

Thanks for all your feedback on the last issue. I would like to thank a few folks for their help in general - so here goes:-

Aberdeenshire Council at Stonehaven for photocopying, collating and putting together approximately 400 copies of the last edition of the St Cyrus News - they have agreed to do this for every issue for free so thank you all (especially the lassies who do all the real work). The Post Office, Garage, Nature Reserve and everywhere else that allows us to have the "News" on display in their premises.

If you have an item for inclusion in the **next edition** - out in **OCTOBER** (this covers Oct,Nov,Dec & Jan 06) get it to me by **September 1st** please -

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Following their AGM - **The St Cyrus Community Council - members for 2004 - 2005** elected are as follows:-

Office Bearers

Chairman - Andrew Hamilton - 01674 850 284

Vice Chairman - Bob Flann - 01674 850 264

Secretary - Norman McIntosh - 01674 850 371

Treasurer - Gavin Farquhar - 01674 850 039

Committee members

Marilyn Finlayson, Maurice Forsyth-Grant, Ruth Gettings, Bert Skinner, Bob Smith, Alan Pountney and Stuart Martin

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NB The next meeting of the St Cyrus Community Council is on June 14th at 7pm in the village hall - Everyone is welcome

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Please note our **local councillor** is
Bill Howatson (Mearns South - Scottish Liberal Democrat) tel - 01674 830746

Also Aberdeenshire Council Area Manager is

Mr W Munro

Aberdeenshire Council

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Arduthie Road

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AB39 2DQ Tel - 01569 762001

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Following their AGM - **The St Cyrus Hall Committee members** for 2004 - 2005 elected are as follows

Office Bearers

Chairman - Sandy Davidson 01674 850 016

Treasurer - Lina Forsyth-Grant 01674 850 355

Secretary - Dorothy Tuck 01674 850 003

Committee members

Joyce Joy, Georgina MacDonald, Willie Neill and John Sparrow

Hall Trustees

Donald Blease, Jim Heard, Elizabeth Alexander and Mary Singleton.

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The next hall meeting takes place on June 21st at 7.30pm .

NOT TO BE MISSED

St Cyrus Flower Show 2005

Village Hall

SUNDAY 14th AUGUST

Doors open - 1.30pm

Presentation of prizes - 2.00pm

Raffle and silent auction

It is hoped for a good turnout on their **SUNDAY** event especially in the entries for the Junior section
Jowen Cup ages 3 - 15

Craighill Cup ages 5 - 12

There was a disappointing entry for this last year so lets push the numbers up for this year.....

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

For full schedule or details contact

Aileen Mott ram ..01674 850388

PERTH OUTING

St Cyrus Friendship Club - Tuesday 28th June

Open to all -

Depart St Cyrus 9.30 am

Via Glamis, Coupar Angus to Perth

Arrive Caithness Glass Centre 11 am

(Coffee/Demonstration/Shop)

Depart 12.30pm to Perth Mart. Arrive 1pm

Soup and sandwich lunch at Woolen Mill

Dobbies Garden Centre/Edinburgh Woolen Mill etc.

Depart 2.45 - 3.00pm.

Return via Dundee/Arbroath/Montrose

St Cyrus approx 4.30pm

Cost (incl lunch) Members - £6.00

Non members £9.00

To book your place

tel - John Gavin (01674) 850288

This club meets every Wednesday at 10am in the hall- anyone of any age is welcome. The club will close for the summer from 22nd June until mid August.

St CYRUS GALA **DAY RETURNS**

Saturday 24 June 2006

It is the intention to hold a Gala Day NEXT YEAR. The brave committee members are as follows:-

Ina Dawson - St Cyrus Hotel proprietor

Stuart and Tanya Martin tel 01674 850227

Sonya Stewart tel 0795 148 2619

Frances Sanderson tel 01674 830151

Ballon Race

Plans have already started and the first fundraising event - in the form of a Balloon race - has already taken place.

