

Winter 2016

Dawn, Louise and
the Board of
The Garioch Partnership
would like to wish you
a Merry Christmas
and a very happy
and successful 2017



The Garioch Partnership Office
will close for the holidays on Wednesday 21st December.
We will be back in the office on Thursday 5th January 2017.
We're looking forward to seeing you next year!

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Funding

Co-op Local Community Fund

Co-op members get 1% of everything they spend on Co-op products to give to a local cause that matters to them. You can now apply to be one of these causes for the next round of funding, running from March to September 2017 as they are looking for 3 projects in each of around 1,500 local communities across the UK.

You must apply by 16 December.

For more information and to apply, see their website:

<https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

Free online fundraising

Charities will be able to raise funds through online raffles after a dedicated digital platform was launched this month.

Zaffo (<http://info.zaffo.com/>) allows charities to create raffles, sell tickets and manage campaigns online.

Zaffo raffles are completely free to set up and can be ran in conjunction with traditional paper raffles.

Read more at Third Force News:

<http://bit.ly/2gyAD8O>

Community Initiative Grants

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to the latest successful applicants to TGP's Community Initiative Grant scheme.



Organisation	Project	Amount awarded
iConnect	Basic Digital Life Skills	£900.00
Aberdeenshire Pupil Participation Forum	Aberdeenshire Youth Volunteering Awards	£750.00



**Would you like
some cash?!
Unlike Scrooge,
we've got money
to gve away!**

There's still money in the pot for this financial year, so if you have a project that you'd like funded, get in touch.

You'll find more details on our website:

www.gariochpartnership.org.uk

or e-mail

info@gariochpartnership.org.uk.

News

A recent study by Lloyds banking group has found that 49% of third sector organisations lack basic digital skills, including such things as having a website, having a social media presence or an ability to accept online giving. The report also suggests that charities that are more 'digitally aware' are 28% more likely to report an increase in funding than those who aren't.

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), the umbrella body for Scottish charities, highlight that many people and organisations across the sector do not have the confidence, knowledge or skills to make the most of these opportunities. Funding is also an issue.

Helping people and third sector organisations in Scotland develop their digital potential



To do its part SCVO has launched the One Digital programme in a bid to make Scotland a world-leading digital nation by 2020.

This has seen 500 people, known as digital champions, from over 300

different organisations trained to deliver training, support and guidance for those working or volunteering in the third sector and encourages them to pass those skills on.

SCVO has supported a further 84 organisations to help their beneficiaries to develop basic digital skills through the Digital Participation Challenge Fund and over the past six months it has brought together 19 leaders from across Scotland's third sector to participate in an digital leadership course.

Read more at Third Force News: <http://bit.ly/2gu16DX>

Would you like more help with improving your digital skills? Let us know.

In order to provide the best support to our member organisations, Dawn and Louise both work flexible hours and regularly work away from the office.

We will do our best to return messages left on our answer machine as soon as we can, but we cannot guarantee an immediate response.

If you need a prompt reply, it may be better to drop us an e-mail:

Dawn – dawn@gariochpartnership.org.uk

Louise – info@gariochpartnership.org.uk



TGP were very pleased to attend the recent Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action annual conference on Nov 23rd in the Town Hall. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and to make contact with new folk too!

A very busy day with lots of people, a wide range of very useful workshops and the networking event in the main hall too. Thanks to everyone who stopped to speak – I love learning what everyone is trying to achieve in their groups, and to see if there is any way we can assist. It

really was a great reminder about how vibrant and active our communities are.

The key note speech from Lesley Riddoch was interesting looking at community development contrasting the Nordic nations with ourselves, and looking at some really great, innovative work happening across Scotland.

There was a really lively atmosphere in the hall, and the feedback from the workshops was the same... and lovely catering from the Fly Cup too, what more could a day need!



Have your say!

Aberdeenshire Council are giving you the chance to have your say on their budget proposals.

They are using an online survey with infographics and a few simple, short questions to make it easy to give your opinions on each of 7 different budget topics.

