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Aberdeen City & Shire

October 2009

North Aberdeenshire and Stonehaven & the Mearns

Thursday 10 September to Sunday 1 November

AS OTHERS SEE US

Duff House, Banff. As part of Homecoming 2009, this exhibition on the 2nd floor will showcase unique and engaging contemporary portraits of some of Scotland's best-known figures alongside their favourite pieces of poetry and songs by Robert Burns, whose work continues to inspire today. People featured in the exhibition will include musicians and writers, such as Eddi Reader and Christopher Brookmyre, a clan chief and an Ayrshire farmer, all photographed by Ross Gillespie and Tricia Malley collectively known as broad daylight <http://www.duffhouse.org.uk/>

Saturday 12 September to Sunday 6 December

... TOGETHER ...

Duff House, Banff. The final portfolio of Arthur Goodwin, 1922 – 1998. This collection on show in the Long Gallery, discovered in an attic after Goodwin's death, is a celebration of the last decade of his 50-year career. Accomplished and internationally reputed, he clearly achieved an articulate fluency in his watercolours. As mountaineer, traveller, philosopher and communicator, Goodwin's unique view of the world, including Scotland, creates a strong and striking exhibition. <http://www.duffhouse.org.uk>

Thursday, 1 October, - Sunday, 20 December

Coast

Duff House, Banff. In her first exhibition in Duff House's Tearoom, inspired by a visit to the North

Wednesday, 14 October

Goosewatch

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Open Door

St Brandon's Centre, Whitehills. 10am - 11.30 am.
Tea & chat

Friday, 16 October

Stonehaven Folk Club

Heugh Hotel, Stonehaven

Every Friday at 8.30pm. Contact: Heugh Hotel Tel 01569 762379. www.stonehavenfolkclub.co.uk

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East of Scotland, CS Cape's fascination with light and atmosphere will be displayed in its fullness. Her seascapes could be regarded as romantic, yet their potency lies in the ability to create a sense of place, a feeling of being right there in the painting.
<http://www.duffhouse.org.uk>

Friday, 2 October

60's and 70's Night
Fife Lodge Hotel, Banff. Fundraiser with Ziggy and Toni in aid of Stroke Awareness. Tickets £10. Tel 01261 812436

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Heugh Hotel, Stonehaven
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Variety Concert
King Edward Hall. 7-30pm. With Geordie Smith and Party. Tickets £5. 01888 551634 OR 01261 821634. Organised by King-Edward / Gamrie Community Council

Concert
Forglen Hall. 7.30pm. The Friends o Forglen have again gathered performers from a wealth of talent in their area, ensuring a gran nicht's entertainment. Tickets at the door

Ugie Folk Club Session Night
Crichie Inn, Stuartfield. 8pm. The club invites all singers, musicians or just followers o NE culture to join them in a richt guid nicht's entertainment. Free Entry

Friday, 2 October - Sunday, 18 October

Doric Festival

The Following Exhibitions are held in various Libraries throughout the Festival (organised by Aberdeenshire Library and Information Service)

"Doric - a way of life" (Focus on Fishing) -

Folk at The Salmon Bothy
Salmon Bothy, Portsoy. 7pm-10.30pm.
SING IT! SAY IT! HEAR IT! PLAY IT!
With Guest MC each month. Family friendly
All welcome. Donations at the door (upstairs) and a Raffle. Bring your own refreshments.
Please park at Links Road, Portsoy, AB45 2SS

Triplicity in Concert
Duff House, Banff. The combined talents of two established singers and a much sought-after piano accompanist will perform an eclectic mix of words and music to create an enjoyable evening's entertainment. Tickets £9.50 from the Duff House Shop. 01261 818181

"HOMECOMING CONCERT"
Inverurie Town Hall. 7-30pm. Concert with Isla St Clair, one of our top entertainers Isla is returning to the North-east and Paul Anderson, one of the finest fiddlers to come out of the NE

Saturday, 17 October

Beach Clean
Loch of Strathbeg, Crimond. 9am - 12 noon. We'll spend the morning tidying up the beach with a litter pick at the north end of the reserve. Every little bit of litter that you help remove is one less piece of rubbish that could get eaten by a fulmar, turtle or whale. Meet at the north end of the reserve in the Tufted Duck Hotel car park. Free

Buttery Morning
St Andrews Hall, Fraserburgh. 10 - 11.30am

Plants & Plantlore
Archaeolink, Oyne, Inch.
<http://www.archaeolink.co.uk/index.html>

Stonehaven Country Music Club
Station Hotel, Stonehaven
From 8.30 p.m. All welcome

STRAVAIG wi SANGS roon Inverurie
This tour will leave from the Railway Station, Inverurie

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Boddam Library
"Doric - a way of life (Focus on Farming) -
Huntly Library
"A Celebration of Bennachie" - Kintore Library
"The Saat an The Glaur" - Turriff Library

Saturday, 3 October

Fun Family Science Day
Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh. 11
- 3.30pm. The Museum plays host to Shell's
Science Festival. Come and learn about science,
make things to take away and have a great day.
Admission free!