LADIES DAY - comes to St **Cyrus - Saturday 18th June** **2005 - St Cyrus Hotel**

The second fund raising event is to be a "Ladies Day comes to St Cyrus". I am sure everyone knows about the famous "Ladies Day" at Ascot - well this theme is to be recreated in the form of a race day at the St Cyrus Hotel. The general form of the event will be as follows:-

The garden of the Hotel will be open at 12.30pm where the Ladies attending the event (who will hopefully be dressed to impress and wearing fancy hats etc) will be welcomed with Bucksfizz and Canapes. They will also receive a programme that will contain the races to be held and a quick run down of how to place a bet (a ladies own bookie will be in attendance). The garden will be decorated and will contain several covered seating areas where table service will be provided to take orders for refreshments. A light finger buffet will also be served during the day. The first race starts at 1.00pm and the last race will be run at 4.00pm. Entry is by ticket only and there are only a limited number available. There is to be a prize for the best hat. **The garden, restaurant and lounge of the hotel has been reserved for Ladies only but the public bar of the hotel will be open to the general public as usual and will also be showing the races if husbands and partners fancy a flutter.**

Tickets are £10 for over 18's only

All proceeds go to the St Cyrus Gala Day Fund

It promises to be a great day out for the Ladies. The Gala committee hope the fundraising event will be well supported.

Tickets for LADIES DAY can be purchased from the following outlets:-
The St Cyrus Hotel, St Cyrus Filling Station, The Anchor Bar in Montrose, The Hair shop in Montrose or by tel (01674) 850160 or 07951 482619

St Cyrus Recreation Association

"Anyone for Tennis???"

We have the Tennis Courts and we have a brand new Net for the all weather court, provided by the Aberdeenshire Council but there are a few problems to be ironed out namely -

Access to the Pavilion - a key is required and possibly a "Let" from the council.

Access to the all weather court - there may be conflict with different users (football teams, tennis players, etc) wishing to use the court at the same time. A booking system may be the answer to this problem.

Access to the equipment (Tennis net, goal posts etc). Due to vandalism equipment will have to be kept under lock and key - the key will have to be collected and returned from a suitable place.

All this just for a quick game of tennis!!!
Oh and don't forget the balls.....

UNUSUAL SIGHTING!!!!!!

I have heard for a second time of a sighting of an unusual cat like creature near to Charlton Farm and the North Water Bridge. Both sightings took place in the early hours of the morning and each time the creature was dark brown or black with a long tail that curves upwards. Its head remained still whilst its shoulders moved up and down. Has anyone else seen anything like this in our neighbourhood - let me know JJ

St Cyrus Raft Race Team

Formed in the year 2001 the rafters thought that the idea of the raft race was going to be "a bit of fun" - little did we know how much "hard work" would be involved.

The first raft was called "Noah's Ark" and was built with wood and plywood and a secret floatation medium only known to a handful of people in the village. Prior to the race we held fund raising events which totalled £1664. We started with a six man team for the race itself (all feeling slightly under-the-weather from the previous nights rafters dance). The river Esk was very low that year - 2001 - so it was going to be tough for all the teams. We soon found out that we had an advantage as the draft of our raft was only 6 inches fully loaded. Three quarters of the way into the race and with the end in sight we were sure we could win. We heard singing from the river bank the chorus of "Hey Baby" (our rafts theme song) rang out - we all dug in hard and to the surprise of everyone we finished the race in first place. The great day ran into a great night and a few days later we were over the celebrations....

2002

This year had the raft team busy again - fund raising and hoping to build on last years success. we also decided to bring the materials of the raft into the 20th Century. "we are going to make it out of fibreglass" was the shout that came from a dark corner of the hotel bar "its going to look like a creel and we can all be painted like red cooked Lobsters". So naturally our 2002 raft became known as "Lobsters inc". We were however narrowly beaten but managed to finish second. We also won "Best dressed raft" and "Best sponsored raft" and raised over £2500.

2003

Our third year saw Raft builders and fund raisers hard at work again. The shout from the dark corner of the bar this time stated "this year its going to be a Catamaran with a fully functioning bar on top - so if we don't win it this year at least we can have refreshments and a packet of crisps on the way down" and so it came to pass that the "Booze Cruise" was born. This year also saw a second raft in the race take part. Crewed by an all female team. They adopted "Noah's Ark and decorated it with drapes etc. and their theme was "Moulin Rouge - chorus line".

