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**Welcome to the Winter edition of the Drumoak and Durris
Newsletter.**

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS Needless to say that this year has been tough on everyone including many businesses. We have been reminded of the importance of local businesses and the local community supporting one another through this pandemic, and hopefully into the future. The newsletter editorial committee thought this might be an opportunity to highlight one of our local enterprises in each edition - particularly those who choose to advertise with us and support this publication. While we cannot directly endorse any business, we can give some background and feature some of their services.

We will begin with a new business venture, advertising with us for the first time - 'The Art of Lockdown'

'The Art of Lockdown' is the home-grown venture of local lad Lee Harper. Lee, 24yrs, was brought up in Durris and lives in Drumoak.

When Covid hit, his usual employment was hit too. Like many others Lee found he had a lot of unexpected time on his hands. He used that opportunity and time to revert to a childhood talent of art and drawing. He began again to draw, simply to fill his time, but he found as his skill continued to develop that family and friends were keen to have and to buy his pictures. He concentrates on Scottish wildlife and domestic pets but also on more modern imaginative visuals.

If anyone is interested in buying any of his prints or commissioning a particular piece of work, please see contact details in his advert below.

We hope to feature another local business in our next edition.



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From the Manse



This very day in David's town your Saviour was born—Christ the Lord!

(Luke 2: 11)

How can it be that a baby, yes, a small child, can save me and save me from what?

As I sit down to write this, it is just approaching half-term. At this point, I am not sure what Christmas will look like this year and I am not certain if we will be celebrating Christmas in the usual way due to these strange COVID-19 times and restriction. Will we be able to attend our usual Christmas nights out? Perhaps not! Will we be able to participate in Advent as we normally do at Church or even have our Christmas services and carols in the usual way? Probably not! Will we be able to celebrate with our family and friends as we did last year? Probably not! Will Christmas be the same? Well maybe!

You see, we know with certainty, from the Bible, that Christ the Lord, was born in Bethlehem some 2000+ years ago. We know with certainty that He grew up to be an adult and the Bible tells us all the amazing details and events of His life. We know too with certainty from the eye-witness accounts recorded in the Bible that Jesus died on a cross and yet miraculously rose again from the grave. Sometimes though, what we struggle with was why and how such a baby has been celebrated down through the ages in so many different ways and around the world since.

Jesus is your Saviour, that is what our verse from Luke's gospel tells us. Jesus, God's son, saves us from all the punishment of God for our wrong doings, all our misbehaviours, intended and not, which mar our relationship with God and with each other. No matter how much we try to make amends and patch up our lives, it is only Jesus who makes us all right again. That is still something to celebrate this year, COVID-19 restrictions and all. We can celebrate that God loves us so much that He was willing to send us the best Christmas present of all, the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

This year, Christmas might not be the same as Christmas in years gone by, but it is still a time to remember what God has done for us. It is still a time to rejoice and it is still a time to celebrate.

May you be blessed this Christmas morning, and may you know your Saviour is born – Christ the Lord.

A Christmas blessing

God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the shepherds and the magi,
God of the baby lying in a manger,
God with us,
Touch our hearts with the living presence of Christ this Christmas
Fill us with the love and joy which He alone can bring,
And send us out to proclaim His kingdom
Glad tidings to all.
In His name we pray...Amen.



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Why not taste & see?

Church Services over Christmas

At the last meeting of the Kirk Session it was felt that services would still be online at Christmas time and it was hoped to have an All Age Service on Christmas Eve and a Service of Lessons and Carols on the Sunday after Christmas. It was agreed to support The Children's Society as our charity for those services and possibly to use some of their material in the Christmas Eve Service, although this has still to be decided. Information about the services will be posted on our website drumokdurrischurch.org, on our Facebook page and also on posters which will be displayed in Drumoak and Durris.



There will be an opportunity to donate to The Children's Society nearer the time. Details will be given online and on the posters. The work of The Children's Society can be viewed online at www.childrenssociety.org.uk

We hope many of you will join us online for these services at Christmas time.

