



Pulteneytown People's Project

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What's On At The PPP

Special Events this Month

- PPP are looking for people interested in joining Arts and Crafts Classes
- There are new First Aid and Sports Leadership courses starting you can apply to take

MONDAY

- Lads Learning for Life: 10am - 4pm
- Mums Fun: 11am - 4pm
- Target, Thurso High School: 9:30am - 4:30pm
- MAASK: 3pm - 5:15pm
- Boy's Group: 3:30pm - 5pm
- Unions Computer Group: 6:45pm - 9:15pm
- Computer Group 1: 6pm - 8pm

TUESDAY

- Target: 9am - 3pm
- Cooking Class: 9am - 1pm
- Ladies Sewing Group: 10am - 12pm
- Ladies Knitting Group: 2pm - 4pm
- MAASK: 3pm - 5:15pm

WEDNESDAY

- Carnegie Group: 9am - 2pm
- Computer Group 3: 11am - 1pm
- Watten Computer Group: 1:30pm - 4:30pm
- MAASK: 3pm - 5:15pm
- Union Computer Group: 5:45pm - 9:15pm

To Get More Info On Any
Of Our Projects Or To Book
A Session Please Get In Touch

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FRIDAY

- Thurso Drop-in: 10am - 5pm
- Art class: 2pm - 4pm
- Job Club: 10am - 5pm
- MAASK: 3pm - 5:15pm

THURSDAY

- Access To College: 9am - 5pm
- Ladies Group: 10am - 12pm
- Wick Drop-in: 12pm - 5pm
- Ladies Group: 2pm - 4pm
- MAASK: 3pm - 5:15pm

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MAASK Summer Club Finished for Another Year

THE MAASK Summer Club finished with a BBQ in the sun on Friday, July 22, marking the end of three very special weeks for the children.

From the first day the children have been enjoying trips to Dunrobin Castle, Keiss beach, Dunnett forest and many more locations, as well as taking part in lots of games and competitions.

From pool tournaments to badminton matches the children have been very busy, especially when they hosted an 'It's a Knockout' event with other local holiday clubs. By the end of the contest MAASK found themselves placed a brilliant joint second.

As part of their time at the Summer Holiday Club, the children also entered several of the arts and crafts competitions at the Caithness County Show. Many of the children's magnificent and creative pieces were awarded commended entries, while Abbie Douglas was placed second and Kaitlin Frett first in the 'Flower Arranging in a Toy' category. Well done to everyone who entered.

On the last day the children had a BBQ where they said how much they had enjoyed their summer. Craig Henderson and James MacDonald said: "We really enjoyed playing on the bouncy castle at the BBQ and eating hamburgers and hotdogs. The hotdogs tasted really nice.

"We had a big water fight with water pistols on the last day too. We got really wet!"

Reah Booth said: "I've liked everything at the Holiday Club. I've been playing on the bouncy castle and having lots of games with my friends.

"I really want to come back next year because I've had such a good time. It's been great!"

The Summer Holiday Club will be running again next year from our new Community Centre, which is due to be completed in February 2012. Here the children will have access to their own soft play area among other tailor made facilities. Be sure to look at our website for pictures of the MAASK children having fun at the Holiday Club - www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/m_a_s_k.html



MAASK Starts Again

MAASK will be resuming its normal after school care service when the schools go back. The cost is £4 per day, which includes a pick-up and drop-off service from Pulteneytown Academy, North and Hillhead Schools. Registration forms can be downloaded on the MAASK section of our website or you can request one by emailing mask@btconnect.com. Children new to MAASK are able to come up with their parent for the day to meet all the other children and staff.

Find out all the latest on the Pulteneytown People's Project and receive our news when it happens by adding us on Facebook, Twitter and through RSS Feeds straight to your email.

Friend us on Facebook: [PulteneyProject Wick](https://www.facebook.com/PulteneyProjectWick)

Find us on Twitter as: [PPPwick](https://twitter.com/PPPwick)

RSS Feed to our website: www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/rss.xml

The Pulteneytown People's Project website is updated daily with news, pictures and information on future events.

www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/index.html

There is a news page, information on all our projects and biographies on the PPP Directors.



First Aid and Sports Leadership Courses

OVER the coming months PPP will be running a series of exciting courses in First Aid and Sports Leadership.

Designed to give the best possible learning experience to those completely new to the subjects or those with some familiarity, the courses will teach you the basics and advanced practices through theoretical and practical means.

The First Aid Course, running on Saturday, September 17 and another date in early October, will focus on a variety of skills including: health and safety regulations, management of an incident, treatment of unconscious casualties, choking, seizures, bleeding, shock, resuscitation, priorities of first aid, and common workplace illnesses and injuries. Approved by the Health and Safety Executive the First Aid Course will give you a valuable qualification to add to your CV and impress employers, all for the price of £115 which can be paid for through ILA (Individual Learning Account) if your account is already set up.

The Sports Leadership Courses, running once during the October holidays and a separate Saturday in October, will provide you with the skills to take charge of sporting events and competitions, giving you confidence and knowledge in various different areas. As well as helping you take leadership responsibilities in sporting activities the course will teach you methods in keeping everyone safe and having fun at the same time. This is a practical course where you will learn through participating in different activities throughout the day. You will gain a certificate for attending as evidence of your new abilities which can be used as a valuable tool for future careers or club involvement.

The Day Certificate in Sports Leadership will be available to attend as a full day course at a cost of £40 per person for hundreds of new ideas. Your ILA account can be used to pay for this course.

