



First Class Post – New swings for the play park became closer to becoming a reality with a recent successful bid to the People’s Postcode Trust. We were awarded **£2,000** which will go a great way toward to cost of new swings and safety surfacing. The Community Council hope to achieve more funding soon and plan to have the project completed in the Spring.

News from the Community Council

- Sarah MacPherson was elected as the new Chair of the Community Council following the AGM in September. Other Community Council members are:-

Huib Attema, Treasurer
Sally Sheehan, Secretary
Roger Berl, Forvie NNR
Sheena Junor, Well Being
Charles Esson, Planning applications

Nora Harper
Julie Swan
Trish Davidson
Trish Cowie
Nicole Bell
Susan Taylor

There are still three vacant positions. Anyone interested in being co-opted to serve on the Community Council is asked to contact any of the above members. We would especially welcome interest from any young people in Collieston in Slains who would like to be involved. If you are 15+ and would like to find out more please get in touch.

- **Gala 2011 made a profit of approximately £5,000** – a fantastic achievement for a small community. Gala Day next year is on Saturday 7th July. To make the most of the season, there will also be an end of summer village party or BBQ.
- The **Dolphin Gallery Exhibition** during the recent Gala day **raised over £2,000 for the Pier Fund.** The next Dolphin Gallery Exhibition will be held during Gala Day 2013.
- The skate ramp has been removed from the Cluny football pitch for safety reasons.
- The Community Council try to acknowledge important events in people’s lives such as “big” birthdays, weddings, ill health, congratulations and so on. If you know of someone who would appreciate a card please call *Sheena Junor (751737)*. Don’t think that someone else has already been in touch, they might just be leaving it up to you!

Thanks from Playgroup who would like to thank everyone for their support at their recent Coffee morning. **Raising just under £300** for playgroup funds, a donation was also made toward the annual Macmillan Coffee morning.

Collieston’s Christmas Crackers

A busy Festive season is almost upon us, with lots of events for your diary.

Nov. 26th – Playgroup Glitter Disco

Dec. 9th – Playgroup Coffee morning in the community centre at 10am



Dec. 10th – Over 60’s Christmas lunch at the Poachers

Dec. 17th – Christmas Tree lighting followed by Christmas hamper raffle and evening get together

Jan. 28th – Burns Supper



Details of all these events can be found on the website, notice board and Facebook.

Formartine in Bloom

Congratulations to all the green fingered volunteers who keep Collieston blooming every year. A **certificate of achievement** was presented at the recent Formartine in Bloom awards in Meldrum Academy.



Rainbow Recycling

This is a **free service** for elderly or disabled householders in Collieston who cannot get to recycling points. Mick and Diarmid Sheehan collect paper, plastic, glass and cans every Tuesday morning. If you would like them to collect from you, ring Mick on **751244**.



In Memorium

It was with much sadness that the community learned of the loss of **Dr Jack Argo, aged 92**. A retired GP from Inverurie, Dr Argo was a long time friend of the community and a keen supporter of village activities.

Submissions

for the next **Blether** should be submitted to Sally Sheehan (751244) or a member of the Council by mid February 2012.

Swimming Sessions - These popular sessions will be starting again in January. More details soon on the notice board, website and Facebook.