Harvest Thanksgiving Donations

Thank you to all who kindly gave to the two appeals at Harvest time. £150 was given to Durris Primary School for their collection towards Action Aid, which is an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty. A good number of tins of soup etc. were handed into Drumoak Primary School for their soup wall. The tins were given to Aberdeen Cyrenians which offers care and support to vulnerable people living in the North East. Both charities are most grateful for your support.



Amazon Smile is a great way to help and support Drumoak/Durris church at no extra cost to you, all you need to do is personally sign up, going to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> then at the top of the page there is a 'supporting' tab, which you click on and you enter 'Drumoak-Durris Church'. You should then be given the chance to select it, and then any purchases you make at Amazon are automatically registered.

By shopping this way Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases, at no extra cost to you. Easier still use the following link putting you directly to Drumoak/ Durris.
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Messy Church

A merry Messy Christmas greeting to you all from the Messy church team. The message of Christmas is as meaningful today as it was over 2000 years ago when baby Jesus was born. The feeling of isolation and exclusion was overcome by an act of kindness from the Inn keeper. Let us in the days and months ahead be like that Inn keeper. Here are a few crafts you may like to try over the festive period.



Materials

White craft card, beads, buttons, sequins and glue.

Draw a snowflake design and decorate.

Set aside to dry then hang as a decoration



Step 1: Cut a sheet of brown craft paper into several 5 cm strips.

Step 2: Tape (or glue) two of the craft paper strips together, to form the base of the reindeer hat. Use your child's head as a guide for the size.

Step 3: On another sheet of brown craft paper, trace your child's hands.

Step 4: Cut out the hands and attach them to the base of the reindeer hat. These will become the antlers.

Step 5: Add googly eyes and a red pom-pom nose to complete the face of the reindeer.

Tongue Twister – Have a go!

Blessings to you all

Repeat 10 times

A very merry Messy Christmas

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal.

Twenty-five boxes have been donated and have been uplifted by Blythswood for distribution. Drumoak-Durris church are very grateful for your support.



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Peterculter Medical Practice

At the time of writing, we are just entering the Autumn/Winter period, and with that we have been receiving the usual seasonal queries. This year, patients will not receive their flu jabs at the surgery, instead the vaccines will be delivered in dedicated clinics in schools, churches and community centres. All eligible patients will have a letter sent to them with a time, date and location. We understand it has been frustrating so far but we ask that you await your letter and do not contact the practice. As always, if you do not meet the eligibility criteria, vaccines are available at local and high street pharmacies for a small fee. For more information on eligibility, patients can visit www.nhsinform.scot/flu or www.fluvaxgrampian.com

With the current restrictions in place, we know that it can take its toll on our mental health. There are some great local initiatives in place such as the NHS Grampian Psychological

Resilience Hub. This is a self-referral service and details can be found on our website. There are also websites and helplines such as Breathing Space and the Samaritans. As always, we are here to help with any and all problems.

Our new eConsult system was rolled out in July and is now the main way of seeking medical help from the practice. Only those who are unable to access the internet and use our website or have a medical emergency (that doesn't need 999) should be making contact by phone in the first instance. We'd like to thank-you for being so quick to adapt to this situation, it has been very helpful to us. eConsult gives many benefits, including the facility for a very easy text reply with medical advice or a plan of action. This makes it the fastest way to get medical assistance in a non-emergency situation. eConsult can be easily accessed via our website. However, the eConsult system is not for ordering prescriptions online, please sign up to our Patient Access system, you can download the form from our website under the Clinics & Services tab, if you wish to do this.

As some of you may already be aware, Dr Howarth left the practice at the end of September, we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work at the practice over the last 17 years and to wish her every success in her new role.

We hope you all remain safe and well over the festive period and wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Peterculter Medical Practice.

