
The St Cyrus News

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FREE

St Cyrus FLOWER SHOW - 2004

AUGUST

Not to be missed. The above Flower Show will take place once again in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th August.

Membership Fee of £1.00. Entry Fee 10p per label. Schedule allows members free entry into hall on show day.

Doors open at 1.30pm.
Presentation of prizes at 2.00pm.

Raffle and silent auction
shhhhhhh.....

For full schedule contact

Aileen Mottram01674 850388



NEWSLETTER

Your News

The intention of this Newsletter is to inform the people in St Cyrus of what is going on in your village, hopefully in a fun or amusing way. Please feel free to send me any articles or any interesting gossip which you think others would like to read about. It can be about anything - from people to places. If there is a St Cyrus connection we want to hear about it. It could be to tell us who is the oldest person living in St Cyrus. Perhaps you know someone who deserves a special mention - If you have a joke or a poem to share - keep it clean please.....

- get in touch with: **Joyce Joy** -
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850340 or e-mail -
joycejoy@madasafish.com

Deadline for next issue -end of
SEPTEMBER

community News

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£2,000 Award for old railway cutting

St Cyrus Community Council have made a successful application for funds from Aberdeenshire Council to transform part of the old railway cutting next to Morphie Drive into a path and open space for the use of the whole community. The sum of £2,000 has been allocated for this. A working party will shortly be formed to co-ordinate the improvement works - it is hoped this will include - clearing up the rubbish, creating a useable path, planting trees and shrubs and possibly placing a couple of benches by the path. However if you have further ideas or suggestions or would like to volunteer and join the working party **please get in touch** with the following people

Andrew Hamilton -01674 850284
Norman McIntosh - 01674 850371

"St Cyrus Recreation Association"

The above association has recently been formed with the aim of taking a lease from the Council of the public park in order to take over most of the responsibilities for the management and development of the park and play facilities in the village

This will enable the community to have access to a variety of funding sources (including the Lottery) which are not open to the Council

One of the aims will be to provide all-weather/floodlit facilities for football and other sports. This will enable the Primary School to make use of facilities in St Cyrus rather than having to bus the children out of the area.

So far £300 has been awarded by the Aberdeenshire Council towards setting up this Association. The first aim is to finalise a constitution to enable the Association to take up a lease from the Council.

A suggestion box has been placed in the SPAR SHOP/POST OFFICE inviting ideas for improvements to the sports and play facilities in our village. The association would like to hear from you.

BROADBAND IN St CYRUS

Coming to a pc near you on 4th August 04.

After vigorous lobbying by the **St Cyrus Community Council** and **local businesses**, the village reached its **BROADBAND** target number of **150**. This allows British Telecom to **enable** our local telephone exchange.

Prior to August 4th the community council will contact BT and invite them to our village to explain Broadband. We will be notified if BT are to give a presentation so check noticeboards and local press for this presentation.

To check that your home is able to receive BROADBAND (apparently there is a limiting distance from the exchange) log onto **Error!** **Bookmark not defined.** and enter your telephone number in the requisite box. If you are one of the unlucky ones who cannot receive broadband, don't despair, BT is currently conducting trials in Milton Keynes to extend the range of Broadband from an exchange - trials there are going well. We hope to have an update on this in the next Newsletter.

For those who have existing internet access, watch out before signing up for Broadband with your existing ISP - there are many tariffs to be had so check the small print. Most ISP ask for one years commitment. There are varying internet access speeds - 256k,512k and 1MB - so look at all costs and restrictions which apply - choose the one that suits your needs. In general terms your ISP should be offering Broadband access at the same cost you are currently paying

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for your 56k dial up - this means, therefore, this is one time when technology has worked in our favour.....

Your Letters

Can anyone tell me where the name St Cyrus comes from?

Donations to Hall

£250.00 received from the Tea Dance Group for the floor fund.

