



## Keep the Beat at Collieston Gala

Gala 2011 is just round the corner – with a programme to please everyone. Along with the usual favourites, Thursday's theme night will have a race night with a difference! Street drummers *Guarana* will present a workshop for children (and adults!) as well as performing for us between races.

Gala starts with skittles on **Wednesday 6th July** – Gala Day is **Saturday 9th July**

### Jammin' with Shirley B

Shirley Beattie would really appreciate donations of soft fruit for her jam and preserve stall. Any cuttings, seedling etc would also be very welcome.

### Coastal Café open for business

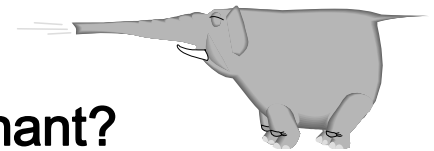
Making a very welcome return for the summer season is Collieston's Coastal Café. Staffed by local young people the café will be open every weekend during the summer between 11 and 2pm. The youngsters will be waiting to welcome you starting on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. Donations of cakes, scones etc are always very welcome!

### Sandy Shores a winner

The sandcastle competition this year could win a family a three day stay at The Lifeboat College in Poole. In a competition promoted by the RNLI, all you need to do is send a picture of your entry with **CASTLE** as the first line in the subject header to **07786207756**. For more details see: [www.rnli.org.uk](http://www.rnli.org.uk)

### First Rate Dolphin Gallery

Visitors to this year's Gallery will have an added attraction of the chance of winning a bottle of whisky donated by Scotland's first Minister Alex Salmond. The Gallery will be open on both Gala day and **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July**.



## Can you sell an elephant?

At the time of the Bletcher going to press, we are still looking for volunteers to man the white elephant stall this year. This stall has been an essential part of the Gala for many years, especially enjoyed by children (though not necessarily their parents) who "fill a bag for £1"! We are looking for two or three folk with a few hours to spare to become market traders for the day.

Please contact Rachel Hitchcock on **751323** or Sally Sheehan on **751244**.

## Changes to the Forvie Trails

There are now 2 trails to follow on the reserve. The heath trail is the former "green" route at the north of the reserve and the dune trail is the former "blue" route around the dunes in the south of the reserve. These routes are unchanged; however the former yellow route is not marked anymore. This was for a number of reasons, but it is hoped that access to Forvie via public transport will be promoted again in the future. For further information contact Reserve Manager Annabel Drysdale on **751330**.

## Blue flag

Collieston has once again been awarded a Blue Flag rural seaside award for maintaining high water quality and other standards on the beach. If you would like to give Collieston's beach a quality rating visit:



[www.coastal.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/current-award-holders.asp](http://www.coastal.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/current-award-holders.asp)

## Submissions

for the next Bletcher should be submitted to Sally Sheehan (751244) or a member of the Council by mid July.

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