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£50,000 Funding Award Supports Essential Works

Summer is meant to be long, hazy, lazy days, isn't it? Well, we didn't get the memo at The Medan Centre this year. We've been as busy as ever and we have some exciting news to share...

The 'Garden Room' opened on the front lawn on 22nd July and we hope you've been enjoying the 'outside inside' experience, if you've been to visit. If you haven't, come along and have a coffee and a fine piece from Cafe48 in our new leafy, floral venue.

On Monday 10th August, the roofing works will start. To ensure everyone's safety while work is underway, we ask all visitors to respect the safety signage and any access restrictions. We really appreciate your patience and cooperation. Once completed, we will have a refreshed, weather-proof, comfy, and cosy space in the Quarry Room for all to enjoy!

We are hugely grateful to have secured £50,000 in grant funding from Foundation Scotland via the Development Trusts Association Scotland's Recovery and Resilience Fund for the roof replacement project. This generous support has eased the financial burden on the Trust's reserves for this essential maintenance, supporting the longevity and resilience of The Medan Centre.

Focusing on the Future: GB Energy Visits Udny

On 30th July, we hosted senior representatives from GB Energy, including their CEO and Head of Local Energy Strategy. We demonstrated the benefits to Udny from our community-owned wind turbine and engaged in productive conversations regarding the future of community energy. Crucially, we discussed how GB Energy plans to support communities like ours to repower or replace existing renewable energy initiatives, like our turbine. It's still early days, but the discussions were positive.

The turbine is the lifeblood of our work, enabling us to operate The Medan Centre and directly fund projects and initiatives that improve life for all Udny residents. Now is the time to have these important conversations and lay the groundwork for a new income-generating project to support our work beyond the lifespan of our trusty turbine.

Spotlight

Pitmedden Park Regeneration



A group of dedicated volunteers is undertaking an ambitious project to transform Pitmedden Park. They have launched a feasibility study and they need YOUR support to make the community's vision for the Park come to life!

There will be lots of opportunities for the community to help shape the final design but for now, local community groups and organisations are being asked to send letters of support for the project.

For more information and to lend your support follow **Pitmedden Park Regeneration** on Facebook or email patsubgroup@outlook.com



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Aberdeenshire North Foodbank are looking for volunteer delivery drivers to drop off food parcels. Full, clean, driving licence required. Contact Lynne Hayton: lhayton@anfb.org.uk for details.

Highlights

➤ **Bothy Ballads and Folk Songs.** Udny Conversation Cafe has a musical makeover on Monday 10th August. Singing optional but encouraged! See 'Key Dates' for details.

➤ **Family Friendly Hobby Club.** An Open Doors holiday special on Tuesday 11th August. Bring your family, bring your hobby, share, learn and have a laugh! See 'Key Dates' for details.

➤ **Baby & Toddler Stay & Play** will have a visit from Haddo Medical Practice's Nursery Nurse, Jackie on Monday 31st August. 10am-12noon, in the Garden Room. No need to book.

What's On

Everyone welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

at The Medan Centre



Weekly
Monday
10am - 12noon
Garden Room



Weekly
Tuesday 10am
Cuppas & blether after!
Garden Room



Weekly
Tuesday
1.30 - 3.30pm
Bronie Room

Adults only



Back on Tuesdays, from 25th August, 2.30 - 4.30pm, Garden Room!
Be there or be square!



Weekly
Friday
Approx 2.20 - 2.45pm
The Medan Centre



Fortnightly
Fridays
3.30 - 5pm
Bronie Room

Adults only

Aug 14th & 28th



Monthly
Second Monday
3 - 4.30pm
Garden Room

August 10th



Monthly
Third Monday
6 - 7pm
Bronie Room

August 17th



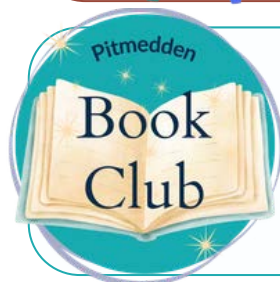
Monthly
Third Monday
6 - 8pm
Garden Room

August 17th



Monthly
Last Thursday
10.30am - 12.30pm
See 'Key Dates' for walk location and details

August 27th



Monthly x 2
Afternoon & evening groups. A different book each month. Get in touch with Teresa for details!

These activities are delivered by our amazing team of volunteers. Please join us in saying 'THANK YOU' next time you're at a session!

Event schedule subject to change. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for latest info and details. For more information contact Teresa Costanza: 01651 843776 or admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk

The Medan Centre, 14 Oldmeldrum Road, Pitmedden, Aberdeenshire, AB41 7AG

Key Dates

Community Events and Activities - August 2026

Weds
5th, 12th,
19th

Threads & Yarns, 7-9pm, Bronie Room, The Medan Centre

Sewing, knitting and crochet community group. Come for a cuppa and a natter. Adults and children aged 12+ (if younger, must be accompanied by an adult). For info contact Julia (07817 762723) or Lynette (07971 117599).