£30.00 received from the Playgroup for the floor fund

£ 70.00 received from Indoor Bowlers

Many thanks to all of the above for their generosity

DID YOU KNOW

30th November -On this date annually since the mid-nineteenth century, an eccentric wedding present has been offered to four lucky women of St Cyrus's parish. John Orr, who had served as buxee (an Anglo-Indian word for paymaster)of the British armed forces in India, bequeathed £1,000 at his death in 1847, the interest of which was to be divided into shares. One of the portions is to be spent buying staples and sundry church supplies, or given to the poor. The other sizable shares become retroactive dowries given to the tallest, the shortest, the oldest and the youngest women married over the preceding twelve months.

Clubs/Organisations

TEA DANCE CLUB

Every Friday 2pm - 4pm

St Cyrus village hall. Our group are v. friendly. Dancing is a mix of old time, ceilidh and sequence. New members are always welcome

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and no previous experience is necessary.

contact: Nan Mills - 850314

Scottish Country Dance Club

Monday evenings 7.30pm - 9pm

Mid SEPTEMBER - end of MAY

We are a friendly club and we do traditional Scottish Country Dance. New members should have some previous experience. We hold several social events also throughout the year - with an open Dance being held in APRIL.

contact: Joan Davidson 850367

Outdoor Bowling

contact - 850545

Indoor Bowling

contact - 850352

Comm Council Meetings

2nd Tuesday in Month /contact 850371

Whist - September 15th - Easter

Wed - 7 - 9pm contact 850417

OAP - contact 850417

Playgroup /contact 850723

Parents & Toddlers - 850821

St Peters Free Church 1st Sunday every month/ contact 850607

Mearns Coastal Parish Services - contact - 850288

Sunday School - 01561 362787

WRI Sep-May 1st Monday in month 7.30pm/contact 850739

Youth Club term times only

jun p5-7= 6.30 - 8.15pm

snr s1-3 = 9.30 - 10pm/ contact 850607

Friendship club Wed 10am +lunch 12 am /contact 850288

Hall Committee 1st Wednesday every month 7.30pm /contact 850003

Hall Bookings

Margaret Slessor 01674 850726

CUBS - scout hall every Tuesday 7pm - 8.30pm /contact 01561 362017

Beavers - Mon 6.30 - 7.30 contact 01674 850539

Girl guides 7.30 - 9.00 Wed contact 01561 361996

Brownies Wed 6.00 - 7.30 contact 361996

Rainbows Wed 4.00 - 5.00pm contact 361996

St Cyrus & Mearns Youth Football Club - 850371

Summer League Football Club - contact - 01674 637809

Flower Show - 850388

Scottish Natural Heritage - contact 830736

Aberdeenshire Council - contact - Bill Howatson - 01674 830746

Local EMERGENCY Contact Numbers

Police(Montrose) 01674 672222

Non emergency - 0845 6005700 - (general assistance/information)

Dr's Surgery - Inverbervie - contact - 01561 361260//361448

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P.O./Shop 01674 850270

School s St Cyrus - 01674 850215

Mearns Academy - 01561 378817

Mackie Academy - 01569 762071

Montrose Academy -01674 672626

Wilson's Garage 01674 850244

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS EVERY TWO WEEKS ON A MONDAY at the following times:-

Invergarry Park - 3.30pm

The Hall - 4pm

Croft Place 4.30pm

PROFILE

Name - Hannah Openshaw

Age - 17

Occupation - Gap year student

How long have you lived in St Cyrus - 14 years

Q What is your favourite film ?

A The Sound of Music

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Q Do you have a hero ?

A Sorry don't have one

Q What is your favourite TV soap

A Don't watch soaps

Q what makes you cry ?

A anything that makes me angry

Q what is your favourite meal ?

A Christmas Dinner

Q If you win the lottery what would you buy first ?

A Plane ticket to Canada

Q What book are you reading at the moment ?

A "The Valley of Horses" by Jean M Auel and "Culture shock - Thailand"

Q Who would you most like to be stuck on a desert island with ?

A My family

Q what music do you like just now

A Snowpatrol, Maroon 5

Q If you had to live in another country where would it be?

A Canada, Vancouver

Q Have you met anyone famous?

A Vanessa Feltz

Q What do you like best about St Cyrus?