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[Winter Golf for Less!](#)

The nights are fair drawn in, the season has come to a close, but golf is still on! Enjoy the upcoming winter months for free, if you take out our 15 for 12 months special offer, starting from 1st December 2020-end of February 2022. Fees for next year will be advised before 1st December. For full details on this offer, please contact Mandy on membership@petercultergolfclub.co.uk. We will have membership deals to suit every budget for the new season, so keep an eye on our website and social media pages to avoid missing out. Our Club Captain, Trevor Grose, would like to thank our members, staff, committee and the local community for their support through a very challenging year. We continue to operate under clear Government restrictions going forwards and can assure you that our Club remains a safe place for golf and social activity. We hope that the 2021 season brings a return to a more relaxed environment for all.

We would also like to let you know that we have a sponsorship opportunity for our brand-new buggies! For more information, please contact Ross on pro@petercultergolfclub.co.uk. From all of us at Peterculter Golf Club, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year when it comes.

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[Drumoak Primary School and Nursery](#) [Autumn Update 2020](#)



I am delighted to report that we are now 10 weeks back to school after the lockdown in March. It has been great to get back to school and have real face to face interactions again. Everyone is delighted to be back and learning, and teaching is very much back to normal with necessary restrictions built in to keep everyone safe.



[Charity Work](#)

Last term we supported the Aberdeen Cyrenians charity by collecting many tins of food. We ended up with more than 300 tins from pupils, staff and the congregation of Drumoak Church.

The tins were very much appreciated by the charity and helped many families in need during the October break.



This term we will be supporting Children in Need with special events and fun activities to support this charity.

Maths Week

Our annual maths week took place last month and again we celebrated maths in our world. This year each class-based learning around a topic and explored maths within that context



In P5/6 the class topic on the River Dee provided an opportunity to measure the rate of flow of the river



P1 found that there was lots of maths in popular fairy tales like the Gingerbread Man.



P2/3 solved tricky problems on number patterns

The children also enjoyed trying to solve daily maths challenges, mental maths challenges and finding solutions to tricky problems. Our children have a very positive mindset about maths and are developing thinking skills to encourage a solution focused approach to solving problems.

[Banchory Rotary Club](#)

Our P7 pupils were presented with a dictionary gifted to all senior pupils in the Banchory cluster. This is a generous and very much appreciated gift and we are very thankful to the Rotary Club for providing this useful tool to our P7 class.



[Christmas tree of Kindness](#)

After the challenging year that 2020 has been for many people our focus in December is going to be on one of our school values - **Be Kind**. To celebrate and think about this strong value in our school community there will be a Christmas kindness tree in the centre of our school and children, staff and parents will be asked to write a message of kindness to hang on the tree. If any member of the community would like to take part, please email your message to the school office and we will include it on our kindness tree, and I will include a picture in the next newsletter.



Community Events

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions we are working under the school is not open for community/external visits, but we look forward to welcoming back the strong community links as soon as we can.

Goodbye to Mrs. Carroll

Just before the October break we said a fond farewell to Mrs. Carroll. She has been a member of staff at Drumoak School for 15 years and over that time has had a huge impact on lives of many children as they have moved through school from P1 to P7. The children were always at the centre of everything she did and her contribution to the life and work of the school has been outstanding. We wish her well in the future and look forward to hearing all about her new adventures.



Our children have been busy over the last week making plans to improve the garden areas and bring colour to the school over the winter. P2/3 pupils filled pots with bulbs and winter pansies to cheer up the entrance to the school.



We hope that you have enjoyed hearing about school news, and we thank the community for the continued support provided to Drumoak School.

Mrs Service – Head Teacher

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Editor's note. Due to the volume of articles contributed for this edition I have had to hold some back to the next newsletter as there was just not the space for them. So, in the next published newsletter there will be articles from Willie Blackhall about farming and a walking article from Peter Richardson.

[Tales from the Riverbank by Robert Harper](#)

The 2020 season finished on Thursday 15th October, a season to be remembered or not, for many different reasons. The impact of Covid and lockdown, as we know, had a huge impact on the whole nation.

