

HAND IN HAND

Befriend a Child's Volunteer Newsletter
August 2011

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A big **hello** and welcome to the August edition of Hand In Hand. We are now into late summer but there still seems to be plenty of outdoor activity and lots to get excited about. We have two new staff members joining the team — hello to Andrew and Calum — so we look forward to their enthusiasm taking the organisation forward. And check out page 3 for some more ideas for outings as ever!

We Want You!

Befriend a Child are looking for two Befrienders to join our Management Committee. We would love to have one male and one female volunteer to represent the growing number of Befrienders. You need only attend four meetings a year (although you would be welcome to attend all 12) on the last Monday of every month, to discuss the work of the volunteers.

The meetings will last for 2 hours each maximum and would involve input as to befriending experiences and ideas/ suggestions for furthering the work of the organisation.

Please contact Karen on 01224 210060 if you would be interested in this role.

Date for your diaries.

Places are still available on

Saturday 6th August
for the Befriend a Child Picnic at Houghton Park in Alford between 10am and 4pm. Transport will be provided.

There will be three legged races, egg and spoon, rounders, football and of course the sack race! Please contact the office on 01224 210060 to register your interest in attending.



The Big Heart Horses' sessions near Insch have proved very popular with children and volunteers alike, with all sessions fully subscribed. The interaction between the horses and the youngsters has been a joy and has led to a lot of smiling faces. One place is available for August 28th—call Nicola to book.

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Ice Skating for £1

Looking for some inspiration with your Befriendee?

Northsound Cash for Kids has arranged a fantastic deal with Linx Ice Arena, Aberdeen Beach. Ice skating for children only £1 inclusive of skate hire!

This offer is only available on Tuesday 9th Aug for the 5.45pm - 7.15pm session and Saturday 13th August for the 10am - 11.30am session.

To reserve places email

michelle.ferguson@northsound.co.uk



Happy Birthday to the following Staff/Volunteers who celebrate an August birthday:

Pete M	-	3rd
Angela P	-	4th
Frank Y	-	5th
Wendy G	-	9th
Kristina B	-	10th
Dawn Y	-	11th
Diane M	-	13th
Sophie B	-	15th
Helen B	-	18th
Seonaid	-	18th
Jemma A	-	29th

BOOK NOW

THE HAUNTING OF HILTON HOOSE

Halloween Party

A Night To Reunite and Tell Tales of Murder & Mystery 10 Years To The Day

Friday 21st October
7pm for 7.30pm Start
Douglas Hotel
£25 per head
Includes Meal & Themed Entertainment

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Murder Mystery

Tickets are on sale now for the next Befriend a Child Murder Mystery Fundraiser on Friday, October 21st. The Haunting of Hilton Hoose will be held at the Douglas Hotel, from 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £25 which includes meal, themed entertainment and disco. To book, call the office on 01224 210060 or go online to www.befriendachild.org.uk.

Hello to

Laura
Allison
Louise

Goodbye and thank you
to

Dave M
Heather B

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What's On In August

Thursday 4th — Teddybear's Picnic @ Tyrebagger Woods. For youngsters aged 3-7, take your teddy and a picnic to the woods for an adventure. 11am–12.30.

Wednesday 10th — Fun Day @ Grampian Transport Museum, Alford. Ride in and on an exciting variety of vintage and modern vehicles on the road circuit and local roads; buses to supercars, fire engines to snow ploughs! Other activities will include magic, quizzes and competitions.

Saturday, August 20th — Lourin Fayre, Old Rayne. A traditional country fayre including Clydesdale horses, kid's stalls, duck races and dog show. £4 entry for adults and £2 for children, with free parking.

Saturday, August 27th — Portlethen Gala. The second annual Befriend a Child Portlethen Gala from noon to 5pm in the academy grounds. Live music, food stalls, children's games and all in aid of Befriend a Child! Entry is free.

One space has become available for horse riding at Big Heart Horses near Inch on Sunday, August 28th from 11am — 12.30pm.

Call Nicola to book on 01224 210060.

The next group session with Bev will be on Saturday, September 3rd with the usual sessions from 11am-1pm and 1pm-3pm. The theme will be Art Attack and Games.

Cocoa Ooze are back on Sunday, September 11th

Between 1pm and 3pm. We still have spaces so give

Nicola a call on 01224 210060 to reserve a place.

New Faces

We would like to welcome—and introduce—two new staff members to the organisation. Andrew Reid has joined the fundraising department as a Trust and Community Fundraiser. Andrew has a wealth of experience in PR and will be focusing on increasing income through Trust applications, and getting out and about to meet the public to establish the profile of Befriend a Child with new audiences.

Calum Lawrie comes to us from the hospitality industry and will be taking up the role of fourth Volunteer Co-ordinator with responsibility for recruitment and support of our valued Befrienders. This is a change of direction for Calum but one which he is very much looking forward to.

Andrew can be contacted by email — Andrew@befriendachild.org.uk and Calum on calum@befriendachild.org.uk.