

HAND IN HAND

Befriend a Child's Volunteer Newsletter
June 2011



A big **hello** and welcome to the June edition of Hand In Hand. It's exciting times at the charity as we look to expand our team to provide befriending for lots more young people in the city and shire. And with more Befrienders on board, that means lots more ideas for outings and stories about where you've been and what you enjoyed. Keep them coming!

Getting Crafty! A volunteer's view

C and I have thoroughly enjoyed the various crafts session arranged by Befriend A Child, from the arts sessions with Bev to the ceramic painting at I Heart Art, so something crafty was definitely on the cards for our next outing.

A quick look online and I had the number for Bead Crazy on St Andrew Street (at the back of John Lewis). I phoned in advance to check opening times I was advised there was going to be a birthday party taking place so we scheduled our visit around that.

Once again, Befriend a Child are teaming up with Spree Books this summer! We are expecting delivery of the books — which provide fantastic discounts on everything from meals out to swimming pools — in August.

If you would like to purchase a Spree Book — £23 each — then please call Elaine on 01224 210060 as soon as possible to reserve yours.

Thank you



Bead Crazy is packed floor to ceiling with (yup, you guessed it) beads. Ranging in price from 1p up to a couple of pounds a bead, it really can suit any budget. Thankfully we found a pre-mixed bags of beads and elastic worked out quite inexpensive so once we'd paid we headed to their Beading Room where we had the space, peace and quiet to assemble a necklace and bracelets. It was easy enough to pop back into the shop and top up on materials.

C was really pleased with her jewellery, especially as she'd made them herself. The girls in the shop were pleasant and helpful. The shop has a great range of beads, accessories and kits which would suit a variety of ages. **We'll definitely be making a return visit!**

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Jumping For Joy!

St Margaret's School pupil Ellie McGowan was delighted to meet Kuddles the Kangaroo, Befriend a Child's new mascot.

12 year old Ellie was the winner of our recent competition and saw her creation come to life as our new permanent mascot. As part of the prize, Ellie—along with runners up Alexandra Riddell and Anoshe Hussain—will enjoy a tour of Pittodrie Stadium and a special lunch at Befriend a Child. Well done all who took part!

Happy Birthday to the following Staff/Volunteers who celebrate a June birthday:

Lindsay C	-	1st
Sandra M	-	2nd
Agnieszka O	-	2nd
Jade K	-	7th
Linda W	-	11th
Michelle B	-	12th
Claire T	-	15th
Lisa M	-	21st
Hilary D	-	21st
Aine O	-	22nd

Bag Pack

Befriend a Child have secured a bag packing slot at Asda Portlethen on Saturday, July 23rd from 10am to 4pm.

We would be delighted if anyone can lend a hand for a couple of hours on the day. If you have some spare time, please call Duncan on 210060 to register your name and preferred time.

GE Oil & Gas

Easter Coffee Afternoon

Thank You to everyone who supported our Easter Coffee Afternoon for Befriend a Child

We raised a total of **£462.27**



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The bunnies were won by:
Gail Anderson
Scot Kelly
Duncan Mustard &
George Melrose



Hello to

Aileen
Geoff
James
Michelle

Goodbye and thank you to
Andrew

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turn a frown upside down

A wee reminder:

Please leave the base unit kitchen as you find it after using. It is vital that we retain a high level of cleanliness for all users. Thank you.

Don't forget—this year's Summer

Outing is to HAUGHTON PARK, ALFORD. We are now taking names for the trip on Saturday, 6th August 10am - 4pm.

Places are available for the I Heart Art, chocolate making sessions and horse riding. For more information on any of these activities call The Volunteer Coordinators on 210060.

We are still looking for volunteers and children to take part in Celebrate Aberdeen on Saturday, 11TH June

June – What's On?

Throughout June – Fossils and Funny Bones at

Satrosphere Science Centre. A journey through time with an interactive exhibition exploring the prehistoric world through hands on activities.

Saturday, June 4th – Feein' Market @ Stonehaven. A wide range of market stalls plus a packed programme of

entertainment including piping, Highland dancing and the Stonehaven and District Lions Club. Runs from 10am to 4pm.

Saturday, June 4th – Cushnie Picnic and Games. Fun day at Milton of Crathie near Alford. BBQ, Tea Tent, trade and community stalls, bouncy castle, heavy events, games and races. Official opening at 1:30pm by Towie Pipeband. Entry is free.

Saturday, June 11th – Celebrate Aberdeen Parade along Union Street.

Aberdeen's third sector unite in a spectacular parade starting at Harlaw Academy, proceeding all the way down Union Street to the Castlegate, supported by an array of street performers, local celebrities and musical entertainment. Befriend a Child will be taking part so please join us from 11am.

Saturday, June 11th – Catterline Gala. A summer gala with the usual range of games, stalls and food. The event runs from 1pm to 4pm

Sunday, June 19th – Rockpool Rummage at Stonehaven. Join the Coastal Ranger on a rockpool rummage. Find out how plants and animals survive the constant pounding by waves and changing conditions. Are they suckers, gluers or tanglers? Learn how you can use seaweed to forecast the weather. Entry is free but booking is essential on 01358 751337.