The final salmon total of 2538 salmon was about four hundred down on last year - 2019. The main highlight must be the good run of grilse in July, which contributed greatly to the final tally. Near to home, Park Estate did by far the best with 356 salmon, which is close to their average. During the months of July and August, anglers on the beat had a particularly good time with 112 fish being caught on each of the two months - well done Park.

You may recall Jordan Sinclair moved at the end of last season from here at Lower Crathes to take up a new post at Lower Blackhall & Banchory. This area of the river is renowned for doing well when the grilse/summer salmon arrive, and Jordan wasn't disappointed with 120 fish for July. Congratulations to the beats and Jordan.

Thankfully we filled Jordan's waders with another young ghillie, Daniel Wright, who has fitted in very well considering a well under par season for Lower Crathes. Here's hoping Daniel sees the beat at its full potential in the 2021 season.



The biggest fish of the season was caught on the Middle Drum beat, weighing in at 30lbs, a great salmon in its Autumn plumage.

The middle beats on the river above Banchory, showed a slight improvement on 2019 with Cairnton & Middle Blackhall doing best with 234 salmon

The upper beats, which closed on 30 September, were down on 2019 numbers. Crathie did best with 123. The season ended with Brian Sim, neighbouring ghillie and good friend, retiring from the Crathes Castle beat. I am sure Brian will continue to cast a line and give us all

the benefit of his great and wicked sense humour.

The season has now closed but we are looking forward to next year - more importantly, may we all stay safe and look out for each other.

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[Drumoak Post Mistress is retiring.](#)

As some of you may know, Ann Donald, who is the Postmistress at Drumoak Post Office is retiring at the end of the year. Ann and her family have run the Drumoak Post Office for many years, and it is the end of an era.

If you wish to contribute to a collection for Ann, please can you send donations to Marion McNeil, 12 Keithmuir Gardens, Drumoak, AB31 5AA

Please make cheques out to Drumoak and Durris Community Group or by BAC to account number 00276109; sort code 83-28-46, please mark it for "Post Office". Many thanks

HOMEOWNERS – IMPORTANT NOTICE

In February 2019 the Legislation relating to smoke detection in your home changed.
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Drop-in Café

Earlier this year, I asked in the Community Newsletter if there was anyone willing to consider re-establishing the Drop-in Café.

Unfortunately, there were no positive responses to that enquiry, then Covid-19 and lockdown came along, and since then I have given little thought to this matter.

However, something has to be done and, if there is no interest in reforming the Drop-in Café, then the process of closing it down,

along with its bank account will need to be addressed.

So, in accordance with the conditions of the Constitution, I am serving notice of its dissolution. This requires me to give not less than 21 days' notice of a Special General Meeting, which cannot at present be held. So, in view of the current restrictions, I suggest that, if there is no contact made with me by 31st January 2021, I will start the process of closing down the Drop-in Café and its bank account. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me.

Marion McNeil, Treasurer marionmcneil24@yahoo.com Tel: 01330 811350

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Park Bridge Update



We reported in the last newsletter that Park Bridge would be discussed at the Aberdeenshire Council Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee meeting in Oct and this took place on 27th Oct. The council did give a response to the points raised in our petition, but in the most cursory way and it did not address the requests we made. We made it clear that we did not consider the points to have been

adequately addressed, but this did not get taken on board. It was more of a tick-box exercise for the council.

We made input from PBAG and CDD Community Council on the impact the bridge closure has had on the community and also our engineers' views on the condition of the bridge which we don't believe is nearly as perilous as the council are making out. Council officers made much of the fact that the bridge is cast iron, and this really is not the concern, it is the condition that the deck has been allowed to get into that is the problem and this is purely due to a lack of maintenance. There is nothing wrong with the design of the bridge, after all it has been carrying traffic in some shape or form for nearly 150 years!