Buttery Morning and Car Boot Sale
Old Parish Church Centre, Barrasgate Road,
Fraserburgh. 10am

Not Just Birds - Tracks & Signs
Loch of Strathbeg, Crimond. 10 am - 12 noon.
Guided walk. As we continue to look at the wealth
of wildlife that inhabits the reserve, we'll be paying
attention to the clues that some of our more
secretive species leave behind. Suggested donation
£3 (RSPB members free). Booking essential 01346
532234

Soup And Sweet
St Brandons Centre, Whitehills. 12 noon.

Huntly Farmers Market
Huntly Square - 9.00am - 1.00pm **Producers**
Attending: Betty Bell Confectionery and
Children's Sweets, Huntly Herbs, Sarah's Heavenly
Fudge, Scottish Fresh Foods, The Devenick Dairy,
The Gamrie Goat, Thistle Mill Nursery **Jacqueline**
Pettitt, Market Co-ordinator, Bogairdy, Gartly,
Huntly, AB54 4SB, Tel: 01466 720311 Mobile:
07711 794896
E-mail: jaq@scottishfreshfoods.com

Stonehaven Farmers' Market
Market Square, Stonehaven 9.00am -
1.00pm. Producers attending: Alan Bruce, Castleton
Fruit, Crannach Coffee Shop & Bakery, Delicious

at 1pm and travel round Bennachie, Harlaw,
Burreldale, Udney and Oldmeldrum returning at
approximately 5pm. Songs performed will include,
The Banks o Inverurie, Gin I were far Gadie rins; The
Battle o Harlaw, The Moss o Burreldale, Bonnie Udney,
Geordie Morris's Bothy ballads at his old pub in
Oldmeldrum. And you can hear tales of characters like
Jimmy Fleeman (Laird o Udney's Feel!) Ticket £10
On the Ballad Bus OR in advance from 01771 653320

Fiddle Workshops
Gordon Arms Hotel. 10am - 4pm
The North-east of Scotland is the world centre for
fiddle music and The Doric Festival is delighted to
have as tutors two of Scotland's finest exponents of the
NE style of fiddle playing; Douglas Lawrence and Paul
Anderson. There will be a concert in the evening at
which the workshop pupils will perform what they've
learned during the day. To book phone 01771 653320
or e-mail:- info@thedoricfestival.com. £20

Singing Workshops
Gordon Arms Hotel, Huntly. 10 am - 4pm
The North-east corner of Scotland has the greatest
number of indigenous songs in the world and was once
described as 'the Singing Land'. The Doric Festival is
determined to celebrate the wealth of our songs and to
restore singing to the previous status and we are
delighted to have one of Scotland's leading traditional
singers, Shona Donaldson, Huntly's "Singer in
Residence". To book phone 01771 653320 or e-mail:-
info@thedoricfestival.com. £20

Ceilidh
Gordon Arms Hotel, Huntly. 7-30PM. Douglas
Lawrence, Paul Anderson, Shona Donaldson will
entertain along with the pupils from the workshops
Tickets £8 concession £6 tel 01771 653320

Concert with Isla St Clair
Grassic gibbon Centre, Arbuthnott, Laurencekirk.
7.30pm. Tickets £10 from 01561 361668

Saturday, 17 October - Sunday, 18 October

Goosewatch

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Baking, Ingram's Homecure, J & M Fraser Organic Growers, James W Gammie & Son, Maryfield Farm Poultry, Pam's Tablet, The Devenick Dairy, The Store, Tilquhillie Fine Foods Contact: John Fraser, Burnorrachie, Bridge of Muchalls, Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire. Tel: 01569 730195 E-mail: megoburnorrachie@hotmail.com

Stonehaven Country Music Club
Station Hotel, Stonehaven
From 8.30 p.m. All welcome

Inverurie Heritage Fair
Inverurie Academy, Off Market place, Inverurie.
1-4pm. A celebration of local culture and traditions including a range of displays by schoolchildren and community organisations. 01771 622807