The "Booze Cruise" finished third in 2003. Unfortunately the "Moulin Rouge" capsized with all hands into the cold river Esk. They all managed to scramble ashore and although cold, wet, shivering and muddy received help from a friendly farm house nearby. We raise over £2000.

2004

This year was proving to be more difficult for the raft builders as they had a reduced work force - some members had moved abroad and some had new family commitments and so we were undecided in we would be able to enter a raft this year. However good fortune smiled upon us - The old "Noah's Ark" was found beached off Tanglha and after some restoration work and a lot of "drying out" "Noah's Ark - The Resurrection" was ready just in time for the race. With a tired crew and a tired raft we came fourth and still raised over £2000.

2005

This year the raft race team have decided to rest. The past four years have been very hard The preparation and work going on behind the scenes can take up to 8 months to be ready for the start of the race.

£8000

So far the St Cyrus Rafters have raised over £8000. The money has gone to the "Children Appeal Scotland (CHAS) Foundation and has also supported local "Good Causes" chosen by the Marykirk raft race committee. In the last two years various groups within the village have benefited from the rafters fund raising to the tune of £4000. With all of this in mind it is hoped that the Raft Race team enjoy their break and get ready for another challenge in 2006.

Anyone with an interest in the St Cyrus Rafters can contact - Stuart Martin at "Wayside", Ecclesgreig Rd, St Cyrus DD10 0BH or tel (01674) 850277

(Can I just add the above is quite an achievement and the village should be very proud of all their efforts in raising so much to help others - I wish them all the very best and first place in 2006 - wonder what the new raft will be called..... JJ)

CHURCHYARDS

It took me a while when I first came to live in St Cyrus to realise that there are two churchyards in the area - one being close to the sea. So for anyone else who got confused by them both - here is an introduction to them.

- St Cyrus Nether Kirkyard

Located within the present day Nature Reserve of St Cyrus this site has a long history. The church of St Grig was reputed to have been founded here about 880AD. St Cyrus or Ecclesgreig was dedicated by the Bishop of St Andrews in 1242 and remained the dominant influence until the construction of a new church on higher ground near the main village in 1632. No trace remains of the original church though a number of enclosures are of interest

- St Cyrus Upper Churchyard

The upper kirk of St Cyrus located on the high ground of Brae Heads was established around 1632. The present building occupying the site dates from 1850 and is surrounded on three sides by the graveyard. At the front is a large memorial cross to those who fell in World War I and WW2.

East of the church in the graveyard is the Lauriston aisle, part of the 17th century church. It is unroofed but there is a lovely arch to be seen at one end

I have a question - why do most of the stones in this churchyard face out to sea? This was not the case for a churchyard by the sea on the West Coast where I once lived.

THE FREE CHURCH

The Free Church have regular monthly services at 3.00pm on the first Sunday of each month in the village hall. These are "Worship & Learn" services - so if you want to know what "Christianity" is all about - come along and find out. You are so welcome!

MISSION WEEK - Saturday 9th July

The Mission week commences on Saturday 9th July with our evening of Praise and Thanksgiving at Johnshaven Church at 7pm. The children's holiday club starts on Sunday 10th at 2pm at St Cyrus Village Hall. From Monday to Thursday the Holiday Club starts at an early time of 10 am to 12.20 pm each day. For the Holiday Club children's transport will be provided from Johnshaven, leaving from the square. During the week there will be other activities:- Tuesday 5-a-side football Johnshaven, On Wednesday morning we will have our open day from 11am - 11.45. We would love to see you on the Wednesday morning. Come and see the work for yourself. Friday disco - St Cyrus village hall 7pm Saturday games afternoon St Cyrus Park Sunday St Cyrus Church - Service of Celebration 11.30 am with fellowship to follow. This years material comes from Scripture Union entitled Landlubbers. The broad aims of Landlubbers is based on Paul's letter to the Phillipians. Landlubbers will help children learn about Jesus and what it means to become his follower and learn about the apostle Paul and some of his adventures. To live as followers of Jesus, also explore Phillipians for themselves. Landlubbers features two different groups of pirates, who are both on the same remote island. Jill Duncan co-ordinator

Mearns Coastal Parish

There will be a Communion service for the whole parish at St Cyrus Church on Sunday 12th June at 11.30. There are also services each Sunday at that time.