The K&M Area committee were not asked to make a decision, but instead, merely to 'note' the condition of the bridge. This was a bit of a diversion as it prevented the committee pushing for the bridge to be re-opened to traffic, but it did decide to state a preference for the bridge to be re-opened to light vehicles (under 3 tons), but within the context of Aberdeenshire Council's bridge maintenance strategy. In follow-up correspondence with Aberdeenshire Council, we have established that at the moment Park Bridge is 49th in a list of around 100 bridges awaiting maintenance. It is at the top of the list of bridges termed 'standard' which come after the bridges determined to be 'vital' or 'important'. As such we are not convinced that money will be made available for the bridge, even to preserve it for cyclists and pedestrians, when the priorities are discussed at the Infrastructure Services Committee later in November. The council appear to be working to a strategy of *not* maintaining bridges on C and U-class roads unless they result in land-locking.

We are awaiting feedback from our councillors on whether we can make representation at the Infrastructure Services Committee meeting as well.

So the fight continues and we're not giving up!

We can be contacted on info@parkbridgeactiongroup.com or visit our website at <https://www.parkbridgeactiongroup.com> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SaveParkBridge>

The PBAG Team

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Samarathon by Helen Hamilton and Lynne Anderson

This summer I fulfilled a lifetime's ambition and did a marathon! However, it was a marathon with a difference called a 'Samarathon'. IE a fundraising 'virtual marathon' for Samaritans where participants could walk, jog or run (see Lynne's article).

I first heard about Samaritans when I was about 20 (60+ years ago!) There was a play on the radio called 'The Listener' the story drew attention to the importance of being able to talk with someone when things are tough. I decided then that one day I would join Samaritans.

Samaritans is a charity which aims to offer emotional support to anyone in emotional distress and struggling to cope or at risk of suicide. There is a free phone 116 123 available 24/7 365 days a year. I've been involved for 17 years. 18 volunteers and friends (including Lynne - a neighbour who accepted the challenge) raised over £6500 for the Aberdeen branch. These donations will ensure the local branch will continue to provide the service to the many who use it in times of need.

A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously.



Most of the walking was along 'The Banks o' the Dee' and I loved every mile/kilometre. Only one day was walked in rain and another day the midges were unbearable! Occasionally I was joined with a friend (socially distanced of course) and that improved my knowledge on trees, anthills etc. From my notes here are some of the highlights of what I recorded; newts, frogs, red squirrel (one), salmon leaping, a young red deer, gray heron, LBJ birds and a mother mink with her 2 kits who were so intrigued by my boots. The wildflowers were amazing and glorious. It's certainly been a tough summer but the Samarathon gave me some lovely gentle memories including the kindness of strangers occasionally met along the riverbank and forest walks.

PS 18 months ago I would never have considered this challenge but joining the Drumoak Durris walking group helped build up both my confidence and stamina!

Helen Hamilton

One day when talking with Helen we shared our thoughts and concerns about the difficulties many people and families were facing, in particular how tough 'lockdown' could be on folk's mental health. Sometimes it's difficult to 'keep perspective' and to

not feel overwhelmed by the strange new way of life we are facing; the uncertainty of jobs, the challenge of managing family life and everyone 'stuck' inside together with little time or space to 'escape'. Through my work as a staff nurse, I've become even more aware of the mental health challenges folk face. During the pandemic many are struggling to cope.

With all this in mind and understanding the work Samaritans do I decided to sign up for the Samarathon. I set myself a challenge to run a half Marathon (13.2 miles) and cycle the distance of a double marathon (52.4 miles) on the 30th of July.

To me this was a big physical challenge but it's a challenge I really enjoyed. Getting out running and cycling several times a week gave me such a boost. Thank you to all who donated to Samaritans through my challenge – the generosity of so many and knowing the money would help those in need was such an encouragement.



Lynne Anderson

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Colourful seasonal plants, in attractive containers, are always a popular gift we have a great range to choose from.

Curl up in front of your open fire or log burner with our kiln dried oak logs providing a roaring blaze.

Kids (and adults) will love our sledges, the more practical snow shovels and salt are also available under the Plant Area canopy.