Discounted rates apply to people attending both courses or for multiple bookings. Anyone wishing to participate in either of these courses can contact the PPP office on 01955 606950 for more information and to register an interest in attending.

PPP Arts and Crafts Showcase

THE PPP Arts and Crafts Showcase on July 30-31 was a huge success, with people coming from all over Caithness to see the wonderful pieces on display.

Held in Wick Youth Club, the Showcase featured PPP Arts and Crafts group members and some of their work which has never before been displayed in public.

Paintings, textile art, quilts, cushions and decorative cards filled every space and delighted visitors who saw them. Many people stayed the whole day to admire the art and enjoy home baking made by the exhibitors and volunteers.

Information was also available on PPP and the new Community Centre on Huddart Street, giving people the chance to find out how the Centre will benefit them when it opens in February 2012.

New Arts and Crafts Classes

PPP are looking for people interested in joining arts, textile and quilting classes.

Whether you would like to paint a beautiful watercolour or oil painting in the art class; create a modern masterpiece with fabrics, fibres and dyes in the textiles class; or design and stitch your very own cuddly quilt in a quilting group, there is a class for everyone with a passion for arts and crafts.

We are currently trying to establish numbers and secure funding for various arts and crafts classes around Caithness including Wick, Clyth, Watten, Keiss, Castletown, Halkirk and Mey.

We would be looking to start introductory classes in mid-to-late September and charging a small fee for attending.

If you would like inspiration and to see what you could be making at one of the classes you can visit our webpage of the recent PPP Arts and Crafts Showcase (www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/artshowcase.html) which has photo links to some of the current groups' work on display.

Please contact PPP on 01955 606950 to register your interest and put your name down for a group.



Bus Trip

LADIES and Gentlemen enjoyed a PPP organised bus trip to Tain, Beaulieu and Strathpeffer on July 12.

Leaving Wick early on Tuesday morning, the 42 travellers visited Tain to see Tain Through Time, the Glenmorangie distillery and a pottery studio where they watched how tain decorated bowls and plates were made.



In Beaulieu there was the opportunity to visit Made in Scotland, Patches or a gallery full of wonderful art exhibitions.

The final stop was Strathpeffer where a popular attraction was the Museum of Childhood, giving people the chance to see some of the toys and games children once played with. At the end of the trip everyone got together to have a delicious dinner at the Strathpeffer hotel, where fish and chips, salads, soup and ice cream were just some of the treats on offer.

Heading back to Wick, many on the trip said they had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Community Centre Construction Blog:



The scaffolding is coming down on parts of the Community Centre now, signalling the next stage of construction whilst revealing



all the hard work MM Miller has completed so far. Next begins the interior fit-out.

Follow our blog at:
www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/centre_updates.html



Community Centre

THE scaffolding is starting to come down on our Community Centre and work in the interior is progressing well. Below we have answered some of the questions we are asked most often regarding the new building:

Why did you not upgrade the Assembly Rooms? To secure funding a group needs to demonstrate long term viability and a sound business plan demonstrating multi-usage of every space. We looked at the Assembly Rooms with the planning officer and an architect and the main issue was that it did not meet DDA standards; it would need a building warrant for any major works which would mean that it would need to meet current DDA standards such as disabled toilets, baby changing, lifts, etc. The walls were thick, the heating inadequate and it would cost more to fix than build new. We decided we wanted something to enhance and compliment the Assembly Rooms.

Why did you not do anything with the Barogill Hall? When we started this project North Highland College, who own Barogill Hall, had future plans for it. We do not own it, however if we are successful and need more space there may be opportunities in the future.

Will the Assembly Rooms close when your building is complete? No, we have one medium size hall and one meeting room; the other facilities in our Centre are not found in the assembly rooms, such as computer suites, childcare, soft play area, youth facilities, office suites and a cafe. We will not have the capacity to take over all of the sessions run from the Assembly Rooms. We know from groups who use the Assembly Rooms that it is well used in the evening and sometimes there is no room for sessions. We would be able to accommodate new classes and the overspill from the Assembly Rooms, hopefully providing more of a variety within the town.

Will parking be an issue? When the building is complete there will be parking outside of the Centre to accommodate disabled, parents of young children and a few other places. There is also ample room up the street to park and Rutherford Street is a wide street with no residential housing. A bus stop is a few feet away and the facility, situated in the heart of the community, will enable people to walk there. The planners agreed the parking based on the size of the building.

Can people drop in and use facilities? There will be night classes, drop in childcare, soft play area, cafe, along with a variety of hobbies classes, afternoon tea dances and inside 'market days' so the centre will be able to be used by any member of the public.

What youth facilities will there be? We will have a 'members' youth lounge which was designed by the young people. It has a large soft seating area with a plasma TV, X-Box, and dance machine. There is a classroom space which will have laptops and internet access and a messy room for arts and crafts. Young people will pay a monthly membership and have access to the facilities outside of school time. The facilities will also have CCTV and we will hold every member's details. Young people will have a 'switch card' to gain access. We will also have other nights when we will have pool table, table tennis etc. We have the height in the hall to look at an indoor climbing wall or a cinema screen and projector. We are looking for young people to be involved in a committee who will be involved in making up the rules and managing the youth facilities.

Will the childcare displace childminders? Our target market is adhoc childcare, providing occasional daycare for children who do not need it regularly, such as children of off-shore workers, part time or sessional workers. It will also be available for one or two hour sessions, perfect for parents wanting to get their hair done, do their shopping, or attend a course or activity session at the Centre. We will also expand our after school activities and provide a venue for birthday parties.

You can see photos and read all about the new Community Centre at
www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/News.html