill of Clinter road end on the new community path.**

**THE SECRET INGREDIENT CHARITY COOKBOOK**

**“The Secret Ingredient” is a Charity Cookbook raising funds for Friends of ANCHOR, compiled by Dot Tadman and beautifully illustrated by Local and International Artists.  With recipes from chefs like Nick Nairn, Tom Kitchin, celebrities as Aggie Mackenzie, Elaine C. Smith, Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond to the high flying ‘Red Arrows’. For more information please check out the Friends of ANCHOR web site,** [**www.friendsofanchor.org**](http://www.friendsofanchor.org) **or the secret ingredient web site.**

**The book costs £15-00 which goes to help ANCHOR provide much needed care and equipment for the cancer suffers of the North East and Islands. If you would like a copy please contact Mary Cardno on 013398 85792 or at** **mary.cardno@btinternet.com****.**

**AND ANOTHER COOKERY BOOK!**

**Finzean School and Ballogie nursery are busy creating a Diamond Jubilee Cookbook and need your help! They would love you to send your favourite seasonal recipe to either** **catrionatanner@btinternet.com** **the deadline for recipes is the 23rd April. If you would like to sponsor a page in the book please contact Maree Christie on** **christie290@btinternet.com** **or contact Finzean School.**

**THE PHILOSOPHY CLUB presents CONTROVERSIAL CONVERSATIONS*:***

**A popular series of events, held at local venues, and designed to bring people together in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere to share their thoughts, openly explore and discuss ideas, and encourage philosophical debate and critical thinking about society’s challenges. The events are open to anyone interested in continuing learning or stimulating discussion. No prior knowledge or expertise is required.**

**Admission to these events is £3 per adult (Concessions £2) by payment at the door although places can be reserved in advance by emailing** **Philosophy.cafe@yahoo.co.uk**

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| **19th April 7.00pm** | **Aboyne Library** | **Criminal Law** |
| **17th May 7.00pm** | **Meldrum Library** | **International Relations** |
| **21st June 7.00pm** | **Banchory Library** | **Surveillance**  |