A The Beach

At the beginning of December I went on a selection course on the Hebridean Isle of Coll. I spent a

week there amongst a group of 14 people. We stayed with local families and did a variety of activities such as teaching lessons, climb a hill, farming and a morning of community service. During this time we learned about the island and also about Project Trust - the gap year charity we were all hoping to be selected by. This charity has been ongoing for thirty years and have already sent over 4000 people abroad to many developing countries.

Around the middle of December 2003 I was told that I had been selected by Project Trust to teach English to Secondary school children in Thailand for a year, leaving in Mid-August this year. I will be a member of the English Department in Nareerat School, which is in the town of Phrae in the North of THAILAND, near the border with Laos, it has over 3500 pupils - my class will have 45 students. During school holidays I will have the opportunity to travel or take on secondary projects for example I could become an elephant Mahoot !!!

I am in the process of raising £3,850 to cover the costs of flights, accommodation and food for the year.

I am raising this through a variety of methods including a sponsored Army Assault course, quiz night at school, attractive handmade scarves (in a variety of colours) and filling Smartie tubes with 20p pieces. There is also a collection bottle which can be found in the St Cyrus Hotel bar.

I am really looking forward to my year abroad. I think it will be a challenge but also a rewarding experience. I also think that I will

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learn a lot about a completely different culture and a different way of living. It will definitely be worthwhile

I'm sure we all wish Hannah the very best of luck with her journey and I hope to have some further information as to how Hannah is getting on with her experiences in Thailand in the next St Cyrus Newsletter due out in October 2004. In the meantime if you have a donation to make to Hannahs journey - to help her on her way she can be contacted at 01674 850688 (don't forget the bottle in the bar at the St Cyrus Hotel)

SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL

St Cyrus/Mearns U15s

Trophies for the season-

Parents player of the year - Calum Gowan. Most improved player - Graeme Lamb. Players player - Andrew Merchant. Managers player - Kenneth Hay

NEW FOOTBALL TEAM St Cyrus /Mearns Youth Football Club 13's

we are looking for anyone including parents interested in becoming part of the above team - either as a coach or player

ALSO

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we are looking for

MATURE - 30+ yrs old football players for Sunday nights 5pm onwards.

contact Norman - 01674 850 371

SNOOKER

A full sized snooker table is available for anyone with an interest in the game of Snooker (Youth Club members perhaps)

Contact Norman - 01674 850 371

GOLF

Golf Outing

The St Cyrus Golf Society had their first outing of the year on Sunday 16th May 2004 to Newburgh on Ythen golf course.

Under beautiful blue skies the morning stableford round was won by Billy Wood with 38pts, with young Darren Mottram runner up.

Darren proved to be on song by being runner up in the afternoon handicap with a net 69. Syc Jamison won with a superb net 67.

The nearest the pin trophy was won by James Small on the 188 yard par 3 5th/ Barry Clarke hit a 340 yard monster to take the longest drive on the 18th.

The wooden spoon deservedly went to Calum Neill with two appalling rounds of golf!

The next outing is at Ballater on June 20th.

Outdoor Bowling Club - SPONSERED WALK

The St Cyrus Bowling club is planning to undertake a six-mile sponsored walk in the Edzell area

on Sunday June 13th as the initial stage of a fund-raising campaign to raise money for a new playing surface.

The members are now looking for sponsorship.....

contact 01674 850545

If you live in St Cyrus does this make you a St Cyrian.....???

Does anyone have any stories relating to the St Cyrus Railway Station of years gone by.....

The next edition of the St Cyrus Newsletter will feature a more complex Quiz with a prize for the winner

but in the meantime.....

QUIZ

1. What was the first James Bond Film called.?
2. How many feet make a mile?
3. What did Sherlock Holmes keep in the toe of a Persian Slipper?

Sorry no prizes

but

Answers will be supplied in the next St Cyrus News edition

JOKE-----

A monster walked into a store selling dress fabrics and said, "I'd like six yards of pink satan for my girlfriend."

"It's satin, sir, not satan," said the clerk. "Satin is something that looks like the devil."

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"Oh," said the monster, "You know my girlfriend?"

