

Deveron Projects' busy programme of events

ANYONE who wants to learn how to sharpen a knife or make a rope, should get themselves along to the Square Deal Skill Swap on Saturday.

From 10am until 4pm, local makers, fixers and growers will be sharing the secrets of their trade.

The line-up includes upholstery with Anne Murray of Sitsmith + Co, bike maintenance with Tyred n Cranky and dry-stone walling with Alexis Wild.

Petra Pennington will be doing screen printing, and there will be rope making with Robbie Gordon, knife and scissor sharpening with Dave Simpson of Simply Sharp.

Katrina Flad of Frock n Wellies will be sharing ideas on garden design and there will be plant propagating with Christine Sell, wildflower bouquet making with Huntly Greenspace Collective and snacks and drinks with foraged ingredients from Rosie Leagas of Wantonwells Farm.

■ On Wednesday, as part of Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival, Deveron Projects are hosting a reading and companion planting workshop with gardener Lindy Young.

The event, takes place between

1pm and 3.30pm and will include lunch.

It will involve discussing Robin Wall Kimmerer's text *The Three Sisters* – which explores the technique of planting corns, squash and beans together.

That will be followed by a hands on workshop planting the group's own companion plants.

The event is free to attend, but to book a space go to www.deveron-projects.com/events/companion-planting-workshop.

■ There's a new addition to Deveron Projects' Town Collection – a collection of over 40 artworks housed in shops, homes and schools in and around Huntly.

The latest addition is the result of artist Ayo Akínwándé's *The Town is the Archive* project, which researched the Huntly Express archive located in the Brander Building.

For his Town Collection piece, Ayo has produced three of his own newspapers bringing together poems, reports and stories from Huntly Expresses printed between 1893-1920. The newspapers are now available to read in the Brander Library, with copies available to take home for free.