

HAND IN HAND

Befriend a Child's Volunteer Newsletter
October 2011

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A big **hello** and welcome to the October edition of Hand In Hand. Thoughts turn to Halloween around this time, and it's no

different at Befriend a Child. Why not think about attending one of our Halloween group sessions? Bev will be carving up pumpkins on Saturday, October 22nd from 11am. And the annual party is on Sunday, October 30th at 2pm in the United Services Club.

Befriender Gladys Thomson (right) was joined by two of her best friends Pat and Maureen for a fantastic joint 60th birthday party for 120 guests. The ladies have been friends for many years and have held joint parties for many of their landmark birthdays.

The party at the Dee Swimming Club raised a fantastic total of £808 through raffle and mini bingo.

Thanks to all 3 for your generosity in supporting Befriend a Child.



We have been nominated for a grant from the RBS Community Force award scheme and could be awarded £6,000 towards our ongoing work supporting vulnerable children in Aberdeen and the shire.

We would really appreciate your support and would be so grateful if you would vote for us to receive one of the grants available. Only the three most popular nominations within each area (Aberdeen and Angus for Befriend A Child) will receive a grant.

Voting is open now and runs until **October 23rd** so please visit our application to register and vote by clicking the following link: <http://communityforce.rbs.co.uk/project/847>

Date for your diaries

Saturday 22nd, 11am
Halloween Themed Group Session with Bev

Sunday 30th, 2.30pm
Annual Befriend a Child Halloween Party

Wednesday, 16th
November

Quarterly Training
7pm to 9pm. Child Psychologists from Aberdeen City Council

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New Additions, and Fond Farewells

The Befriend a Child Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday, September 28th. Following positive reports on the 2009/10 financial year from both Jean Gordon on behalf of the Volunteer Co-ordinators, and Fundraising Officer Alan Sanderson, four new management committee members were elected. A big Befriend a Child welcome to Louise MacDonald, Kristina Barclay, Rod Leach and Graham McWilliam. We look forward to engaging with the new committee members and capitalising on their passion and new ideas for the organisation.

The meeting also unfortunately saw Chairman Scott Baxter step down from his position due to other commitments. Scott was a very influential and positive influence on Befriend a Child during his time with us, but will still be available to advise and support us as we continue to grow. Thanks to Scott on behalf of all staff and volunteers at Befriend a Child.

Our new Chairman is Derek Younie, who has been associated with the charity for over two years now and is looking forward to the challenge of 2012 and beyond!

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

Laura W	-	2nd
Kate W	-	8th
Ruth N	-	11th
Martha B	-	12th
Emma Jane C	-	13th
Margaret M	-	13th
Catherine B	-	14th
Monica W	-	20th
Jill G	-	22nd
Karen F	-	24th
Lesley O	-	26th
Kyle M	-	30th

Hello to

Aisling
Amy
Jackie
Naomi

Goodbye and thank you
to

Michelle
Fiona
Wendy
Mark
Margaret

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

To Book Contact
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www.befriendachild.org.uk

Murder Mystery

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have unfortunately had to cancel the Haunting of Hilton Hoose on October 21st.

Apologies to all those who had bought/planned to buy tickets.

Please keep an eye on the

website—

www.befriendachild.org.uk— for the 2012 events calendar!

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Spaces are still available for the next Chocolate Making sessions with Jamie on Saturday and Sunday, October 8th and 9th. Call Jean to book your place — 01224 210060.

Jim Lamb of Customdubz in Kingswells is offering 10% off the total garage bill to all volunteer befrienders. Just mention Befriend a Child at the time of booking and produce your ID badge when paying! Call Jim on 746842 or visit www.customdubz.com.

Please follow Befriend a Child through social media:

Twitter
[@befriendachild](https://twitter.com/befriendachild)

Facebook.com
[/befriendachild](https://www.facebook.com/befriendachild)

Thursday, 3rd November 2011
7pm – 11pm



Cocktails & Canapés on arrival

- * Hair & beauty room
- * Hunky topless waiters
- * Charity raffle
- * Tarot reader
- * A variety of stalls
- * Singing by Rachel

Tickets priced at £10 per person to also include 1 raffle ticket

* All ticket & raffle monies will be donated to Befriend A Child

Call Kerry on 01224 640 233 to book

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