Fires of Love
Chapel of Garioch Parish Church, Inverurie. 8pm.
Early music group with a programme including works by Johannes Kapsberger and Francisco Guerau. <http://www.inveruriemusic.co.uk/>

Saturday, 3 - Sunday, 4 October

Harvest Home
Archaeolink, Oyne, Inch. Archaeolink will be harvesting our Iron Age crops and preparing for the winter. <http://www.archaeolink.co.uk/index.html>

Sunday, 4 October

Goose Fair
Loch of Strathbeg, Crimond. 10am - 3pm. Our ever-popular autumn open day to celebrate the return of the pink-footed geese from Iceland. As well as some fantastic wildlife to see, there'll be activities and games for all ages and a selection of stalls. This year, as well as stalls celebrating the wonderful local wildlife, we're also hoping to bring in more activities from Crimond. Free 01346 532234

Fungi Facts & Fiction
Castle Fraser. 10.30 - 12.30. Delve into the

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Sunday, 18 October

Fables & Folklore
Archaeolink, Oyne, Inch. A warm up for WICKERMAN next Weekend. Listen to stories from around the world fire in the Iron Age farm. <http://www.archaeolink.co.uk/index.html>

Wedding Exhibition
Fife Lodge, Banff. Tel 01261 812436

Long Gone Lonesome
Dalrymple Hall and Arts Centre, Fraserburgh. 7.30pm.
The story of Thomas Fraser, the Shetlander with two lives - by day fisherman, father and islandman; by night world class blues recording artist. A National Theatre of Scotland Production. Tickets TBC. 01346 518761

Dusk Watch
Loch of Strathbeg, Crimond. 5pm - 7pm. The autumn is the time when geese and starling roost on the reserve in huge numbers. Join a warden in the Visitor Centre

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fascinating world of fungi. We will look at simple ID, fungal facts and folklore. Aimed at beginners. All our walks start and end in the property's car park where there is a car parking charge for non-members. Please let us know in advance if you have any special requirements. Optional bowl of homemade mushroom soup afterwards and tea or coffee served in the tearoom, soup £3, soup plus tea or coffee £4. The walk is an adult walk aimed at adults and older children only. There is a non-Trust member supplement of £2 for this event. Booking essential Rangers' Office 0844 493 2167

Monday, 5 October

Turriff Local Holiday

Inverurie Local Holiday

Wednesday, 7 October

Mid Month Session

Salmon Bothy, Portsoy. 7pm-9pm. For anyone wishing to rehearse or try out tunes with other musicians. The session is led by John F Sellar from Macduff Strathspey & Reel Society

Open Door
St Brandon's Centre, Whitehills. 10am - 11.30 am.
Tea & chat

“Session of Songs, Music and Stories”
Vale Hotel, Fyvie. 8pm. Fyvie Folk Club will host this session and invites performers outwith the club to come along and join in. The session runs from 8 till late. Free entry

The Hare and The Tortoise by Licketyspitt
New Deer Public Hall. 10.30. £4. Licketyspitt's
The Hare and the Tortoise is a hilarious, interactive, highly energetic 60-minute theatre show, with irresistibly catchy songs. Based on Aesop's Fable. Devised and written by Virginia Radcliffe with Deborah Arnott.

this evening as we have a look for these fantastic spectacles - with a nice cup of tea! There may be the option of a walk to the Tower View hide, so it's best to wrap up warm and bring stout footwear just in case. Free. Tel 01346 532234

Monday, 19 October

Fraserburgh Local Holiday

Wednesday, 21 October

Huntly Folk Club
Huntly Hotel. 8pm. Tel Keith Cockburn ON 01466 793808

Open Door
St Brandon's Centre, Whitehills. 10am - 11.30 am.
Tea & chat

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Friday, 23 October

The Ultimate 80's Night

Come and join the spectators for this riotous event. Put on your supporters' hats to shout, "Hare will be there! Yeh Yeh Yeh!" or "Go Tortoise go! Don't be slow!". Bake the race cake with the Bun Brothers, survive a night in the spooky wood - with a Ukulele - and meet Mrs. Doodah washing the coats of Bo Peep's sheep in the river. This hour long show for children over three and their friends and families is a satisfyingly unexpected and delightful interactive theatre experience from one of Scotland's most popular children's theatre companies. Tickets are available from Chemist, Main Street, New Deer or Food For Thought

Friday, 9 October

Friday Fly Cup

Banff Parish Church of Scotland. Pop in to the Church Hall for a cup of tea/coffee and muffin anytime between 2pm and 4pm. All Welcome. Traidcraft Stall with a selection of goods for sale.