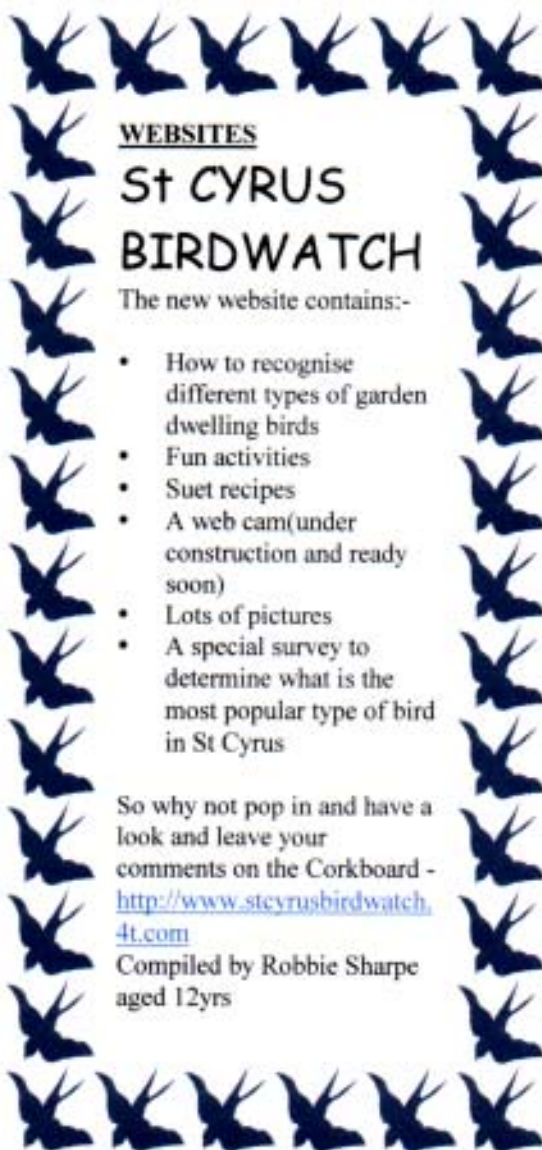
The Gift Day for the parish is on Saturday 11th June. Cheques to Mearns Coastal Parish can be sent to Mr Thomson, the treasurer, Quarry mouth, Lauriston, St Cyrus DD10 0DJ. Recently we had a visit from the Ellis family (now in Lincoln) who were evacuated from Dundee to St Cyrus during the war. They recalled the happy times they had as children playing on the cliffs and beach. They met up with people in the church who they had been to school with.

TIRED @ YES I'M TIRED

For several years now I've been blaming it on middle age, poor-blood, and lack of vitamins, air pollution, the green house effect, dieting, night shift, wax build up and a dozen other maladies that make you wonder if life is worth living. I have now found out that I am tired because I am overworked.

The population of this country is 51 million, of which 21 million are retired. That leaves 30 million to do the work. 19 million are at school, leaving 11 million to do the work. Of this total 3 million are unemployed and a further 3 million "work" for the government leaving 5 million to do the work. 1 million are in the armed forces and 3 million are employed by County and Borough councils cutting the number of people who work to 1 million. There are 620,000 people in hospital and 379,998 in prison (or on the roof). That leaves 2 people actually working - ----- you and me. And you are sitting on your arse and reading this.

No wonder I am tired.....