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/our-budget/budget-engagement>

Closing date – 3rd January 2016



Now that SensationALL have secured larger premises within the Westhill area, they have an opportunity to plan for a number of different groups and services which we hope will continue to meet the support needs of not only our existing service user families, but for others who may be new to SensationALL, or seeking groups and services which would be beneficial to them and their needs.

They would value YOUR feedback in assisting them in their planning for the New Year. Their survey is online, at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9W6LJ3B>

INSPIRING 2017
ABERDEENSHIRE



Nominations open NOW!

Do you know somebody who has gone the extra mile to support a project or people in your community? Why not nominate them for these Aberdeenshire Council awards celebrating the very best of our community?

There are 10 award categories, including a 'Best of' honour for each of Aberdeenshire's six administrative areas, as well as four special awards: Outstanding Leader Award, Young Leader, The Doric Award, and Pupil Voice.

Cast your nominations before 1st

February by visiting:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IAbsh2017

Congratulations Fly Cup!

We love being able to share good news.

If you've got any news, events or training - let us know



Inspiring Insch

Eh? – Fit's this a' aboot and far
about div I find oot?

Insch Community Education Centre
– opposite the Co-op

When – Every Tuesday morning
10am – 2pm

Fit are they aboot? – a wee social
githerin, sometimes activities are on,
bit ye tak pairt if ye wint

Fit dis is cost – nowt, weel at's nae
strictly true, jist a wee donation for yer
cuppa and a fancy piece, and as
muckle refills as ye wid like

Brakfist is made as' weel – it could
be onything fae cheese on toast tae a
gourmet delight – o loaf, wi the middle
howked oot and filled wi egg, ham and
cheese. Ah, a pure delight?

Fa's this group for – onybody and
abidy, young and auld. Jist dander on
in and be yer sel

So, jist ye mak a note o 'is and mine
and dander on doon, bring a frein, yer
a' mair than welcome.

Oh, and afore I forget, we hiv a
sister group in Inverurie. The affa fine
Community Champion Quine at Tesco,
let's us and ithers rin the LINKS café in
their wee community room up aside
the claise in Tesco ivery ither Tuesday
aifterneen – 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

Come along tae a wee post Xmas
get thegather there on 29th December
tae find oot mair.

The Spark offers
relationship
counselling and
support to couples,
individuals, families
and young people across Scotland – by
phone, online or face-to-face.



Whatever your relationship, expert
support can help to:

- Improve communication
- Improve mental health & wellbeing
- Increase awareness of other's needs
- Stabilise family life
- Revitalise your relationship
- Reduce stress

The Relationship Helpline - talk
through your relationship concerns
with our experienced Helpline team.
Call **free** from landlines and most
mobiles on **0808 802 2088** or use our
live web chat.

Relationship Counselling - take time to
think about your situation and talk
things through with a professional
online, over the phone or face to face
in Inverurie. There is a charge for the
sessions but we try to keep this as
affordable as possible, contact our
Appointments team **free** to discuss this
on 0808 802 2088.

The above services can also support
individuals or couples that may be
dealing with the feeling of isolation.

Please visit our website at
www.thespark.org.uk or contact us on
the numbers above.



The Bothie is a purpose built, straw bale insulated community hub in the heart of Kintore, opened in December 2013 and driven by Action Kintore, a charity set up to provide facilities for the community with the help of many local organisations including Grampian Opportunities, Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action and TGP.

The Bothie is home to a range of youth and community groups and is available to hire for meetings and birthday parties. With the help of volunteers and youth workers, groups have been set up to provide a safe, fun environment for the young people in Kintore to attend and get some support and advice on issues currently affecting them.

We also hold fundraising events (mostly run by the young people who attend the Bothie) in order to raise money to fund the group activities and resources.

Help at the Bothie

We are always on the look-out for more volunteers to help with our projects, fundraising, or even at one of our events.

So if any of this interests YOU, please don't hesitate to contact our youth and volunteer co-ordinator, Rachel Lewis, to hear more about what you can do for your community.