Friends of Duff House Concert

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Every Friday at 8.30pm. Contact: Heugh Hotel Tel 01569 762379. www.stonehavenfolkclub.co.uk

Doric Concert with Hector Russell

Pipe Band Hall, Turriff. 7-30pm. Tickets £5 (includes 'breid an cheese') Scotch Corner, 01888563079. Organised by Turriff and District Pipe Band

Saturday, 10 October

Inverurie Farmers Market

Market Place (Town Centre) - 9.00am - 1.00pm.

Producers Attending: Alan Bruce, Burngrains Nursery, Cairnhill Country Fare, Crannach Coffee Shop & Bakery, Ella Drinks Ltd/Bouvrage, Huntly Herbs, Ingrams Homecure, Maryfield Farm Poultry, Netherton Farm Shop, The Devenick Dairy, The Gamrie Goat, The Soap Shack, The

Fife Lodge, Banff. In Aid of Macmillan Nurses, Baark and the Talking Banffie – Includes horse racing, raffles, 80's retro quiz, fancy dress optional - £6 per ticket. Tel 01261 812436

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Heugh Hotel, Stonehaven

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Buttery Morning

St Andrews Hall, Fraserburgh. 10 - 11.30am

Sax-Ecosse

Stewart's Hall, Huntly. 7.30pm. Sax-Ecosse are a young, vibrant saxophone quartet who are enjoying considerable success as a chamber ensemble within the UK and Europe. Currently they are recipients of the Enterprise Music Scotland Residency Project, and are members of the prestigious Live Music Now! scheme

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Store, Thistle Mill Nursery, Tilquhillie Fine Foods.

Ron Reid

Tel: 01467 672529, Windyfold, Keithhall,
Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, AB51 0LX

Fish Fest Market

Peterhead. In addition to the monthly Peterhead Market, held in The Harvest Church, Peterhead, on Saturday, 10th October, 2009, there will be a market with a variety of food related stalls in Drummer's Corner, there will also be a kipper BBQ, and cookery demonstrations

Stones & Bones

Archaeolink, Oyne, Inch. Demonstrations of stone tool manufacture and bone and antler carving.

<http://www.archaeolink.co.uk/index.html>

Fraserburgh Heritage Fair

Fraserburgh. The Museum of Scottish Lighthouses will be teaming up with Fraserburgh Heritage Centre and Aberdeenshire Council to show off Fraserburgh's heritage. Admission Free!

Soup and Sweet

Macaulay Hall, Mid Street, Fraserburgh. From noon onwards

Stonehaven Country Music Club

Station Hotel, Stonehaven
From 8.30 p.m. All welcome

STRAVAIG wi SANGS

roon Strichen and New Deer. 1pm to 5pm
This tour will leave from the Ritchie Hall car park, Strichen at 1pm and travel round various parts returning at approximately 5pm. Paul Anderson and Shona Donaldson will be entertaining throughout the trip! Songs performed will include, Mormond Braes ; Tarwathie; and others to be announced
Ticket £10 On the Ballad Bus OR in advance from 01771 653320. (booking advised as seats are limited)

Saturday, 10 October - Sunday, 11 October

founded by Yehudi Menuhin. Recent performances include the 14th World Saxophone Congress, Slovenia; St Olav's Festival, Norway; and festivals and music societies throughout Scotland. With their unique combination of classical music and light jazz, Sax-Ecosse have entertained audiences as diverse as President Bill Clinton, schools and retirement communities. <http://www.centeral.co.uk/>

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From 8.30 p.m. All welcome

Sunday, 25 October

Feed the birds day

Loch of Strathbeg, Crimond. 11am - 3pm. A day of activities themed around the very important task of feeding birds, there'll be games and fun for our younger visitors as well. We'll also have some bird food available for sale, so stock up for the winter. Tel 01346 53224

Piano Recital

Fyvie Castle. 2-4pm. An afternoon of Piano Music in The Gallery at Fyvie Castle with Local pianist Wilf Jowett. Ticket price is included in admission cost.

Wickerman

Archaeolink, Oyne, Inch. More fiery and spooky Halloween fun.

<http://www.archaeolink.co.uk/index.html>

Tuesday, 27 October

Fur Coat, Magic Knickers by MsFits

New Deer Public Hall. 7.30pm. One actress, 3 characters, a compulsive shopping pensioner out of control, a Personal Shopper who just has to SELL and... with a hot date looming for her daughter's wedding, a Mum who even recycles the recycled toilet paper (only joking!).

