



MERRY XMAS TO ALL OUR READERS



SOPHIE'S NEWS-ROUND

YOUNG entrepreneur Sophie Stewart from High Town rose to the challenge when the village shop closed its doors for the last time.

Sophie is now providing a Monday to Saturday delivery of The Press and Journal in and around the village to approximately 34 homes.

Anyone who would like to use Sophie's news-round can contact the P&J direct on 0800 0275040.

WINTER FUEL STORE

NORA and Andy Harper at Mains of Collieston have kindly sited a storage area beside the farm shop for local people to buy their coal and logs.

SUP WITH RABBIE

Information on how to obtain tickets for the Burns supper will be posted on notice boards and the website early in the New Year.

FORVIE ROLE FOR ROGER

Community Council member Roger Berl has been unanimously appointed to the role of community representative for Forvie. Anyone who has any concerns or suggestions about Forvie should contact Roger.

SADLY MISSED

Members of our community who have passed away in recent months are Mr and Mrs Matheson of The Cabin, Mrs Margaret Murray of The Cliff, and Mrs Isobel Carter of High Town.

COLLIESTON GREETINGS ON THE CARDS...

THE Collieston greetings cards, which have proved very popular, can still be purchased from Susan Somner, Hamnavoe (01358 751359) and from Newburgh PO; The Gift Shop, Cruden Bay; Tarts and Crafts, Balmedie and online.

A few designs have sold out, but there are many still available - check out the poster on the notice boards or online at www.colliestononline.org/CASCT/Cards/Cards.htm for availability.

Special offer of four cards for £5, if purchasing directly from Susan. The price per card, if purchased individually, is £1.50 and £1.75 online (P&P included and minimum order 4).

All proceeds to the CASCT fighting fund.

...THERE'S A CALENDAR TOO

A very limited number of 2010 Collieston calendars are available from Colin and Sarah McPherson of Low Town. The calendars sell at £3 each with any profits going to Pier funds.

SHIFT IN SANDS FOR STEVE

IT'S "au revoir" rather than "farewell" when Steve Rainey (and Bibi) leave Collieston for a three-year stint in the warmer climes of Oman in January.

For, although Steve will be relinquishing his role as chairman of CASCT, he will continue to make a valuable contribution to the progress of the new community

centre project "remotely" through the wonders of the web.

The CASCT committee (among many others) wish to thank Steve for the enormous amount of work he had done on the project to date and wish both Steve and Bibi all the best in their swap of the Sands of Forvie for the Wahiba Sands.

OTHER NEW HORIZONS

A number of other families in the community have recently moved on to new horizons overseas. Among them have been Sandy and Tori Penny, Rob and Kirsty Nash, Grant and Louise Kinghorn and Andy and Tanya Brown.

TELL IT TO NICOLE

THE new wellbeing representative for the Community Council is Nicole Bell, 2 Slains Cottages. Let Nicole know of any significant events or milestones to enable community recognition to be made.

SCALLYWAG AHOY!

ONE of the youngest members of our community, Boyd Cooper, came up with the winning name for the play park pirate ship. The "Scallywag", should be at her moorings by the end of January.

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT...

With the dark and winter weather upon us, the Community Council would like to remind anyone walking or biking to and from the village at night to wear light or reflective clothing. Road safety good sense recommends that people walk facing the oncoming traffic.

DIARY DATES

- **Thursday December 31** - Hogmanay party in the hall - see posters for details
- **Sunday January 24** - Get Blasted! - Blow the Ne'er day cobwebs away on a walk around the northern half of Forvie Nature Reserve. Please take appropriate clothing, food and a hot drink. From 10.00 am to 1.00 pm - meet at the Stevenson Forvie Centre car park.

Submissions for the next Bletther should be sent to Sally Sheehan (751244), or any Community Council member, by the end of February please.