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Christmas Plans at The Medan Centre & UCTC AGM Highlights



As we head into the late autumn, we've been lucky to enjoy some beautiful sunny days, bringing out the colours of the turning leaves, which seem to be particularly vibrant and bright this year. Walkers on our October Long Walk enjoyed a particularly glorious day for the final Long Walk of the year, following the Oldcraig Path. Walkers were in high spirits, with smiles all round, upon their return to The Medan Centre!

With weather like this, it's hard to think about the approaching winter (and the C-word!) but it's coming up fast, so we wanted to let you know that we'll be having a festive get-together on the evening of **Tuesday 1st December** to celebrate The Medan Centre's Christmas Lights Switch-On. As well as the lights, we'll enjoy a festive sing-song with mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and plenty of good cheer.

It will be a smaller affair than our usual Community Christmas Fayre, as we have limited space while the Quarry Room is getting refurbished. However, next year we'll have a fantastic, transformed community space for all our events and regular activities, with scope for new ideas and opportunities for other groups to host events, workshops and meetings. Thank you to everyone who took part in the Quarry Room refurbishment consultation and shared their ideas.

Udny Community Trust held its AGM on Wednesday 28th October. Key items on the agenda included a special resolution proposing changes to the Trust's objectives, as defined in its Articles of Association. Members approved the changes, which allow the Trust to provide financial support to the Pitmedden First Responders and give explicit recognition to the promotion of health and wellbeing through our programme of community activities. We will now submit these changes to Companies House and OSCR (the Scottish Charity Regulator), to make them official.

We're also delighted to welcome Steph McCann as a new UCTC Director! Steph recently moved to Pitmedden and has proactively been getting involved in the Trust's governance over the summer. She brings a wealth of experience from her career in charity fundraising, including her current role as Head of Fundraising at Aberdeen Science Centre. Welcome to the team, Steph!

Spotlight



We need your help to install solar panels and battery storage at The Medan Centre and Cafe48! Please vote for **Udny Community Trust** to help us receive a share of Scottish Government funding.

Your vote will help us to:

- keep Cafe48 affordable, including popular weekly deals for seniors & school holiday offers for families
- provide a Warm Space where community residents can get out of the house for a few hours, have a natter and a cuppa to help reduce heating bills in cold winter months
- keep our programme of community activities and events free for all to enjoy.

Your vote can support four fabulous Formartine projects!


Udny Community Trust



Turriff Baden Powell Centre

ELLON CASTLE GARDENS
Ellon Castle Gardens

ELLON WHEEL PARK
Ellon Wheel Park

jtpbfund.scot/vote

We estimate we need over 1,500 votes to win. That means we need EVERYONE aged 5 or over in Udny Parish to vote & spread the word to friends & family across the North East!

Scan the QR code and select five projects including Udny Community Trust. Voting closes Monday 9th November, 5pm. Don't hesitate, cast your vote today and support green power at The Medan Centre!

What's On

at The Medan Centre

Everyone welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Udny Baby & Toddler Stay & Play
Weekly
Monday
10am - 12noon
Garden Room

Udny Health Walk
Weekly
Tuesday 10am
Cuppas & blether after!
Garden Room

Udny Quiet Games Afternoon
Weekly
Tuesday
1.30 - 3.30pm
Bronie Room
Adults only

Open Doors
Weekly
Tuesday
3 - 4.30pm
Garden Room

Peterhead Fish Company
Weekly
Friday
Approx 2.20 - 2.45pm
The Medan Centre

Udny Community Trust Hobby Club
Fortnightly
Fridays
3.30 - 5pm
Bronie Room
Adults only
Nov 6th & 20th

Bereavement Café
Monthly
First Monday
6 - 7pm
Bronie Room
Nov 2nd

Udny Conversation Café
Monthly
Second Monday
3 - 4.30pm
Cafe48
Nov 9th

Udny Repair Café
Monthly
Third Monday
6 - 8pm
Cafe48
Nov 16th

Udny Community Trust Long Walk
Taking a break for winter.
Back in 2027!

Pitmedden Book Club
Monthly x 2
Afternoon: Last Monday, 3pm
Evening: Last Tuesday, 7pm.
A different book each month.

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 - Nov 2026

Mon 2nd, 16th, 30th

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**

Weds 4th, 11th, 18th

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).**

Mon 9th

Udny Conversation Café: My Journey with Pulmonary Hypertension, 3-4.30pm, The Medan Centre

Nicki Ross will share her story of living with the often unseen condition, pulmonary hypertension. Cuppas and cake for all. **Contact Teresa Costanza for info: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk.**

Mon 9th

Udny Community Council Meeting, 7.30pm, The Medan Centre

UCC meets on the second Monday of the month. See Udny Community Council on Facebook for details. **Contact udnyccsecretary@outlook.com for info.**

Sat 14th

Community Cinema: Dead Man's Wire, 7.30-10pm, Dr Spence Memorial Hall

Cinema tickets

A desperate businessman (Bill Skarsgård) takes a mortgage executive hostage in a gripping true story of revenge, greed and media frenzy. Certificate 15. Doors Open at 7:00pm, screening at 7:30pm. Adults £8, 16 and under £5. **Buy tickets online at: bit.ly/4f0KMab or via the QR code →**

Sat 14th

Festive Embroidered Card Making Workshop, 11am-1pm, The Medan Centre

Embroidered Christmas Cards: A festive workshop combining card-making and simple embroidery. Hosted by **hArticulture** https://www.facebook.com/harticultureUK

Mon 16th

Udny Repair Café, 6-8pm, Cafe48, 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 16th

Udny Community Fund: Small Grant Deadline

UCTC Grants

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**

Wed 18th

Film: National Emergency Briefing, 7.30pm, The Craft Bar, Pitmedden

Film tickets

Join Udny Climate Action and Udny Resilience Group for a second screening of this film about the nature and climate crisis hosted by Chris Packham. Hard hitting but optimistic about the benefits of action. Age 16+ only. FREE but booking via Eventbrite required: bit.ly/4z5KvKE

Sun 22nd

Creative Open House, 3-6pm, The Medan Centre

A free, drop-in arts and crafts taster session, open to everyone. Visitors can try a variety of creative activities, discover what interests them and share ideas for future workshops. Hosted by **hArticulture** https://www.facebook.com/harticultureUK

Fri 20th - Sun 22nd

Christmas / Winter Swap Shop, Pitmedden Village Hall, see local advertising for details

Swap Shop FB

Swap and share pre-loved, good quality items with your community. Keep an eye on Facebook for up to date info. **Contact udnyswapshop@gmail.com or message on Facebook.**

Mon 30th

Health Visitor @ Baby & Toddler Stay & Play, 10am - 12noon, Quarry Room, The Medan Centre

Health Visitor Julie Main will be in attendance to provide advice and support for you and your little ones. No need to book. Contact Teresa: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk.

The Medan Centre

Your Community Hub

Cafe48

Tuesday to Saturday, 9.30am - 3pm

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

HOT DEAL

BURGER BARGAIN!

2x Burgers for £20 for the whole of November

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:

World Diabetes Day & Lung Cancer

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

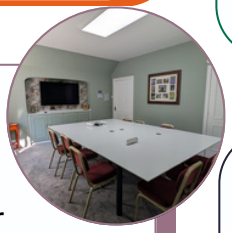
The Community Information Point is outside the Bronie Room, in The Medan Centre.

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...
14 Oldmeldrum Road, Pitmedden, AB41 7AG

Speak to us...
01651 843776 or 07436 811759

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