MAIG REPORT TO CC AUGUST 2024

The flower displays in Oldmeldrum centre, thanks to the tremendous efforts of the volunteer waterers and dead headers, continue to be terrific.

The Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) judging was held at the end of July as planned. We've no feedback from the judges yet (although many smiles were observed especially when eating cake in the Community Café), but it's difficult to see how the town could have done much more. It was a huge effort by so many people and showed how much people care about our community. We receive results at a KSB-hosted event on 09th September.

The KSB Judges were especially interested in the water recycling system Sandy Keith and others have been constructing. This will pay dividends by supplementing our water supply and thereby reducing costs. The recycling system consists of capturing rain water from the machinery shed and storing in six containers, which then supplies water to the douser on the truck. The system is to go live this week.

While preparing for the judging a number of MAIG volunteers were approached by members of the community expressing their appreciation. This included a Lady from the USA, visiting her son and daughter in law, who said she specifically followed the photographs of the flowers in the square each year as they were so wonderful.

The Petanque pistes have been very busy. Recently the Aberdeenshire Trefoil Ladies had an outing with coaching from the Scottish Petanque coach Malcolm McKenzie. The Rotary Petanque final Between Bon Accord and Alford is due to be played at the end of August. On the 17th August the Rotaey Club of Dyce had their annual Petanque outing at the Meldrum Piste. Given the level of activity an application to build a stadium for spectators will soon be made (joking)!

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