WEBSITES

St CYRUS BIRDWATCH

The new website contains:-

- How to recognise different types of garden dwelling birds
- Fun activities
- Suet recipes
- A web cam(under construction and ready soon)
- Lots of pictures
- A special survey to determine what is the most popular type of bird in St Cyrus

So why not pop in and have a look and leave your comments on the Corkboard - <http://www.stcyrusbirdwatch.4t.com>

Compiled by Robbie Sharpe aged 12yrs

Kincardine and Mearns Area Partnership

The partnership is open to all community groups and organisations. It exists to involve public agencies, voluntary agencies and local communities in identifying and tackling issues locally. There is no commitment to attend every meeting - you will be kept informed of what's going on in the area. We will from time to time hold forums for discussion, networking and information sharing. The partnership will respond to requests for support rather than imposing their services. The first issue we have been asked to look at is the new Public Entertainment Licence which comes into effect of January 1st 2006. We intend to hold an open meeting in June to look in depth at how this might affect halls in the area.

For further info and an application please contact:- Secretary
Mrs S Brown Lutherbank House,
Auchenblae, Laurencekirk AB30 1XP
Tel 01561 320796
e-mail -kandmap@btopenworld.com

Link Overseas Exchange - Sarah Joy - Southern India

I would like to thank everyone who attended the car boot sale at the village hall - you helped me to raise over £100 towards my exchange trip/6 month GAP. I have now been told I am to be helping out at Velemegna Society Hospital in Bidar, Karnataka, in Southern India (not Sri-Lanka as I anticipated.) Under the care of Dr Sybil Meshramkar. Velemegna was founded on a strong Christian basis and has a Christian ethos. The hospital is located in the middle of Bihar and is a very old and historic city - largely 90% Muslim in faith. The main medical emphasis is on eye care (a speciality of Dr Sybil). There is also a rural hospital and a leprosy rehabilitation centre. My duties are to be assisting during eye camps - transport and prepare patients, give health & hygiene talks (with an interpreter), help with nutrition and food distribution. Assisting with children - creative activities, music, games etc. Assisting Dr Sybil with reports, painting projects, giving a hand where required and trying to learn local language to assist with communication. So there is plenty to keep me busy. I will be accommodated in one of the guest rooms of the hospital premises. I will be using rickshaws to get around locally. To change money involves a 3 to 4 hour trip to Hyderabad. Upon arrival I will be buying a Salwar Kameez - easy and comfortable to wear - they cover everything! I will be the first Link volunteer at Bidar and am confident that I will have an exciting and special experience in front of me. I leave on 12th August this year

p.s. I am of course extremely excited for my daughter and will miss her and also her 18th birthday (in September) so SARAH - HAVE A LOVELY INDIAN 18TH BIRTHDAY - one to remember in later years. Mum XXXXXX (:

(This costs nothing and the idea is the Partnership can help any group within the area e.g. Lottery Grant Applications, or with information on access to local funding etc. JJ)

EXAMS EXAMS EXAMS

Good luck to all students who have sat or are sitting exams at the moment - a stressful time for everyone involved either at home or in school or college

I hope you all get the results you wish for.....

New Hope Trust

Coffee morning - Sat 12 Nov 2005

Village hall 10 - 11.30 am

Lots of stalls, home baking, bric-a-brac, knitted goods, Christmas gifts and competitions

Also Christmas shoe boxes and donations gratefully accepted and other items and donations

Enquireis to Mrs W Sparrow tel 01674 850739

GARDENER

Available for work

RHS Qualified

Tel 01674 676852

Reunion Dance - Saturday 9th July

Could all those involved in this please send their ticket money to Christine Jamieson, 25 Mercury Terrace or Derek McHardy, Mayfield, St Cyrus A.S.A.P.

Could we also remind you to bring a raffle on the night. Also if you have any old photos of the "old crew" please send them to the above people with your name/details on the back (we would like to display them).