JOKE.....

Jennifer: Are you coming to my party?

Sandra: No, I ain't

Jennifer: Now, you know what Miss told us. Not ain't. It's I am not coming, he is not coming, she is not coming, they are not coming.

Sandra: Blimey, ain't nobody coming?

THE BIRTHRIGHT

By Eilund Lewis (1900-1979)

We who were born
in country places,
far from cities
and shifting faces,
we have a birthright
no man can sell,
and a sacred joy
no man can sell

For we are kindred
to lordly things,
the wild ducks flight
and the white owl's wings,
to pike and salmon
to bull and horse,

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the curlews cry
and the smell of gorse

Pride of trees
swiftness of streams,
magic of frost
have shaped our dreams,
no baser vision
their spirit fills,
who walk by right
on the naked hills

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FOR SALE

Nikonis underwater camera
Tel 01674 850340

Hamster cage + accessories
£10.00 tel 01674 850340

WANTED

Metal Detector tel 01674 850340
Overhead projector 01674 850340

LOST

White camper style hat
contact 01674 850340

Marbles - contact 01674 850340

FOUND

Nothing yet.....

RECIPE

LEMON POSSET

Large pot of double cream
3 lemons
3 tablespoons of sugar

Put sugar and double cream in pan
then stir gently whilst bringing to
the boil. When at boiling point
remove from heat. Add juice of
lemons plus the zest of one lemon.
Place into ramekins or same size
dish and leave to cool in fridge or
cool area.

Enjoy.....

(Supplied by Miss Sarah Joy)

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DIARY

DATES.....

JUNE

SUNDAY 13TH

Guided walk "Geology -Past Brought to Life"

Ever wondered what Scotland looked like in the time of the dinosaurs? How has the landscape changed since deglaciation? Ever handled ancient volcanic rock? Take a guided walk for a closer look at the changing landscape of St Cyrus for hidden clues to the areas past.

2 - 3.45pm ...Meet at the St Cyrus NNR Visitor Centre

Tel - 01674 830736 to book or for more information

Sunday 20th Guided Walk "Wildflowers of St Cyrus"

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Learn to recognise some of the beautiful, rare and poisonous(!) wildflowers of St Cyrus National Nature Reserve and some of their past uses.

2 - 3.45pm..Meet at the St Cyrus NNR Visitor Centre.

Tel - 01674 830736 to book or for more information

AGM - St Cyrus/Mearns Youth Football club 15's

on - Tuesday 22nd June 2004

at - Village Hall - 7pm

Sunday 27th Lend a Hand Day

Keep your St Cyrus NNR Beautiful

St Cyrus's NNR is one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline in Scotland and it's there to be enjoyed by everyone. Thousands of visitors each year will vouch for this! Whether you're a regular of just an occasional visitor to the reserve why not help Scottish Natural Heritage staff care for this special place? SNH staff will be raking cut bracken from a former wildflower meadow in an effort to restore its former colourful glory. Why not lend a hand for just a few hours and help make a real difference? Gloves, tools and refreshments will be provided.

10am - 3pm(or drop in at any time). Meet at the St Cyrus NNR Visitor Centre

Tel - 01674 830736 for more information.

JULY

Scout Hall

CAR TREASURE HUNT

on - Sunday 4th July 2004

at - The Park, Ecclesgreig Rd

MIDDAY

Sunday 11th Guided Walk "Tracks and Signs"

Fancy yourself as a bit of a Sherlock Holmes or an ace detective? Learn to become a wildlife sleuth by reading animal tracks and signs and discover a whole new world beneath your feet!

2 - 3.45pm, Meet at the St Cyrus NNR Visitor Centre

Tel - 01674 830736 to book or for more information

Sunday 25th Guided Walk "Discover Butterflies and Moths"

Take a gentle guided walk to discover some of the rare and beautiful butterflies and moths of St Cyrus National Nature Reserve.