Yes it's the brand new comedy drama from The MsFits. Laughter and tears from the award winning duo actress Fiona Knowles and Edinburgh International Festival playwright Rona Munro. Tickets are available from

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Maud Railway Museum Open

Maud, 12 - 4pm. Relive the days of steam trains at the former Maud Railway Station. Sound effects add to the nostalgia of varied displays of railway memorabilia. GNSR and LNER memorabilia, photographs of Maud railway heydays and a browsing corner with books and photographs. The Great North of Scotland Railway Association will open the museum and be on hand to share their knowledge and enthusiasm. Don't miss the opportunity to visit this museum which is normally open by appointment only. Free

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Saturday, 10 October - Sunday, 25 October

Batty Crafts

Castle Fraser. 12 - 4pm. Come and make batty crafts in the castle and then try our bat quiz for a truly batty holiday. Small charge applies. Drop in event, booking not required. Please note that the

Chemist, Main Street, New Deer or Food For Thought.
Tickets £9, Conc £6

Wednesday, 28 October

Banff Accordion and Fiddle Club
Banff Springs Hotel, Banff. All welcome

Open Door
St Brandon's Centre, Whitehills. 10am - 11.30 am.
Tea & chat

Thursday, 29 October

Tin Hut Sessions
Tin Hut, Gartly. Come and play, sing or listen for the monthly open session. Free Entry. Bring your own refreshments

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Grassic Gibbon Centre, Arbuthnott. 7.30pm. One actress, 3 characters, a compulsive shopping pensioner out of control, a Personal Shopper who just has to SELL and... with a hot date looming for her daughter's wedding, a Mum who even recycles the recycled toilet paper (only joking!). Yes it's the brand new comedy drama from The MsFits. Laughter and tears from the award winning duo actress Fiona Knowles and Edinburgh International Festival playwright Rona Munro. Tickets £8.50. Contact 01561 361668

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castle is open Thursday to Sunday only

Sunday, 11 October

Crimond Stock Car Racing

Contact and non contact short circuit motor racing. 7 Formulae. Runs from March - October. 17 meetings per year, check website for dates of meetings. **Cost:** Adult £8, Children under 16 years free if accompanied by an adult, family (2 adults + children £15) www.crimondraceway.co.uk

Nettles

Archaeolink, Oyne, Inch.

<http://www.archaeolink.co.uk/index.html>

Dusk Walk

Loch of Strathbeg, Crimond. 5pm - 7pm. Guided Walk. An evening to see some of the wildlife that starts to come out as the sun sets. Hopefully, the main attraction will be the goose roost, which can be spectacular at this time of year, and there may well be an impressive mummuration of starlings as well. Wrap up warm and wear solid footwear in case we go for a wander to one of the hides. Tel 01346 532234

Monday, 12 October

Banff and Macduff Local Holiday

Stonehaven Local Holiday

Monday 12 October - Sunday 8 November

"Exporting the Light"

Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh. This exhibition will focus on the Stevenson family's work outside Scotland designing, advising and building lighthouses for countries as far as New Zealand and Japan. This exhibition links with Japan UK 150.

<http://www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk/>

Grampian Ass of Storytellers.

<http://www.archaeolink.co.uk/index.html>

The Curse of the Demeter

Dalrymple Hall and Arts Centre, Fraserburgh. 7.30pm. A spooky story for 11 years and over. Tickets around £10 (concs available). 01346 518761

Friday, 30 October - Saturday, 31 October

Tam o'Shanter.

Haddo House. An exciting new production of Robert Burns' epic poem. Scottish Youth Theatre, Dance and the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland bring to life Burn's epic poem about devils, demons and witches. Running as part of Homecoming Scotland 2009. Prices Adults £10. Concessions £6. Pre-theatre suppers also available in Haddo House tearoom for £12.50 per person, which includes two courses. Booking essential. Tel: 01224 641122 Web: www.boxofficeaberdeen.com

Saturday, 31 October

Macduff Farmers Market

Fishmarket at Macduff. **Producers Attending:** A A Gatt, Allathan Dairy, Burngrains Nursery, Handmade Cards for all Occasions, Muirden Homebakes, Pict Design/The Bead Buggie, Sarah's Heavenly Fudge, The Gamrie Goat, Thistle Mill Nursery. **Alison Bolger**, Thistle Mill Nursery, Thistle Mill, Banff, Aberdeenshire, AB45 3XT
Tel: 01466 780708

Stonehaven Country Music Club


Station Hotel, Stonehaven
From 8.30 p.m. All welcome

Christmas Fayre

Whitehills Public Hall. 10am - 2pm. Proceeds to 1st Whitehills Guides



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