[The Finale](#)

In these strange times there is one certainty to look forward to. Spring is just around the corner and your garden will be ready to burst into life giving us all hope for better days ahead.

Wishing you and your family a safe and happy Christmas



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WOOD CHIP MULCH FOR SALE

What is "Wood Chip Mulch"?

A wood chip mulch is a layer of organic material applied across the surface of an area of soil. It has many uses for gardens, paths, adventure playgrounds.....

All our wood chip mulch is environmentally friendly as it is produced from recycled trees, nothing is wasted !!



Suppresses Weed Growth



Retains Soil Moisture



Regulates Soil Temperature



Enhances Soil Fertility



How much Wood Chip Mulch will I need?

CUBIC METER VOLUME	← Depth of Bark Layer →		
	2" (50mm)	4" (100mm)	6" (150mm)
1m ³	20m ²	10m ²	7m ²
2m ³	40m ²	20m ²	13m ²
3m ³	60m ²	30m ²	20m ²
4m ³	80m ²	40m ²	27m ²
5m ³	100m ²	50m ²	33m ²
10m ³	200m ²	100m ²	67m ²
20m ³	400m ²	200m ²	133m ²
30m ³	600m ²	300m ²	200m ²
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Well it is that time of year again when we are kept busy in the garden tidying up the leaves, cutting back plants and digging over vegetable gardens. Of great benefit to the soil at this time of year is a good amount of organic matter such as dung, leaf mould or well-rotted wood chip mulch.

Organic matter is vital to maintain a good soil structure and over the winter, the worms and the weather will do their work leading to the gradual incorporation of this mulch into the soil adding vital nutrients and improving drainage and aeration. Insects will also benefit from a surface layer of organic material for shelter and protection from the frosts and wet.

Wood chip mulch is ideal and can be either freshly chipped virgin wood, which is great for paths, weed suppression and looks in a flower or vegetable bed, or well-rotted to be used as a soil improver, adding nutrients and improving soil structure. Trees Are Us can provide both fresh and well-rotted wood chip mulch which will suit both purposes.

The colder night will see many of us lighting the fire or log burner and it is a cheering sight to see the flames leaping warmly in the grate. It is important to burn well-seasoned or kiln dried logs for many reasons. The heat needed to burn wet wood – 25% moisture or more – will burn less efficiently producing a lot more smoke and generating less heat. More smoke means a higher potential for the buildup of creosote in the fireplace or chimney flue which leads to higher emissions which is environmentally unfriendly. Air seasoned is fine for immediate burning as it will usually have a moisture content of 25% or below. However, if you want really hot burning logs, kiln dried is the way to go. These logs are dried to a lower moisture content than air dried and will burn hotter as a result as none of the heat is used to evaporate residual moisture within the logs, it is time consuming and labour intensive to kiln dry logs and hence the higher price. Logs are placed in a kiln for around 5 days to fully dry them and they would end up with a moisture content around 10-15% on exit from the kiln.

Wood will absorb moisture from the atmosphere however, over time, and it is important that logs are stacked correctly in a well-ventilated dry area in order to maintain their dryness as long as possible.

In these times, it is more important than ever to preserve our environment. Buying locally sourced logs and mulch, ticks many earth friendly boxes and also supports local businesses in these challenging times. Trees Are Us would like to thank all our customers for their continued and very valued custom and extend our very best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy winter.

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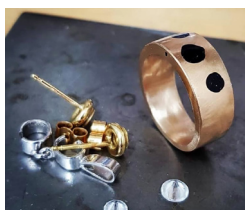


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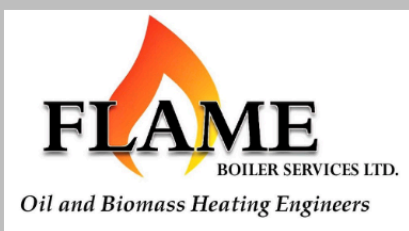
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From the editor

Thanks to all who entered our prize draw in issue 100, and we can announce the winner is

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