

PARCELS FOR PENSIONERS CAMPAIGN



Chocolates, ham, soup, biscuits, cakes, pasta sounds like any average family's shopping list. But you would need to multiply it many times over before you would achieve the food mountain which was stored in the Medical Room during the first week of December.

Once again we were responding to the Action North-East Christmas Food Appeal. This is a project which tries to ensure that needy people, elderly or disabled, receive at least one nice parcel at Christmas time.

Our class representatives worked valiantly, collecting donations from their Registration

classes, and taking them down to the central storage point each morning.

Finally, one lunchtime there was one last chore, packing the goodies into boxes for uplifting, as the photograph shows. In all, we counted 420 separate items which were collected by the WRVS and taken away for local distribution. It was encouraging to hear one pupil remark that her grandmother had received a parcel last year, so the campaign does show results in our area.

Thanks to those many pupils and parents who donated goods so generously, and to the class representatives who are now skilled parcel packers.

MAIRI STEELE

FOOTBALL STAR

Rachel Hamill in 1D has been an enthusiastic football player for some years. By Primary 5 at Bucksburn Primary, she was a regular mid-field player and the only girl in the team. Her team won the Primary Schools League that year.

The following year she moved to Dyce Primary - and to her surprise found complete opposition to a girl in their midst. Undaunted she moved to Cove Rangers - a completely female team. That year her team won the League, the League Cup and reached the final of the Scottish Cup against Cumbernauld.

Rachel is pleased to say that Dyce then recognised her talents and she was invited to play for Dyce Primary first team the following year.

This year Cove Rangers is continuing to top the Under-16s League, with Rachel scoring the 100th goal this season - and that's only in nine games!

As in any sport there is lots of hard work behind the scenes. Virtually every Thursday evening Rachel trains at Springhill Community Centre in Sheddocksley.

Unsurprisingly she enjoys all sports, but her favourite is football.

CHARITIES Children in Need

The charity 'Children in Need' is £137 better off, thanks to the support of Hayley Smith in 2A. She and her sister in primary school persuaded some of their friends to try a 24-hour famine.

Hayley made up the sponsor form, decided the most appropriate times and checked out what they were allowed to consume - only barley sugars and milk! The girls found few difficulties but nevertheless appreciated their 'square meals' the following day.

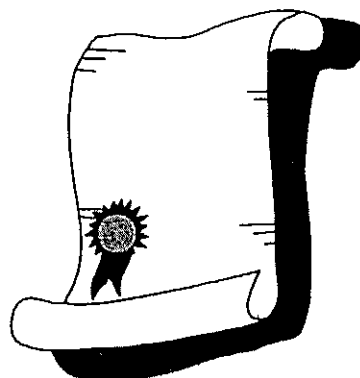
Comic Relief Day

Some third year pupils would like to try fundraising for Comic Relief on 17 March. Any first, second or third years interested should contact

either Michelle Merchant or Craig McAskill (3B) or Mrs Giles, English Department.

CONGRATULATIONS

..... to Colin Caie, one of our Newmachar ex-pupils, who recently graduated BSc in Electronic and Electrical Engineering from Robert Gordon University.



S1/2 CHRISTMAS DISCO



On Wednesday 21 December at 7.30 pm, if you had gone into the school canteen you may have thought you were somewhere else! With decorations wall to wall, mistletoe in strategic

places and the DJ with disco lights, everyone was in the party mood - even Mr Bruce who danced expertly to 'Saturday Night'.

A raffle was held, the winning tickets were drawn by Mr Taylor and the winners were as follows :

Mystery Prize (a large teddy bear)	-	Mark Flett
2nd Prize	-	Angela Campbell
3rd Prize	-	Stuart Henderson
4th Prize	-	Steven Duncan

Thank you to the following S5/6 pupils, former pupils and teachers who helped organise the disco.

Casey Cargill
Clare Cumming
Philip Donald
Andrew Dunn
Alison Edwards
Michael Fearn
Carol Innes

Chris Marshall
Beverley Nicholson
Tanya Riley
Sara Smith
Paul Thomson
Clair Wink

Mr Bruce
Mr Jowett
Mr McLean
Mr Taylor

BASKETBALL 'COURT REPORT' - JANUARY 1995

The basketball season is currently in full swing with boys and girls of all ages involved. Our Under-14 team have just completed their fixtures and have done extremely well, winning three out of four fixtures and winning another by default. Their most recent victory against Northfield at home was particularly thrilling, given the quality of the opposition and the closeness of the score. The players have made excellent progress at this level and deserve credit for their endeavour and willingness to learn. It would be unfair to single out any particular player because their victories can be put down to team work. It will be interesting to see how they fare at Under-16 level next year. To complete their season, they have been involved in a mini basketball festival at the American School (best court in the North of Scotland) which will be repeated again in March.

