

HAND IN HAND

Befriend a Child's Volunteer Newsletter
September 2011

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A big **hello** and welcome to the

September edition of Hand In Hand. We're in the final third of 2011 already—hard to believe! So much has gone on at Befriend a Child this year and we are delighted with the response to group activities and your feedback on outings. Please make a note in your diary of all the upcoming events—we wouldn't want you to miss a thing!

Here Comes The Sun

A sack race, football, skipping, egg and spoon race..... It was a return to the traditional Sports Day for this year's annual Summer Outing. This year's destination was Alford's Haughton Park. And Mr Sunshine was kind enough to make an appearance to ensure a fine day was had by all.

Volunteers, staff and children alike all joined in the fun — We're not sure who enjoyed it more! We are keen to hear all feedback from those who attended — and indeed those who didn't, to allow us to plan future outings. So like the participants in the sack race, 'Hop To it!'



Date for your diaries

Wednesday 14th:

Volunteer Quarterly Training at the Chill Out Zone, Castlegate. 7pm.

Saturday and

Sunday, 24th and 25th: Base Unit will be closed for the long weekend.

* Please Note:

The Base Unit will be OPEN during the October holidays. Please call to book a room between 10am and 7.30pm.

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SPOOKTACULAR

It's almost that time of year again for the annual Befriend a Child Halloween Party. This year, the event falls on Sunday, October 30th and will be held as ever, at the United Services Club between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

Please register your interest in joining in the freaky fun by calling the office. All children and volunteers are encouraged to dress up for the occasion!



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

Fiona H	-	1st
Catharine K	-	9th
Susan P	-	9th
John M	-	11th
Alice R	-	12th
Gladys T	-	19th
Dan W	-	19th
Anna M	-	21st
Amber S	-	21st
Shirley M	-	24th
Sami M	-	26th

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

Kimberley, Autumn, Caroline;
Susan
Mercedes, Cally, Emma,
Louise
and Shona

Goodbye and thank you to

Sarah, Heather, Kathleen,
Kyle
and Wendy

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What's On In September

Sunday 4th — Grampian Motorcycle Convention @ Grampian Transport Museum, Alford. Supermoto, mopeds, extreme trials — a motorcycle enthusiast's dream! Open from 10am-4.30pm. Adults £10, children £5.

Saturday 10th — Doors Open Day. An annual event, this is a chance to visit many of Aberdeen's buildings and attractions FOC. A number of sites are taking part including Aberdeen Arts Centre, Marischal College and Aberdeen Sports Village. For more details on each venue visit www.doorsopendays.org.uk.

Sunday 18th — Beachwatch 2011: Stonehaven. Wellies are a must for this search for marine life among the rocks and pools of Stonehaven beach. The event runs from 10am-noon starting from the Beach Pavillion next to Molly Gunnings.

The next group session with Bev will be this Saturday, September 3rd with the usual sessions from 11am-1pm and 1pm-3pm. The theme will be Art Attack and Games. In October, Bev will be doing a session on Pumpkin Carving and Soup (Saturday 22nd)

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Cocoa Ooze
Chocolate

sessions—Sunday, September 11th, 1pm-3pm; Saturday, October 8th, 11am-1pm and Sunday, October 9th, 1pm-3pm.

We still have spaces so give Nicola a call on 01224 210060 to reserve a place.

These will be held at **225 North Deeside Road, Peterculter.**



GALA DAY!

The second annual Portlethen Gala was a big success on Saturday, August 27th. As well as stalls selling everything from toys and handbags, to home-bakes and jewellery, there was plenty of entertainment available. Live music by Standby and solo performer Michael Dart; inflatables; climbing wall; funfair and a very busy barbecue meant the local crowd had plenty to keep them occupied.

Befriend a Child's very own Kuddles the Kangaroo even turned up—and proved a star performer at the Beat the Goalie competition!

Plans are already underway for next year's event - watch this space for details!