

**Welcome to our Spring newsletter** giving information about Columcille drama work, fundraising, Columcille 21st Anniversary and other news.

**Drama at Columcille** Columcille drama group performs regular theatre productions at Columcille and benefits from the in-house venue, stage, lighting — plus our joinery and art groups making the scenery and props. We have been very pleased to receive grants from several charitable trusts, contributing to a wheelchair lift for accessing the stage, upgrade of the hall floor and venue running costs. The wheelchair lift will enable wheelchair users to more fully participate in theatre productions and we are very pleased to have this facility.

**Scotmid** East Regional Committee awarded a grant of **£500** towards the costs of purchasing the wheelchair lift and resurfacing the Hall floor. We also received much appreciated grants from the Screwfix Foundation, Albert Hunt Trust, Bruce Wake Charity, Gordon Fraser and Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trusts, towards these costs.



**Papa Panov**

**In 2016** the group performed the following plays:  
 “St Brides Play” (February)  
 “The Lost Music” (June)  
 “Papa Panov’s Special Christmas” (December)

**In 2017**  
 “St Brides Play” (February)  
 “There’s Bin A Murder” (summer)  
 The Christmas Play (Dec)

**The Lost Music**



**Papa Panov’s Special Christmas**



**The St Bride’s Play**



**Theatre productions** enable a working together, both within the drama group and also linking in with joinery and art and craft workshops for making scenery, props and the amazing costumes. The day of the play is a coming together within the centre and includes many different skill areas and great refreshments from the cafe

**The venue** is available to visiting, or hiring, theatre groups and is also well used as an evening and weekend venue for parties, ceilidhs, markets and workshops, children’s parties and other celebrations. Income from letting the venue is an important part of our ongoing funding.

## Columcille 21st Anniversary celebrations

Columcille opened in 1996 so this year marks 21 years of working together. Please join some of our celebrations - [Columcille Autumn Fair](#) on Saturday 30th September including a photographic exhibition of Columcille over the years, a [Ceilidh](#) on Friday 27th October in the evening with Columcille Ceilidh Band and an [anniversary Art Exhibition](#) at Summerhall—date will be advertised on our website.

### More Fundraising .....

#### Doubling your donation to Columcille

On **Thursday 22 June** any of you who'd like to make a donation to Columcille will have it doubled if you go through the 'Local Giving page: [localgiving.org/columcille](http://localgiving.org/columcille)

**Columcille Café and kitchen** - in addition to refreshments for plays and festivals the kitchen provides a lunch each weekday for participants and also provides amazing birthday cakes.



**The Joinery workshop** is the hub of production for scenery for plays, working in partnership with the craft group. The joinery also enables individual projects, items to sell at the Autumn Fair and a refurbishing space for items of furniture. Skill and creative opportunity are central aims.



**Music for ALL** continues to run 6 courses each week—5 in Edinburgh and 1 in Bonnyrigg, Midlothian. 115 people participate in making music each week. A grant from the Cordis Trust is enabling us to work with Braidburn and Oaklands Schools in partnership working, in accreditation for Music for ALL.

**Columcille Ceilidh Band** plays on—though choosing fewer gigs and preferring to play for events for community groups and projects benefiting people with learning disability. We do not have back up funding for the band so all costs need to be met from income, which is an ongoing challenge. We are planning to apply for funding to enable us to fulfil our central aim of enabling lower cost ceilidhs for groups benefitting people with learning disabilities.

**Website and Facebook.** Please check our website and Facebook for updates and news.

**Columcille** enables creative experience in joinery, gardening, cooking, arts and crafts, music, dance and drama. The social and friendship links are an important part of time at Columcille. We have 27 full time equivalent places with most people having a part time place. Community based programmes are Music for ALL and Columcille Ceilidh Band. For more information please contact the manager, Martin Dawson, also check the website—address below.



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