



HAND IN HAND

Befriend a Child's Volunteer Newsletter
November 2010

A big **hello** and welcome to the November edition of Hand in Hand. There's a chill in the air as Christmas (yes I said it) approaches and that means there's no better time to make use of the facilities here at the Base Unit in Bon Accord Square. So why not give the co-ordinator team a call and book a slot in one of the three room available? The Lorraine Craig Room (TV Lounge), Basement and Kitchen are all open for use—so why not give them a try?

The Annual Christmas Party at the Copthorne Hotel



Apologies for mentioning Christmas already...but this year's Befriend a Child Xmas Party will be held at the Copthorne Hotel on Sunday, December 19th 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

The Next Challenge

Fresh from the mammoth adventure of a cycle from Land's End to John O' Groats, volunteer Kyle Hewitt is looking for team mates for the Edinburgh Marathon next May. The 26 mile event will take place on Sunday, May 22nd and Kyle is already assembling Team

Befriend a Child to tackle the course around the picturesque nation's capital. A deposit of £60 is required to participate, with minimum sponsorship levels required. If you fancy setting yourself a goal for 2011, why not join Kyle and help raise funds for Befriend a Child at the same time?

If you are interested, please call the office on 01224 210060 for more details.



For The High Jump!

Befriender Ryan took to the skies recently for a brave skydive in St Andrews. Ryan put any fears he may have had behind him and only screamed for the first 2000 feet of the 10,000 foot jump!

As well as ticking the box for one of his personal challenges, he has been able to raise over £300 towards Befriend a Child.

Great job Ryan!



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Hello & Goodbye

Hello to:
Anisha, Kristina,
Catherine and Lizzie

Goodbye to
Sarah

We Wish You a Merry Xmas.....

Befriend a Child are already thinking of how we can support the vulnerable young people in our service.

The easiest way to make a donation this year? Don't send Xmas Cards! Why not give the money you would have spent to us, to help make the festive period special for the young people who need cheering up?

Better still, why not persuade your employers to start a Giving Tree - donating presents can be a great way of creating goodwill in the office!



Befriend a Child are on Facebook —

So don't forget to look us up. We have more than 100 members in our group — but we would be delighted with more! As well as the latest events and pix from our many different activities, there's an opportunity to share ideas for befriending outings.

If you're a volunteer and have had a particularly good outing, then why not tell us (and your fellow Befrienders), all about it?

We also like to share our good news with our Facebook friends — it's simple to keep updated on the latest developments while at work (on lunch hour of course) or even on the bus or train through your smart phone.

However, or whenever, you get your Facebook fix, make sure that Befriend A Child are part of it!



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

Fiona C	-	12th
Janice C	-	5th
Colin F	-	16th
Kyle H	-	21st
Ewa M	-	10th
Brian M	-	15th
Andrew S	-	3rd

Events

Friday, November 19th — Clairvoyant Evening @ Jubilee Hall, Portlethen. £15

Friday, November 26th — Quiz Night @ United Services Club from 7.30pm. £40 for a team of four.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Crafts with Bev - Saturday 4th December from 11am to 1pm and 1pm to 3pm.

Christmas Party — Sunday 19th December from 10.30am to 1.30pm at the Copthorne Hotel.

Give Jean a call on 01224 210060 if you wish to attend either of these festive events!



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November – What's On?

News In Brief

A reminder – Befriend a Child have six Access To Leisure cards available to Befrienders. The cards give you reduced entry to a number of facilities in the city. Call 01224 210060 to book.



Season tickets for Aberdeen's home games with Inverness Caley Thistle on Nov 10th (7.45pm) and St Johnstone on 20th Nov (3pm) are still available for bookings.



Anyone interested in lending a hand at our Xmas Bag Pack on Friday, Dec 3rd should contact Duncan on 01224 210060

Saturday and Sunday, 6th and 7th – Xmas Craft Fair at Haddo House. Why not bring in the festive season with some Christmas shopping in the beautiful surroundings of Haddo House Hall? Stalls include jewellery, glassware, homemade confectionary, toys, stained glass, Christmas decorations, toiletries and much more. 10am–4pm.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 10th, 11th and 12th – The Enchanted Castle @ Crathes. A winter wonderland at one of the North East's premier visitor attractions. See below for more details.

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th – International Street Market. The ever popular International Street Market returns to Union Terrace for three days, offering everything from German sausage to Belgian waffles! The free event runs from 9am to 6pm each day.

Saturday and Sunday, November 27th and 28th – Victorian Xmas at Fyvie Castle. Music in the Gallery with Chalmers Mackay Music School, Santa, Christmas decorations and gifts, festive treats in the Victorian Tea Room and various gift and craft stalls. Noon–4pm.

Enchanting Event

Crathes Castle is the venue for 'The Enchanted Castle' on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 10th, 11th and 12th.

The popular Deeside attraction will be transformed into a winter wonderland for three nights with stunning light and sound displays, storytelling sessions, fire breathers and jugglers, a magic zone and a Christmas shop.

Tickets are available from the Aberdeen Box Office on 01224 641122. Tickets are priced at £9 for an adult and £4 for children under 16.

Please note that Saturday evening is sold out.

For more information on the magical weekend event, visit www.theenchantedcastle.info