No
meetings
'til Sept

Udny Community Council Meeting, SUMMER BREAK

Udny Community Council meets on the second Monday of every month. Meetings are open to parish residents. Contact udnycsecretary@outlook.com for information.

Mon
10th,
24th

Boccia, 2-4pm, Dr Spence Memorial Hall, Udny Green

A seated, inclusive game of strategy open to anyone. Takes place fortnightly. £5 per person, per session including tea, coffee and biscuits. Contact Brian for info: 07538 543646

Mon
10th

Udny Conversation Cafe: Bothy Ballads and Folk Songs, 3-4.30pm, Garden Room

Come along and catch up over a cuppa and a fine piece. Hear the stories behind the songs, join in with the singing if you fancy, and enjoy a relaxed, musical atmosphere at our monthly Conversation Café. Children are welcome too.

Contact Teresa Costanza for info: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk.

Tues
11th

Family Friendly Hobby Club, 2.30-4.45pm, Garden Room, The Medan Centre

Bring along a hobby or a crafty project, or try something new with Lynne, our lovely volunteer. Enjoy company while you potter away at your hobby and have a catch up with friends before school starts again. Hot drinks, juice and CAKE, as always! Contact Teresa Costanza for info: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk.



Mon
17th

Bereavement Café, 6-7pm, Bronie Room, The Medan Centre

Peer support group for those who have experienced loss, either recently or in the past. Grief has no time limit. Contact Teresa Costanza for info: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk.

Mon
17th

Udny Repair Café, 6-8pm, Garden Room, The Medan Centre

Run by Udny Climate Action. Pop along with items needing to be repaired or restored. To enquire about potential repairs contact udnyrepaircafe@gmail.com

Mon
17th

Udny Community Fund: Small Grant Deadline

Small grants available for projects in Udny seeking up to £1,000. Ts&Cs apply, see UCTC website or scan the QR code. To discuss a project or for support with an application, contact Ruth Cluness: manager@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk

UCTC Grants



Fri
21st

Sunflower Competition Deadline 🌻🌻🌻

Send us an email with your name, the height of your sunflower and a photo of you with your fabulous flower! The winner will be announced at Open Doors on Tuesday 25th August. Send by email to Teresa Costanza: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk, or via Facebook.



Tues
25th

Open Doors: Start-of-term Sunflower Competition, 2.30-4.30pm, Garden Room, The Medan Centre

Kettles on, games and colouring books out, pop in for a cuppa, cake and blether and catch up on news after the summer break. The winner of the sunflower competition will be announced! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Teresa Costanza for info: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk.

Thu
27th

UCTC Guided Long Walk: Hackley Bay, 10.30am-12.30pm, Meet at Hackley Bay car park

Enjoy this hidden coastal gem with an energizing, challenging walk. Sea air and spectacular views a-plenty. See posters for further details. Please register to join: contact Teresa on admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk



The Medan Centre

Your Community Hub



Cafe48



Tuesday to Sunday, 9.30am - 3pm

Sit in and take away. Fresh local food and home bakes. Regular specials and offers. Booking is recommended!

HELLO SUMMER!

Summer Holiday Deal Kids eat for £2.50

Helping support families through the holidays, Cafe48 has a special £2.50 kids' menu. **Valid from 7th July to 15th August.** See promotional information in Cafe48 for details.



PitmeddenCafe



01651 842346



cafe@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk



SCAN TO
BOOK A
TABLE
ONLINE



Community Information Point

This month, our Community Information Point will focus on:

**Breastfeeding,
Drugs Awareness,
Cycle to Work**

We also have a 'Services & Support Directory' containing information on a wide range of health, wellbeing and social care topics.

The Community Information Point is outside the Bronie Room, in The Medan Centre.

To access professional support you can speak to a Healthpoint Adviser. They will help you find free and confidential advice on health and wellbeing matters.

Call 08085 20 20 30

Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm

Room Hire

We have rooms for hire at competitive rates and we welcome volunteer-led community groups to use our space for low or no cost.

Rates and information on our spaces can be found on UCTC's website. To find out more about our spaces or to book, contact Ruth Cluness: 01651 843776 or facilities@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk



Udny Community Shelf



Open daily, 9am to mid-afternoon.

Udny Community Shelf helps our community to reduce food waste. Volunteers collect surplus food from local stores, saving it from landfill.

Everything in the Shelf is free of charge. The Shelf operates from a trailer in The Medan Centre car park.



Visit us...

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Speak to us...

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