



Winter 2011 Newsletter

CRATHIE Opportunity Holidays

Patron: HRH The Duchess of Rothesay

**A great holiday opportunity on Royal Deeside for everyone,  
with superb facilities for disabled people**

### **Refurbishment of all four cottages**

At Crathie Opportunity Holidays we are committed to providing accessible accommodation which is beautifully furnished with quality fittings. After the success of two Golf Fundraising Days and with savings from our Asset Replacement Fund we decided to update all four cottages. New curtains and soft furnishings by Mikhail Pietranek, Interior Designer were fitted as well as Karndean flooring which has completely transformed the living areas. We would love to hear what you think of them.



Gelder Living Room



Clunie Kitchen and Dining Room



Clunie sitting room



Girnock Hallway



Gairn Dining Room



**Open Day July 2011** - to showcase the newly refurbished cottages we held an Open Day in July. People came from near and far and were greatly impressed by how warm and comfortable the cottages are. Many said that we had done a great job in retaining the charm and accessibility of the cottages while keeping them fresh and modern. A prize draw for 3 nights accommodation was won by local man, Mike Talbot, who generously donated his prize to Grampian Opportunities which is a local organisation researching accessible short break accommodation. Contact [www.grampianopportunities.org.uk](http://www.grampianopportunities.org.uk) for more information.



**Message from The Chair  
Sheila Harrison**

Crathie Opportunity Holidays is always looking for ways to enhance your holiday experience with us and 2011 has seen the completion of the refurbishment of the cottages. Our guests have been delighted with the results. In 2012 we shall be celebrating our 10th Birthday and we look forward to welcoming both new guests and those who have paid us the compliment of returning every year since we opened.

The Board and Staff of Crathie Opportunity Holidays wish you a Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.



Short break holiday offer  
**4 nights for the price of 3**

Give us a call or send an email to book your short break and mention that you saw this offer advertised in our newsletter. Short breaks available from 1st November 2011 to 31st March 2012 £75 per night per cottage Subject to availability.

**Staff News**



Lorraine's daughter ran the Balmoral Primary School Race in April and raised £250 for MS



Anderson Anderson & Brown are presented with the Winner's Quaich for the Fundraising Golf Event. This event has raised over £13,500 since 2009 and we have been able to extensively refurbish the cottages. Early next year we will purchase another rise-recline armchair bringing our total to four so it won't have to be booked in advance. Many thanks to all the golf teams for their continued support.

Beth's gorgeous boy, Christian will be 2 years old on Christmas Day.



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We have a Facebook page where details of upcoming events, news etc will appear and we'd love you to join us there and give us your news and views.



**2012** We will be celebrating our 10th Anniversary next year and have planned a series of Fundraising Events and Activities. We are also trying to raise awareness and Maggie's daughter, Kirsty, will be conducting some market research on our behalf to find out what our guests (and potential guests) really want, and what they appreciate most about what we do. Kirsty will be sending out an e-mail survey early next year and we encourage everyone to give us their views.

