

TEALING NEWS

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Tealing Local Heroes!

The beating heart of our village community is alive and well it seems. When you were asked earlier this year to nominate your local heroes, there was no shortage of suggestions. With the most nominations - the very worthy winner of the Tealing Local Hero Award 2011 was Margaret Thomson. Unbelievably, Margaret has been teaching highland dancing in the hall for over 45 years now, as well as running dog obedience training and line dancing classes. Her patience, enthusiasm and warmth have been appreciated by several generations of local families and many of her pupils have gone on to become dancing teachers themselves.

Accepting the award, Margaret said it had been an absolute joy and privilege to watch her young charges blossom and grow while enjoying the healthy exercise that dance provides. She also praised her many dancers of all ages, who tackle the line dancing with such fun and enthusiasm.

Christmas Tree Lights Switch On

The Community Council and Hall Committee are putting up a Christmas tree in the hall car park this year and will also hold a lights switch-on ceremony with carol singing and refreshments afterwards in the hall. It's likely the event will be on a Sunday evening in early December. We hope everyone will enjoy the cheery bright lights and come along to join in the singing and enjoy some festive nibbles afterwards. Posters will promote the event when the date is confirmed.



Also picking up strong commendations at the event were Bessie Coventry and Ella Hutchison, for many long years of keeping the village hall open in all weathers and for contributing so much to several other local groups.

Community Council Chairman, Graeme Reoch, presented the certificates and said "our award winners are fine examples of those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep village life going. They embody the sense of community that helps rural villages like Tealing to thrive and we are indebted to them for it. They deserve our warmest congratulations."

To Hogmanay Party or Not?

We'll also put on a Hogmanay party or Ceilidh for families and friends if there is enough demand (sixty or more participants). So please let us know if you are interested and how many tickets you would take. Email your name and contact details to editor@tealingle.org or leave a message at Tel 01382 380437. Fingers crossed everyone's in the mood for a party!

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Olympic Gala Weekend June 2012

The Olympics return to the UK after sixty four years in July/August 2012. To celebrate this wonderful occasion and the principle of peoples and communities coming together, we'll be having our own local event with something for everyone. The Olympic creed reminds us that -

**"The most important thing
in the Olympic Games is not to win
but to take part"**

The following programme is still a rough draft, but the support and involvement pledged already by local groups, Tealing Primary School and the local church is really encouraging. The weekend is shaping up as follows.

Friday 15 to Sunday 17 June

Friday

Afternoon - Grand Opening Ceremony and Tealing School Sports in Tealing Hall

Early evening – Tealing Hall opens for entries for tomorrow's exhibition and craft show to be handed in and set up.

Saturday at Tealing Hall

Daytime

Opening and welcome
Exhibition and show entries judging
Displays of Zumba, Yoga, line dancing, Highland dancing, dog agility
WRI Concert and Tea Dance
External sports displays and rides

Evening

Family disco and karaoke, also featuring Tealing's Got Talent Competition

Sunday at field adjacent to the Speckled Hen

Tealing Mini Horse Display & Show
Tealing Pet Show with novelty entry categories
Thanks and Close

The planning group is looking for more ideas and volunteers – please contact Nicki Tel 380222 – everyone's input is welcome!

News Snippets

The Bag to School collection in June raised a fantastic £635 for Tealing Primary School. Thanks to everyone who donated.

The Community Council has had the Memorial Bench at Balgray fully restored and it's now back in its usual spot for everyone to enjoy.

The playpark next to Tealing Primary School now has two new weather resistant picnic benches courtesy of a grant from Tealing Community Council. We hope parents, children and local walkers will enjoy making good use of them.

The Wednesday Club is held every week from 2-4pm in Tealing Hall to play dominoes, whist and carpet bowls. New members are encouraged to come along and will be made very welcome. Tel Bessie on 380395 for more information.

Could you help ensure Tealing Hall remains a great community facility for years to come? The Committee is looking for new members - call Margaret Mitchell on Tel 810182 for more information.

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Thanks to the Speckled Hen for its ongoing support of the Tealing website and our local community

Murroes Flower Festival a Huge Success!

Hundreds of local people enjoyed the wonderful floral displays and arrangements at the 2011 Flower Festival over the weekend of 23rd to 25th September. A team of twelve hard working flower arrangers under the guidance of local florist, Margaret Cook, put together the stunning displays, all of which took their themes from much loved and well known hymns.

The intricate arrangements made the most of the church's Gothic architecture and were spread out to maximize both their impact and the enjoyment for visitors.

Local folk also thronged to sample afternoon tea and home baking in the hall, catching up with old friends and supporting the event with enthusiasm.

We understand that, with the help of sponsorship from many local businesses, over £2500 was raised for church funds. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.



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Useful Contacts

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Church News

Harvest Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 23 October at 9.30am in Auchterhouse, 11am in Murroes and 11.15am in Monikie.

The **WELLYTOTS Parent & Toddler Group** meets in Murroes Church Hall 9.30 to 11.30 on Wed and Thurs mornings. Bring your little ones along to join in the fun

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Canine Depression & The Woodland Cure

Murphy, a shorthaired Border Collie, came into our lives at 10 months old. He had been badly abused and until we took him into our home we had no idea that dogs could suffer from depression. He would lie curled up by the back door with no interest in anything. He was unable to play. One day we were walking him in Brighty Woods, just 200 yards from our home, when we noticed that his mood was lifting.

The woodland is home to deer, rabbits, squirrels and other assorted wildlife. Murphy's nose was sensitive to the smells laid down by the woodland creatures and soon we noticed him snuffling around in the undergrowth following their scent. After training him to return to us by using a whistle, we would let him off the lead to roam in the woods. At first, he stayed close to us. As his confidence grew he would gradually move further away until eventually, he would tear across the woods in a burst of sudden energy. On his return we would notice that his mood was much better and that he no longer sported that sad '*hang-dog*' image. As time went by, **Murphy** became much happier. If he appeared depressed we would put him on his lead, shout "woods" and the change in his demeanour and behaviour would be immediate. Today, we have a happy, contented and normal dog.

The Pigeonholes of Tealing

Scotland has some fine examples of dovecotes and in our small village of Tealing in Rural Angus, there is a perfect example. Built in 1595 it stands as a testament to good design, as well as being functional. It is easy to see from this photograph how the verb 'to pigeonhole' came into being.



During the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, pigeon meat was a staple diet. However, as the bird population increased and they became a nuisance, breeding them for meat became less fashionable. These days the pigeonholes are empty with not even an itinerant bird in sight.

Pigeon pie is beginning to make an appearance on some gourmet menus and I cannot help thinking that if pigeon meat became more popular we could solve Dundee and Arbroath's pigeon population problem at a stroke! Maybe these 'Pigeonholes of Tealing' could be put to good use some day in the future! If you haven't yet visited this treasure then perhaps now is the time to do so.

We welcome contributions from local writers. The above articles were kindly submitted by Beatrice Naomi Faulkner who lives near Brighty Woods. You can read more of Bea's travel related writing on her blog at www.naomiflashman.co.uk/