

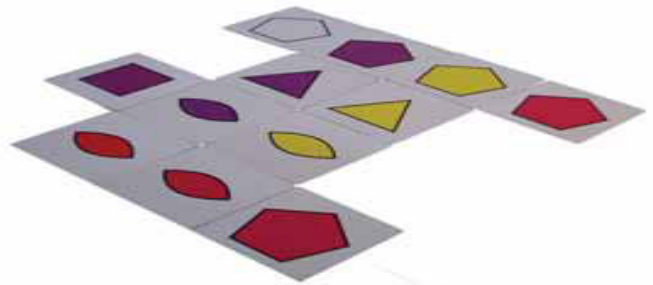


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Befriend a Child's Volunteer Newsletter  
November 2009

A big **hello** and thanks for taking time to read the November edition of Hand in Hand. Just one more issue of the newsletter for 2009 – unbelievable! Hopefully you'll find something of interest this month – things are very quiet on the events calendar, but don't forget you can book the Base Unit for lots of fun activities over the Winter months from pool and board games, to art and cooking. Just call Jean, Andy or our newest Volunteer Co-ordinator Nicola, to book a slot.

YOU may have noticed on the Befriend A Child website that a new card game – Symbotica – is now available from Andrew Sage Art and Entertainment Ltd. And generously, Andrew has agreed to a donation of £1 to Befriend A Child for every game sold through his website at [www.symbotica.com](http://www.symbotica.com)!



To purchase Symbotica – which is a very simple but versatile game for all ages – visit the website and click on the online shop at the bottom of the home page. And don't forget to select the **online donation edition!**



## New Baby

Here's a first picture of little Lili McWilliam, the daughter of volunteer befriender Susi and her husband Stuart.

Lili was born at home on the 12th of October and is settling in well to the McWilliam household!

Best wishes from all at Befriend a Child.



The junk modelling session in October proved to be a big hit with those who attended, and all manner of wonderful cardboard creations and egg carton inventions sprung up as a result. The next group session will be the Fairy cake baking and decorating on November 21st.



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## Hello & Goodbye

Hello to  
Emma  
Michelle  
Jenna  
Freya  
Katie

Goodbye and thank  
you to  
Fiona B

## The Annual Christmas Party at the Cophorne Hotel



Apologies for mentioning  
Christmas  
already...but this year's Be-  
friend a Child Xmas Party will be held at the  
Cophorne Hotel on Sunday 20th, December  
between 10.30am and 1.30pm.

Expect the usual fun and games, tasty food  
and a visit from the Big Man  
himself!

Please call the office to book  
your place—01224 210060



A Very Happy Birthday to  
the following staff and  
volunteers who celebrate an  
November birthday:

ANDREW	3 <sup>RD</sup>
JANICE	5 <sup>TH</sup>
EMILY C	8 <sup>TH</sup>
EWA	10 <sup>TH</sup>
FIONA C	12 <sup>TH</sup>
COLIN	16 <sup>TH</sup>
MICHELLE	19 <sup>TH</sup>

# What A Scoop!

Ice Cream manufacturers Mackie's of  
Scotland have turned their hand to an all  
together more savoury snack with the  
launch of a new range of potato crisps.

And the local company - based near  
Rothienorman - generously decided to  
donate 20 boxes of the delicious crisps to  
Befriend A Child.

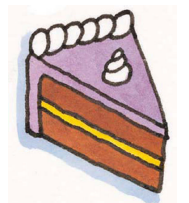
The snacks will be very popular with the  
children attending the Halloween Party at  
the United Services Club on November 1<sup>st</sup> -  
and I'm sure the  
volunteers will enjoy sampling a few of the  
flavours too!



Places are still available for the  
group baking session on  
Saturday, Nov 21st.

Fairy cakes—yum!

Call Jean to book  
a place.





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## THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO GO IN NOVEMBER

- 5<sup>th</sup> Aberdeen Winter Festival Firework Display from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Aberdeen Beach
- 7<sup>th</sup> Inverurie Bonfire Night at Thainstone Mart
- 15<sup>th</sup> Aberdeen Winter Festival Xmas Lights Switch on from 5pm, Union Street
- 28<sup>th</sup> Befriend a Child Christmas Fayre from 10am—4pm at 9 Bon Accord Square



## facebook

All Facebook users — a Befriend a Child group has been setup to share ideas for outings, promote events or just chat. Please join up if you want to be in the loop!

### Welcome Back

Our former administrator Nicola Milne is back with us after maternity leave, but is now joining the Volunteer Coordinator team.

Nicola will be in touch over the next month to introduce herself to her allocated volunteers.

### Chitty Chitty Bang Bang-on!

The Befriend a Child visit to HMT to see a performance of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang seems to have been a real hit. Or you could say it was 'bang on!' Here are just some of the comments from those who enjoyed the show.

**Just wanted to say how much Emily and I enjoyed the show. She is rarely as animated and joyful as she was when she watched the stage. It was magic just seeing her respond to the performance. We both had a super time. Many thanks.**

**Magnificent! Brilliant! Amazing! These were all words used by Dylan after seeing the show. Everyone there seemed to enjoy it too. I certainly did**

**Just want to say a massive thank you - I have never seen Emma so excited before. She literally sang the whole way through and sang all the way home afterwards. It was so nice to see after everything she has been through! I think you made one little girl very happy!**