



Tarves Parish Church of Scotland ABERDEENSHIRE

Scottish Charity No: SCO17161



Tarves Heritage Centre

About Tarves



CHURCH ACTIVITIES	WHERE AND WHEN	CONTACT
Sunday Worship	Tarves Parish Church - Sunday Morning @ 11:15am	
	Barthol Chapel Church - Sunday Morning @ 9:45am	
	Session Clerk (Tarves)	Mrs Susanna Bichard (01651) 851345
	Session Clerk (Barthol Chapel)	Mr Rob Fryer (01651) 851340
Messy Church	Youth Hall - Sunday @ 11: 00am. Advertised dates throughout the year	Ms Ruth Nisbet (01651) 851887
Jaffa Club	In Tarves Primary School from 3.20pm - 4.20pm. Further details:	Mrs Isobel Laing (01651) 851856
Tuesday Coffee Morning	Tarves Parish Church @ 10:00 – 11:00am every Tuesday	Mrs Edith Innes (01651) 851632
Wednesday House Group		Mrs Susanna Bichard (01651) 851345
Tarves Church Guild	Tarves Parish Church @ 7:30pm (from October – Dec & Feb – May)	Mrs Sheila Downie (01651) 851851
Tarves Breakfast	Youth Hall - Saturday 8:30 – 10:30am. Advertised dates throughout the year.	Mrs Doreen Brown (01651) 851040



EDUCATION	WHERE	CONTACT
Tarves Primary School + Nursery Unit	Duthie Road, Tarves	Mrs Heather Scott (01651) 851247
Tarves Toddlers & Playgroup	<u>In Youth Hall</u> Playgroup - Mon – Frid 9:30am – 12noon	Laura Slater (01651 851402)
	Toddlers Thurs 1:00pm – 3:00pm (Both school term time only)	Julie Fraser 07702 910455
Tarves Primary School PTA		Mr Bryan Dickson (01651) 851810
Meldrum Academy	Colpy Road, Oldmeldrum	Mr Andrew Travis (01651) 871300
Meldrum Academy Community Learning	Colpy Road, Oldmeldrum	(01651) 871323
Meldrum Library	Colpy Road, Oldmeldrum	(01651) 871307
Ellon Library	Station Road, Ellon	(01358) 720865
Mobile Library	Hanover Court 09:30 – 10:30am The Square 10:35 – 11:30am	Fortnightly Wk 1 & 3

HEALTH	WHERE	CONTACT
Pitmedden Surgery (Main Surgery)	Tarves Road, Pitmedden	Surgery Reception (01651) 843468
Methlick Surgery (Branch Surgery)	Polesburn Road, Methlick (Mornings only)	Surgery Reception (01651) 806207
Tarves Pharmacy	8 Duthie Road, Tarves	(01651) 851403
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary	Ashgrove Road West, Aberdeen	0845 456 6000
NHS 24	(FREE, from landlines and mobiles) 111	

ANIMAL HEALTH	WHERE	CONTACT
Meadows Vet Centre	Station Road, Oldmeldrum	(01651) 872481
Glenythan Vet Group	23 The Square, Ellon Polesburn, Methlick	(01358) 289252 (01651) 806212



LEISURE & SOCIAL	WHERE AND WHEN	CONTACT
Bodywise Fitness Classes / Pilates	Meets in School Mon 8:00 – 9:00pm	Jane Hollstein (01651) 806700
Enjoy-a-Ball	In Youth Hall on Wed 3:00 – 5.30pm	Kim Montgomery 07835 336 368
Formartine Youth Project <i>[Connecting young people in the Formartine area]</i>	<i>Project is supported by Barthol Chapel linked with Tarves, Methlick, and Udney & Pitmedden Churches</i>	Claire Bell - email - clairefyp@outlook.com
Hanover Court Activities	Further information available from contact name	Mrs Sheila Downie (01651) 851851
Karate Club	In Youth Hall on Frid 7:00 – 8.30pm	Mr John Farley (01888) 562192
Royal British Legion	Further information available from contact name.	Mr John Thomson (01651) 851615
Tarves Flower Show	In Melvin Hall, Duthie Road, Tarves 2 nd Saturday in August	Sheila Ewen (01651) 851766
Tarves Football Club	Hillhead Park, Tree Road, Tarves	Mr Neil Profeit (01651) 851756 Mr Duncan Massie 01224 870819
Tarves Friendship Club	Further information available from contact name.	Mrs Jean Jowett (01651) 851081
Tarves Outdoor Bowling Club <i>[Summer Only]</i>	Bowling Green, Duthie Road, Tarves	Mr Willie Howie (01651) 851570
Tarves Rambling Club	Seasonal programme available from contact names.	Mrs Moira Minty (01651) 851526 Mr John Thomson (01651) 851615
Tarves Youth Group – The Hut	The Hut @ Tarves Primary School Playground Mon & Wed evening @ 7:00 – 9:30pm	Mr Bob Heberton (01651) 871323
Udney Station Indoor Bowling Club	In Youth Hall <i>(Winter Only)</i> Mon & Wed evening @ 7:30pm	Mr John Dickson (01651) 851317