2 - 3.45pm Meet at the St Cyrus NNR Visitor Centre

Tel 01674 830736

AUGUST

Sunday 1st Event "St Cyrus Fun Day"

Come along to St Cyrus NNR for a fun filled day out for all the family. Why not visit the wildflower stall to add a splash of colour to your garden, build your own bird or bat box, take part in a wildlife quiz or even get your face painted to look like your favourite bird or animal!! There will be games, activities stalls,.. refreshments and much more - guaranteed to keep kids entertained for hours, and best of all everything is free (small charge for refreshments)

12 noon - 4pm, at the St Cyrus NNR Visitor Centre

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Tel 01674 830736 for more information

Sunday 8th Guided Walk "Dolphin Watch"

Join Marine Mammal Medic "Elaine Roff" for a chance to see dolphins, seals or even killer whales along the coast of St Cyrus. Get expert insight on whale and dolphin identification and how to recognise the tell-tale signs of whale and dolphin activity.

2 - 3.45pm Meet at the St Cyrus NNR Visitor Centre

Tel 01674 830736 to book or for more information

AUGUST cont.....

Saturday 14th

St Cyrus Flower Show

Village Hall

Doors open 1.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 19th Event "St Cyrus Beach Clean- Lend a hand day"

Do your bit for the environment and for the National Nature Reserve on your doorstep by taking part in Britain's biggest annual beach clean event, organised by the Marine Conservation Society. Help clear litter from the beautiful St Cyrus Beach - take part in Britain's biggest annual beach clean event organised by the Marine Conservation Society and help clear litter from the beautiful St Cyrus beach. Gloves and bags provided.

10am - 3pm (or drop in at any time), meet at 10 am at the St Cyrus NNR Visitor Centre.

For more information please call 01674 830736

A TABLE TOP sale is planned for September to be held in the hall for details contact 01674 850003

OCTOBER

Sunday 3rd Guided Walk "St Cyrus Fungal Foray"

Join an expert mycologist for a fascinating insight into the fungi found at St Cyrus.

2pm - 4pm. Meet at the St Cyrus NNR Visitor Centre

Booking essential - Telephone 01674 830736 to book or for more information.

NOVEMBER

Saturday 6th 10.00 am - 12.00 noon- Coffee Morning to support New Hope Trust.

GENERAL

St Cyrus National Nature Reserve

The above is a buzz with activity at this time of year with the return of migrant birds and the emergence of wildflowers bringing colour to the reserve. Over 65 different species of birds nest at St Cyrus each summer. Some, like the colourful **Stonechat**, are hardy year-round residents. But for many St Cyrus is the end of an arduous migration to return to their breeding grounds. The tiny **Sedge-warbler** (weighing only 10 grams or 10 birds the same as one Mars bar!!) over-winters in Africa, then returns north through Europe and on to destinations such as St Cyrus, where it nests in bramble thickets. Another ground nesting bird is the **Skylark**. Skylarks rely on camouflage to disguise their nests, which are built in a cup on the ground. This year we have also been trying to "lure" the **terns**, which have taken to nesting on roofs in Montrose, to a more natural location on the nature reserve.

Many of the wildflowers that grow at St Cyrus are rare in Scotland. The **vibrant purple clustered bellflower** makes an appearance across the reserve from the middle of June as does **white Nottingham catchfly** - both at their northern limit here.

The St Cyrus National Nature Reserve visitor centre has been undergoing a makeover during the winter. **The centre has new displays, an audiovisual area, a viewing platform over the reserve and more. The public toilets have also been decorated and the visitor centre car park enlarged. The visitor centre will be open to the public at the end of JUNE.**

(Due to continued risk of rockfall we ask that you continue to use the Woodston path to access the reserve.

We would also like to remind dog owners to keep their dogs under control so as not to disturb ground nesting birds)

FINALLY

I AM HOPING TO HAVE A LIST OF LOCAL TRADES PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES IN ST CYRUS - IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER, IN OCTOBER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS LIST PLEASE SEND ON YOUR DETAILS AND CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO ME IN GOOD TIME. MY DETAILS ARE ON THE FRONT PAGE

(This can include anyone e.g. babysitters, handymen, painters, joiners, tree surgeons, gardeners, cleaners etc. etc. Look forward to hearing from you.....)

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