

HAND IN HAND

Befriend a Child's Volunteer Newsletter
April 2010

A big **hello** and welcome to the April edition of Hand in Hand. I hope you're all feeling 'Easter-y'? (That's definitely not a word!) We seem to have said goodbye to the frost and hello to warmer days so there's no excuse for not getting out there and getting active! We have plenty of ideas for activities in and around the City, so why not try something new with your befriender this month?

Mother's Day Baking

The March group sessions with Bev were very well attended and saw some fantastic — and tasty — creations for Mother's Day. It's the real 'icing on the cake' to see so much enjoyment on the young people's faces



The season tickets for **Aberdeen's** home game with **St Johnstone** on April 10th (3pm kick off) are still available. Please call the office if you are interested in attending.

Summertime (Is almost here!)



Befriend a Child are running not one, but TWO summer trips this year!

The first is an outing to Berry Picking at Charleston Farm near Montrose on Saturday 24th July from 10am to 4pm.

And the following month, it's off to Edinburgh Zoo on Saturday 7th August from 8am to 8pm.

We have one bus going for both trips and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please call the office to reserve your place.



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Hello & Goodbye

Hello to:

Ruth
Caroline
Alan
Gail
David
Jessie
Aine
Victoria

Goodbye to:

No-one!

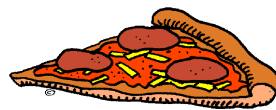
Reminder:

The Base Unit will be closed between Saturday, April 17th and Monday April 19th due to the Aberdeen holiday weekend.

Can all volunteers send in their expense claim form by **6th April** as it is the end of our financial year. Any claims submitted after this date may not be paid.

Don't forget — the next group session with Bev will be Pizza Making on Saturday, April 10th.

Places are available from 11am — 1pm and 1pm—3pm. Call the office (01224 210060) to confirm your place.



A Killer Time.....

Befriend a Child's latest fund-raiser — A Killer Cruise — was a real scream. The Murder Mystery featured staff and committee from the organisation and raised £645 for the Befriend a Child.

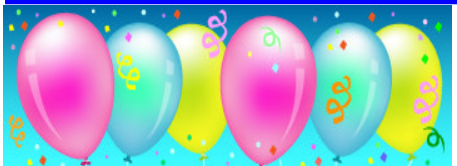


Aerobic Instructor Simon Richards (played by Craig Duncan) in the Befriend a Child Murder Mystery fund-raising dinner at the Carmelite Hotel.



A Very Happy Birthday to the following staff and volunteers who celebrate a April birthday:

Steven R	1st
Layla N	5th
Jennifer H	10th
Jane M	18th
Deborah E	19th
Laura W	21st
Duncan P	27th
Arlene M	28th
Gillian U	29th
Heather G	29th



Annual Evaluations

The Volunteer Co-ordinators will be contacting all the volunteers in the next few weeks to arrange a time to telephone to complete the evaluations. This will take approximately 10 minutes but is a vital exercise to allow the organisation to assess areas of success and for improvement. Thanks for your co-operation in advance

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April—What's On?

Easter Weekend 2,3,4,5:

Easter Egg-stravaganza Hunt @ Codonas
10am—11am. Call 01224 595910 or email
info@codonas.com for more info. Entry is £1
per child.

Easter Weekend Fun @ Storybook Glen. Free
Easter eggs for children all weekend.

Monday, April 5:

Forestry Commission Easter Bunny
Treasure Hunt @ Countesswells Wood Car
Park. 11am—3pm for ages 8 and under. £1 per
child. Call 01466 794161.

Thursday, April 8:

Rumpelstiltskin @ The Lemon Tree. Part of
the Puppet Animation Festival -
www.puppetanimationfestival.org - with tickets
At £5 plus booking fee from Aberdeen Box
Office. The show is suitable for ages 4+

UNTIL Sunday, April 18:

Wallace and Gromit Animated Adventures @
The Satrosphere Science Centre, Constitution
Street. The exhibition ends on April 18 so
hurry along to see the handmade sets and try
out stop motion movie making for yourself!

Throughout April:

Grampian Transport Museum in Alford has a
host of new displays, with entry at £6 for
adults and £3 for children. The museum is
well worth a visit - there are vehicles for
children to climb on, quizzes and much more.
To find out more call 019755 64517 or visit
www.gtm.org.uk.