Training and support supervision meetings are provided to ensure your volunteering experience is the best one!

Otherwise, follow our Facebook page for updates and to find out what we're getting up to at the Bothie.

E-mail- Thebothiekintore@gmail.com

Phone number- 07842265814

Facebook- The Bothie Kintore

***** Our Biggest Fundraiser Yet!!! *****

We have our very own personalised calendars for 2017! Featuring photographs of the Bothie itself, some of the young people, arts and crafts made by the Bothie users and of course, photos from our fundraised trip to Aberfeldy, Perthshire in June 2016.

There is only a limited amount of these to sell so put your orders in ASAP! £10 per calendar, all proceeds go back into the running of the Bothie and towards a potential trip for the Bothie kids next summer! Contact 07842265814 or e-mail our youth and volunteer coordinator, Rachel Lewis on thebothiekintore@gmail.com to place your order today!

Groups on at the Bothie

Mondays - 3.30pm-5pm: A junior youth club where kids from P5-P7 can come along and hang out! The Bothie is open for them to play pool, use the xbox, wii, ps2 and even outdoor games on nice afternoons. There are also tablets and laptops available. There are snacks available to purchase while they are at the Bothie. Any homework can be taken there and completed, perhaps with minimal help from the youth workers/volunteers.

Mondays – 5pm-7.30pm: We have piloted a study group before and evidence shows it was a great idea! So as requested by the young people, we are opening up a Monday night again for the study group to continue! This group is open purely for young people to do homework and to study in a relaxed environment, with minimal help from staff. Previously the group have taken supper along, either from home or from a take away nearby; but this is a preference for each person who attends.

Tuesdays- 7pm-8.45pm: The Kintore YAFTS (Young and Free To Speak) group is open to S1 up to 18 year olds. The young people who attend this group are very interest in fundraising and working towards awards, so with the help of youth workers and volunteers, fund raising events will be more frequent and the young people can get Saltire/Youth achievement awards by working together to make these events happen. Issue based workshops are also provided at this group, where the young people can get help and support on any issues currently affecting them, whether it's exam stress, home life, drugs and alcohol issues and many more. The young people can also use the above facilities if they do not wish to take part in any of the activities.

Thursdays 7pm-8.45pm: After the success of this last term, this new group, now called Stand Up, will continue! This group is open to all young people in S3 and up. Last term we worked on employability skills; what to prepare for when going to interviews, how to write CV's, personal statements and cover letters and more importantly, how to apply for jobs! Towards the end of term we delivered some sessions on how to apply for your driver's licence, book lessons and tests and very basic car maintenance. Stand Up is about delivering focused work to the young people to better their understanding and knowledge on issues that they are facing, current and future.