The Under-16s have found the going quite tough but were able to celebrate a narrow yet deserved victory against Banff just before Christmas. The introduction of Scott McGregor added height to the team and proved significant in rebounding. Lack of height was a key factor in an earlier defeat away to Kincorth as man for man we were at least as skilful as the opposition. Unfortunately, the same could not be said for our most recent home match against Northfield where the quality of the opposition led to a big defeat. Paradoxically, this was our best performance and our team were able to score some excellent baskets as well as produce a spirited performance. Three games remain to be

played and it is hoped that progress will be maintained.

As mentioned in an earlier report, our 18s have a very small player pool and were always likely to be up against it. No more was this true than in our first game away to Northfield, who will surely win this league. The team did not help their cause by careless passing and shooting from too far out, yet were still able to score with remarkable ease. Unfortunately, the opposition were able to score with double the ease! Our most recent game at home in Garioch was a much closer affair with Dyce moving into an early lead through excellent team work, shooting and rebounding. At half time the scores were level and the match continued to swing back and fore for the third quarter until fatigue took its toll and the size and strength of our opponents led to their domination of the rest of the game. Lack of quality substitutes will make life difficult in the last quarter. Two fixtures remain versus Oldmachar at home in February and Banff away in March. I am confident we will turn things around in these matches.

Thanks is due to all pupils who have helped with score-keeping, especially Suzanne Clark (S5) - your time and skill is greatly appreciated.

Any pupil, boy or girl, is welcome to attend training at Tuesday lunchtimes for S1 - S3 and Thursday after school for all years.

TOM FERGUSON

HOLY BOY

Up to the last rehearsal of David Palmer's folk oratorio - Holy Boy, rumours were rife that the concert would not be very good. On Tuesday 20 December 1994, Dyce Community Music Groups finally and superbly dispelled those rumours in a well attended academy multi-purpose area, where Mike Taylor officiated.

Fiona Leggat's tender violin opening immediately enraptured everyone and June Smith's expertly conducted orchestra and choir kept everyone completely enthralled right up to a rousing finale.

Lisa Ross's emotive solos were dramatically reinforced by the choir's synchronised swaying, whereas Beverley Nicholson's reverberating, prayer-like singing was well-balanced by Julie Marr's haunting, angelic pieces, in turn perfectly complemented by the guitars.

Kevin Littlejohn's Joseph was moving and powerful, while the chorus stirred a wide range of emotions and excelled themselves by dividing into sections in a complex heart-stopping song, accompanied by mighty organ music. Strident drum rolls and punchy brasses vividly evoked a menacing Rome. Throughout the concert the audience could not wait to show their appreciation and at the end, the applause was deafening and well-deserved.

As usual, during the interval, Jennifer Reid's team efficiently dispensed tasty snacks and Bill Gibson rounded off the evening by skilfully presiding over his helper's services with the raffle, and even provoking widespread laughter after announcing winners in such far flung places as Glasgow and Chevron's office in Altens!

ANDREW TRYBALSKA

CANADA TRIP SALE

As part of the fund-raising effort for the Dyce Community Orchestra and Dyce Academy Choir's Canadian Tour, a Bring and Buy Sale is to be held on Saturday 18 February in The Dyce Academy Canteen from 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

There will be various stalls - Cake and Candy, Bottle Stall, Books, Toys and Games, Craft, Bric-a-Brac, Lucky Dip, etc.

Donations for these stalls will be most welcome and they can be handed in to the canteen on the morning of the sale between 10.00 and 11.00 (no jumble, please).

Teas will be served and admission will be - 60p adults / 30p children.

Tickets will be available from the Music Department.

LUCKY NUMBER

Last month's Lucky Number prize was won by the parents of Jamie Love from fifth year.

This edition's lucky number is _____

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TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

7.00 - 9.00 pm

at

DYCE ACADEMY

- **ALL S2 - S6 PUPILS AND PARENTS ARE WELCOME.**
- **OVER 50 EMPLOYERS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.**
- **MAKE A NOTE OF THIS IMPORTANT DATE!!**

