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# Café Scientifique

SUMMER-WINTER 2014

## Coffee and a Slice of science

All events commence at 7pm in Waterstones, Eastgate Shopping Centre on the dates listed and are **FREE** to attend.

**JUL**

Tue 15th

*Dr Charles Paxton, Research Fellow, School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of St Andrews*

### **Cryptozoology: Science, Pseudoscience or Something Else?**

Hunting for Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster is often regarded as pseudo-scientific nonsense. This discussion will explore the status of cryptozoology and ask whether the hunt for such creatures is worthwhile.

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Tue 19th

*Dr Ian Barnes, Programme Leader Computing, University of Highlands and Islands*

### **Can Computers Think For Themselves?**

Computers can only do what they are programmed to do. So how can they ever come up with anything original? Is artificial intelligence possible or even desirable?

**SEP**

Tue 16th

*Professor Nigel Trewin, Geology, University of Aberdeen*

### **Scottish Fossils**

This talk will explore the great variety of fossils found in Scotland and show how they influenced the history of palaeontology. There will also be an opportunity to buy Professor Trewin's recent book.

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Tue 7th

*Professor Philip Wilson, Director of the Centre for Rural Health, University of Aberdeen*

### **Why Do Happy Children Live Longer?**

Early childhood influences have a profound effect on later health. This event will explore relationships between genetics, parenting, wellbeing and health outcomes.



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*An informal way to engage with the latest topics in science.*

## Welcome...

to our second series of Cafe Scientifique Inverness where researchers share stories of how our everyday lives have been touched by progress in science.

## Professor Philip Wilson

Director of Centre for Rural Health, University of Aberdeen



## Where, When and What's the Cost?



Waterstones, Unit 69 in the Eastgate Shopping Centre from 7pm - 9pm. Public parking is available in the Eastgate Shopping Centre in the Falcon Gallery Car Park. All sessions are FREE and open to everyone. Refreshments will be on sale.

## How it Works

- 7.00pm** We begin with a short presentation from the speaker(s)
- 7.30pm** Interval and chance to chat informally and get refreshments
- 7.45pm** Chaired, open discussion involving the speaker(s) and audience
- 8.30pm** Close and thanks.

## Friends of Café Sci

Café Sci goers can enjoy a 10% discount at Waterstones during any Café Sci session. Café Scientifique is an initiative of the Public Engagement with Research Unit at the University of Aberdeen, the Centre for Rural Health in Inverness and the University of Highlands and Islands. The series is supported by the Scottish Government. For details of our other community café events across Aberdeen city and Aberdeenshire visit the website below.

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