Thank you

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Commences 5th September

PROFILE OF A "LOCAL"

Name.....Joyce Joy

Age.....44

Occupation... **Art Student - HNC Fine Art**

Q. Where do you come from and how long have you lived in St Cyrus

A. Been here 4 years originally from

Drumnadrochit - Inverness-shire also lived in Inverness, Ullapool
Tighnabruaich and Scourie

Q. What is your favourite film?

A. "Field of Dreams" starring Kevin Costner

Q. Who is your hero?

A. Ernest Shackleton and my mum

Q. What makes you cry?

A. mans inhumanity to man

Q. What is your favourite meal?

A. Hare soup - (made from its blood) haven't eaten it since I was a child

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

A. A very fast sports car then a ticket to travel the world for the rest of my life

Q. What book are you reading at the moment?

A. Ian Rankin - "Strip Jack"

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

A. Ray Mears - he could teach me how to make fire!!!!!!!!!!

Q. Who's music do you like just now?

A. "Lemon Jelly"

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

A. Kenya

Q. Have you met anyone famous?

A. Prince Charles. Dr Who (Patrick Troughton), Douglas Bader

Q. What do you like best about St Cyrus?

A. Peace and quiet



CONTACTS



Meams Coastal Church ** Session Clerk	Sunday - 11.30	St Cyrus/Johnshaven	Rev. G. Hastie 01674 850 288 Marshall Halliday 850549
St Cyrus Friendship club	Wednesday - 10 am	Village hall - use the side door	Mr Gavin 01674 850 288
Tea Dance Club	Friday - 2 -4pm	Village hall	Nan Mills 01674 850314
Scottish Country Dance Club	Monday evenings - 7.30 - 9pm	Village Hall	Joan Davidson 01674 850367
Outdoor Bowling	.....	.....	Mr M J Wilson 01674 850824
Indoor Bowling	Thursday - 7 - 9pm	Village hall Sep - Apr	01674 850 352
St Cyrus Comm Council Meetings	2 nd Tuesday in month	Village hall	01674 850371
Whist	Wednesday - 6.30 -9pm	Village hall Sep - April	01674 850417
OAP	2 nd Monday in month	Village hall Oct - April	01674 850417
Playgroup	Tue & Wed 9-12	Village hall term time	01674 850723
Parent & Toddler	Friday 10 -12am	Village hall	01674 850821
St Peters Free Church	1 st Sunday in month		01674 850607
Sunday School	.....	.....	01561 362787
Keep Fit	Wednesday - 8-9pm	Village Hall	.....
Gentle Exercise	Thursday 10.30 - 11.30 am	Village hall	.....
WRI	1 st Monday in month 7.30 pm	Village hall Sep - May	01674 850739
Youth Club	Friday - jnr (p5-7)- 6.30 - 8.15 Snr (s11-3) 8.30 - 10pm	Village hall term time	01674 850607
Hall Committee Meetings	1 st Wed in month - 7.30 pm	Village hall	01674 850 003
Hall Bookings	Margaret Slessor	.....	01674 850726
Cubs			
Beavers			
Girl Guides			
Brownies			
Rainbows			
Flower Show	.....	.....	01674 850388
St Cyrus & Meams Youth Football	.....	.....	01674 850371
Scottish Natural Heritage	.....	.....	01674 830736
Aberdeenshire Council	Bill Howatson	.....	01674 830746

Timothy Winters - CHARLES CAUSLEY

Timothy Winters comes to school
With eyes as wide as a football-pool,
Ears like bombs and teeth like splinters:
A blitz of a boy is Timothy Winters.

His belly is white, his neck is dark,
And his hair is an exclamation mark.
His clothes are enough to scare a crow
And through his britches the blue winds blow.

When teacher talks he won't hear a word
And he shoots down dead the arithmetic-bird,
He licks the pattern of his plate
And he's not even heard of the Welfare State.

Timothy Winters has bloody feet
And he lives in a house on Suez Street,
He sleeps in a sack on the kitchen floor
And they say there aren't boys like him anymore.
Old Man Winters likes his beer
And his missus ran off with a bombardier,
Grandma sits in the grate with a gin
And Timothy's dosed with an aspirin.

The Welfare Worker lies awake
But the law's as tricky as a ten-foot snake,
So Timothy Winters drinks his cup
And slowly goes on growing up

At Morning Prayers the Master helms
For children less unfortunate than ourselves,
And the loudest response in the room is when
Timothy Winters roars "Amen!"

So come one Angel, come on ten:
Timothy Winters says 'Amen
Amen amen amen amen.'
Timothy Winters, Lord

Amen