To book Melvin Hall Contact: J Reville (01651) 851715 / 07807 280913

To book Youth Hall Contact: M Barrack (01651) 851368

New Ellon Academy Swimming Pool & Community Centre	Kellie Pearl Way, Ellon	(01358) 720715
Garioch Sports Centre	Burghmuir Drive, Inverurie	(01467) 626141
Inverurie Swimming Pool	Victoria Street, Inverurie	(01467) 620654
Meadows Sports Centre, Ellon	Meadows Way, Ellon	(01358) 725162
Oldmeldrum Rotary Club	Red Garth Hotel, Oldmeldrum Mondays @ 6:30pm	Mr Rob Rothnie (01651) 842011

TRANSPORT	CONTACT
Stagecoach Bluebird • Buses to Aberdeen, Ellon, Methlick & Inverurie	(01224) 212266 Bus timetables are at the Bus Stops in The Square in Tarves
Nearest train station @ Inverurie (10 miles)	First Scotrail. General timetable enquiries 08457 48 49 50
Aberdeen Airport, Dyce	Dyce, Aberdeen 0844 481 6666
Haddo Taxis	(01651) 851122
A1 Taxis and Cabs 4 U	(01651) 851877

LOCAL INFORMATION	
Tarves & Barthol Chapel Newsletter - TBC	This is a district magazine with news, activities, local business and tradesmen advertising. The magazine is published quarterly and delivered by volunteers in the community. Contact Moira Allan (01651) 851802
Ellon Times	Local newspaper – published every Thursday
Ellon Advertiser	Local newspaper – published every Friday
Tarves Community Council	Information can be found on the local notice boards outside the Melvin Hall and on Braiklay Avenue. Contact TCC.Chairman@tarves.org.uk
Tarves Community website	Local information can be accessed via www.tarves.org.uk

CULTURAL / VISITORS	WHERE	CONTACT
Haddo House (<i>National Trust for Scotland</i>)	Haddo House	08444 93 21 79
Haddo House Country Park	Haddo House	08456 08 12 07
Haddo Choral Society	Haddo House	(01651) 851111
Haddo Children's Theatre		
Pitmedden Gardens (<i>National Trust for Scotland</i>)	Pitmedden	Susan Burgess 0844 493 2177
Tarves Heritage Project	The Square, Tarves	Les Donaldson (01651) 851414 www.tarvesheritage.org.uk
Tolquhon Castle (<i>Historic Scotland</i>)	Tolquhon, Tarves	(01651) 851286
Tolquhon Gallery	Tolquhon, Tarves	Mr & Mrs D Ross (01651) 842343
Formartine's (<i>Restaurant & Shop</i>)	Keithfield, Tarves	(01651) 851123

The Tolquhon Tomb



William Forbes was Laird of Tolquhon for nearly 50 years. The family residence was at Tolquhon Castle, about a mile and a half south of where he now lays. In April 1584 William Forbes commenced a major reconstruction of the castle which was completed in October 1589.

It was also in 1589, only shortly after he completed work on Tolquhon Castle, that William Forbes paid for the insertion in the south aisle of the parish kirk at Tarves of the Tolquhon Tomb. He was laid to rest here on his death in 1596. The old kirk at Tarves was replaced by the current parish church in 1798 on a site moved just a few yards to the north, but the Tolquhon Tomb was retained together with its backing section of kirk wall. Today it is protected from the elements by a modern transparent structure.

Finding the tomb is relatively straightforward. A sign points visitors into the kirkyard, which is just to the east of the centre of Tarves. Within the kirkyard you simply go round to the south side of the church and the protective structure surrounding the tomb is unmissable amid the more recent gravestones.

The tomb itself is remarkably well preserved given it is over four centuries old. The decoration can be described as a mixture of Gothic and Renaissance, and although the basic form of a tomb set into a kirk wall is very medieval, the unknown designer of this particular tomb (*who just might have been the well-read William Forbes himself*) was clearly trying to give it what, for its day, was a very modern twist.

Many of the details are fascinating. From the crest on the wall some way above the tomb to the arcaded front of the tomb chest itself, nothing has been left unadorned, whether by the Forbes and Gordon coats of arms, by floral and animal motifs, or in more abstract ways.

Perhaps the nicest touches of all are the two little figures carved on the inner faces of the tomb, one at each end, with that on the left representing William Forbes and that on the right representing Elizabeth Gordon. The little figure of William Forbes bears a striking resemblance to a larger statue on the gatehouse at Tolquhon Castle, suggesting that is also of him.