



FACT



Monthly Newsletter - October 2022



The year rolls on and there's a chill in the air. Here at Forres Town Hall we have been very busy with the **FACT Autumn and Winter Programme of Activities** which is more varied and diverse than ever before. There are 25 Creative, Digital and Fitness Classes available to book with a wide range of Courses ranging from Drawing to Yoga, Painting to Weaving and Filming to Singing.

You may have already seen details in recent emails, on Facebook, Instagram or on our website.

Places are limited, so book in quickly!

FACT AGM: 11/11/2022



Friday 11th November: 5.30pm at Forres Town Hall

Save the date to find out about the work we have undertaken in 2021 - 2022.

FACT is also looking for people to join the Board of Directors to support our ambitious plans going forward.

We are particularly keen to recruit individuals with experience in Finance, Fundraising, Human Resources and Project Management.

If you are interested, and want to find out more about what this vital role involves, **please email info@forresarea.org** and we can organise an informal chat with Joanna, our Chair or Bea, our Treasurer.

There is also more information about being a Director on the FACT website: www.forresarea.org

FACT have been fortunate to have been involved as one of the venues for the recent & successful

Findhorn Bay Arts Festival 2022

FBA have a Feedback Survey about the varied Events that brought so many visitors to the Forres Area.

Please visit their Facebook Page for details.



Say Hello wave Goodbye!

We have welcomed our **Operations and Finance Manager - David Hammond** to his new role. Many of you may know David as the Manager of the Phoenix Shop & Café in Findhorn and he brings a breadth of expertise from a wide range of organisations. On his appointment to this key role within the FACT Team David said "I am so impressed with what FACT has already achieved and I am looking forward to bringing my skills, knowledge and experience to the team, to support the next stage in FACT's growth and development."

In addition, **Ilona Wood** has recently joined our Team as the **Events and Activities Development Worker**. She has already been working extremely hard to help finalise the exciting new Programme of FACT Activities that have been planned for Autumn & Winter 2022. Ilona's keen eye for detail as well as her friendly and organised approach is already proving beneficial to the role.

The FACT Team have been very sad to say goodbye to **Caroline Purves** as she headed for pastures new. Although she has only been with us for a short while as our **ESF Employability Officer**, Caroline has made a huge difference to the Forres Community by helping many clients into employment. The FACT Team will miss her hardworking and supportive attitude as well as her IT skills and we wish Caroline all the very best for the future as she starts a new role in the North East of England.

We are fortunate to welcome **Michelle Gillibrand** to continue the **European Social Fund Employability Officer** role and she brings a wealth of experience in regard to managing European Funded Projects as well as a willingness to support those looking for work in the Forres Area. In addition, Michelle will continue to help clients to develop their job seeking, interview and digital skills.

Finally, many of you will already know **Graham Watson** as a FACT Volunteer and he is settling in well as the new **Town Hall Cleaner**, as highlighted in August's Newsletter. His commitment as well as his in depth knowledge of the building and FACT means Graham is already proving to be a huge asset to the Team as well as continuing to volunteer with the Pop Up Pantry where he known as The Pantry Expert!

Welcome to all and 'Au Revoir' to Caroline



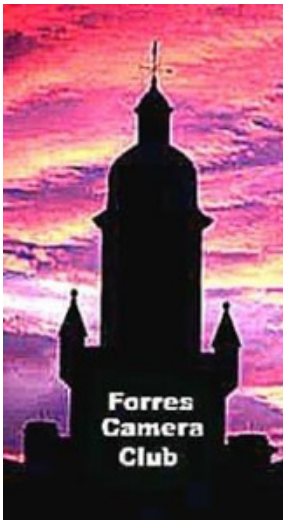
Ilona & Caroline



David



Graham & Michelle



Forres Camera Club

In the North Room at Forres Town Hall.

Thursdays: 7.30 - 9.30pm

Two free 'Taster Sessions' for prospective members.

Find us on Facebook or email

forrescameraclubinfo@gmail.com

RSCDS - Forres Branch

Mondays at Forres Town Hall

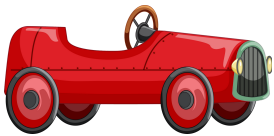
7pm for Beginners

8pm for Dancers with experience

For fun, fitness and friendship.

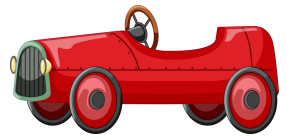
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Forres Theme Day 2023

The Organisers Need You!



Forres Theme Day is looking to return on the 30th April 2023 & needs your help!

This is a popular and important part of the Events Calendar in Forres.

It showcases some of the finest veteran, vintage and classic cars from throughout Scotland. With entertainment and various stalls, this annual celebration of motoring nostalgia is a fantastic day out for all the family.

However, the event needs support with new members of the Committee to help organise the event in the months before, as well as people to steward and support the set-up, delivery and take-down on the day.

Volunteers are needed to take on roles such as Treasurer, Volunteer Organisers & someone to help to organise a Marketplace for small businesses.

Taking part is rewarding on many levels, why not come and give it a go?

Please contact Robbie Paterson on robertpaterson195@btinternet.com

Dates for your Diary in Octber 2022

Forres Online Drop-in Sessions: Every Tuesday: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Forres Online Drop-in Sessions: Every Friday: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Basic Digital Sessions for long term unemployed

Every Thursday: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Forres Online Mobile Drop-in Sessions:

Monday 17th October 2.00pm - 4.00pm at **Morayvia, Kinloss**

Wednesday 19th October 10am - 12 noon at **Findhorn Village Centre**

FREE Gentle Seated Exercise & Drumming Class with Esther

Every Tuesday: 10.30am - 12 noon including a cuppa & a chat

FREE Fitness MOTs - Every Tuesday: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Transform Tuesday - FREE Intermediate Exercise Class with Esther

Every Tuesday: 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Email: esther@forresarea.org to book a place

Booking is essential for all activities.

Contact us on info@forresarea.org or 01309 674388

See our website for up-to-date listings: www.forresarea.org

Coffee Mornings - Saturdays: 10.00am - 12 noon

October 1st - NO COFFEE MORNING - Findhorn Bay Arts Events instead

October 8th in aid of the Forres St Lawrence Cricket Club

October 15th in aid of the Forres Rotary Club

October 22nd in aid of the Forres OAP Association

October 29th in aid of Logie Primary School



The **Pop Up Pantry** helps members make their food shopping budget go further.
It's free to join. £2.50 per shop each week

It is on alternate **Saturday mornings**
& **Friday afternoons**

Saturday 1st, 15th & 29th October: 10.00am - 12 noon

Friday 7th & 21st September: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