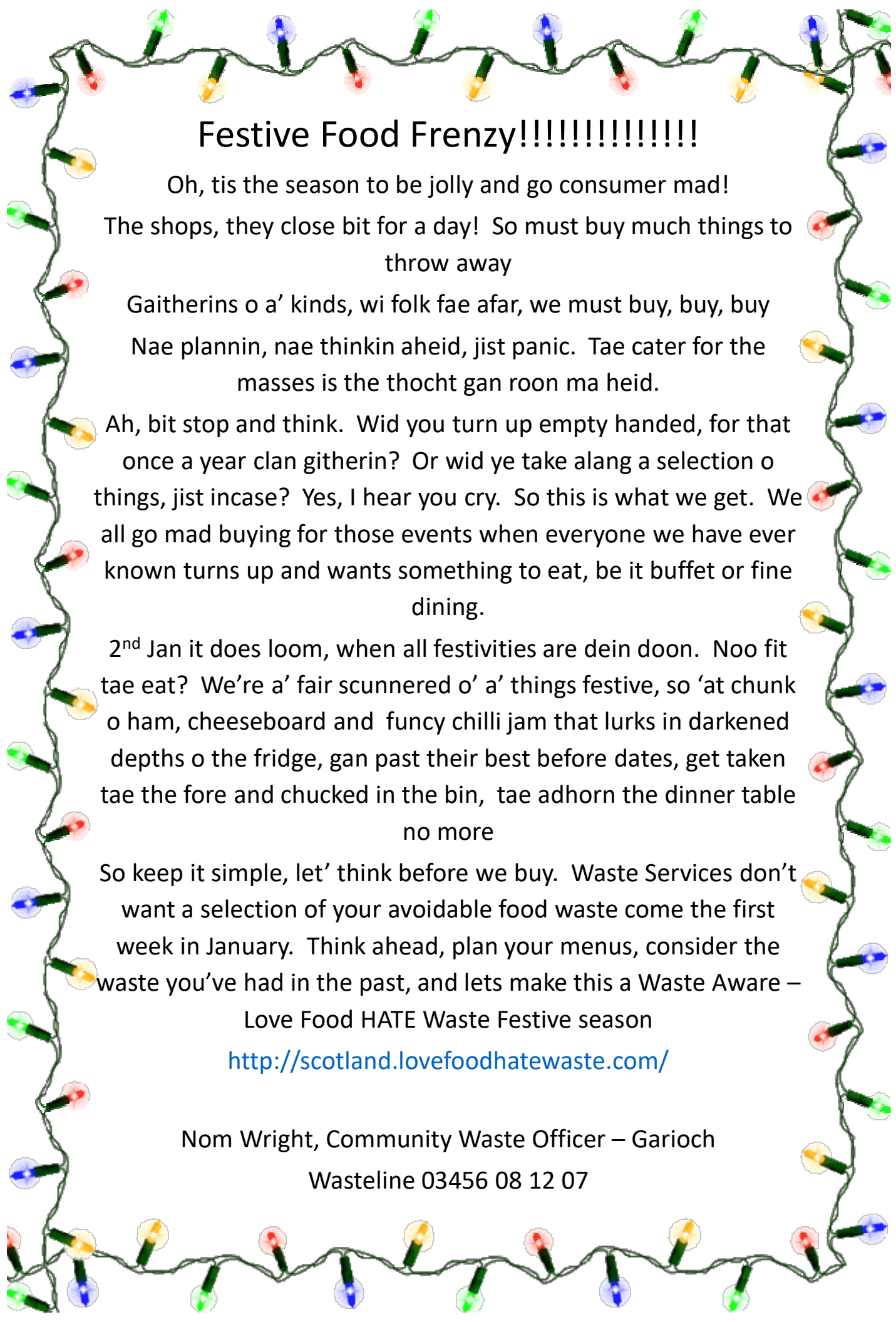
We regularly share links to funding sources, news and updates on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Follow us at:



The Garioch Partnership



@Garioch_tweets



Festive Food Frenzy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Oh, tis the season to be jolly and go consumer mad!

The shops, they close bit for a day! So must buy much things to
throw away

Gaitherins o a' kinds, wi folk fae afar, we must buy, buy, buy
Nae plannin, nae thinkin aheid, jist panic. Tae cater for the
masses is the thocht gan roon ma heid.

Ah, bit stop and think. Wid you turn up empty handed, for that
once a year clan githerin? Or wid ye take along a selection o
things, jist incase? Yes, I hear you cry. So this is what we get. We
all go mad buying for those events when everyone we have ever
known turns up and wants something to eat, be it buffet or fine
dining.

2nd Jan it does loom, when all festivities are dein doon. Noo fit
tae eat? We're a' fair scunnered o' a' things festive, so 'at chunk
o ham, cheeseboard and funky chilli jam that lurks in darkened
depths o the fridge, gan past their best before dates, get taken
tae the fore and chunked in the bin, tae adorn the dinner table
no more

So keep it simple, let' think before we buy. Waste Services don't
want a selection of your avoidable food waste come the first
week in January. Think ahead, plan your menus, consider the
waste you've had in the past, and lets make this a Waste Aware –
Love Food HATE Waste Festive season

<http://scotland.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>

Nom Wright, Community Waste Officer – Garioch
Wasteline 03456 08 12 07

Events

WINTER FORUM

23RD JANUARY 2017



A Burns Night
evening of music,
entertainment and
information.

6.30 for 7pm,
Fly Cup, Inverurie, AB51 4FS

TGP NETWORKING & LEARNING EVENT



RSVP

info@gariochpartnership.org.uk
by 16th January 2017

BURNS night ceilidh

FRIDAY 27TH 8-12PM

JANUARY 2017 ASHDALE HALL
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How can TGP Help you?

We can support you with:

- Project planning
- Governance
- Sourcing funding
- Consulting & engagement
- Handling "red-tape"

We've also got a variety of equipment that groups can borrow for free, including a digital camera and data projector.

We can also provide Independent Examination of your charity accounts (for a small fee: £40 for members and £60 + mileage for non-members).

For more information on these, contact the office.

Members...

If you know of any groups who may be interested in joining The Garioch Partnership, please let us know and we'll pass on an application form.

1 st Stop Toddlers, Kemnay	Action Kintore	Alhousiewells School Parent Council	Balies of Bennachie	Bennachie Community Council
Bennachie Leisure Centre	Bogbeth Pavilion	Business Matters Aberdeen	Cluny, Midmar & Monymusk Community Council	Computers & Integration
Comfields Scotland Limited	Echt School PTCA	Echt & Skene Community Council	Fetternear Hall	Fintray & Kinellar Community Council
Footprints Connect	Foos yer Doo	Fly Cup Catering Ltd	Friends of Garlogie Day Centre	Friends of Insch Hospital and Community
Garidge Theatre	Garioch Art Group	Garioch Community Kitchen	Garioch Community Sports Hub	
Garioch Heritage	Garioch Indoor Bowling Club		Garioch Jazz Club	Garioch Under 5s Forum
Garioch Youth Musical Society	GATE		Girl Guiding Gordon	Gordon Dementia Services
Grampian Opportunities	Greener Kemnay	Hatton of Fintray Hall & Community Association		Homestart Garioch
ICAN	Insch PTA	Insch Connections Museum	Insch School Parent Council	Inschy Windy Spiders
Inspiring Insch	Inverurie Angling Association		Inverurie Community Council	Inverurie & District Men's Shed
Inverurie Events	Inverurie Hockey Club		Kemnay Breakfast & After School Club	Kemnay Community Council
Kemnay Monday Club	Kemnay Village Hall Management Committee		Kiddiwinks	Kingseat Community Association
Kinellar Hall and Community Association	Kintore & District Community Council			Lawsfordale Sports Centre Trust
Logie Burn Hall Committee	Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene		Newmachar Community Council	Newmachar Community Hall Association
Newmachar Playgroup	Old Rayne Community Association		Oyne Community Association	Pitscurry Environmental Project
Port Elphinstone Community House	Port Elphinstone Parent Council		Port Toddlers	Premnay Hall & Community Association
Rotary Club of Blackburn	RSPB Kemnay Wildlife Explorers	Southall Playgroup, Westhill		SensationALL
South West Aberdeenshire CAB	Spectrum Singers		St Andrew's Church	St Lawrence Hall, Old Rayne
The Philosophy Café	Wartle Community Association	WEA Scotland	Westhill & Elnick Community Council	Westhill Community Church
Westhill Community Sports Hub	Westhill Golf Club		Westhill Men's Shed	85

building a connected community

Dates for your diary

Friday 9 th December	The Bothie Kintore – Birthday Party
Wednesday 21 st December	Schools close for Christmas
Wednesday 21 st December	TGP Office closes for holidays
Thursday 5 th January 2017	TGP Office reopens
23 rd January 2017	TGP Winter Forum
27 th January 2017	SensationALL Burns Night Ceilidh



The next edition of the Garioch Gazette, TGP's quarterly e-bulletin will be published in March. Any articles should be sent to info@gariochpartnership.org.uk by **Friday 10th March**.

This newsletter is circulated to a mailing list of approx. 200 "active citizens" who in turn are invited to circulate it to their personal and community networks - caring and sharing!

If there is anything else you would like to see in the newsletter, please let us know.



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