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## MEMBERS OF THE BRETHREN CAUTIONED

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Police revealed last night they had cautioned five members of the Brethren religious group who were arrested earlier for taking down SNP election posters put up near East Aberdeenshire Golf Club at Balmedie. The men were reported to the police by SNP candidate Allan Hendry who lay in wait for them after being alerted to what they were doing.

A spokeswoman said last night the men - aged 30, 23, 22, 19 and 18 - were dealt with under the adult warning scheme and released. Mr Hendry, of Balmedie, said he was later offered and accepted a personal apology from the Brethren. He had been told posters had been taken down, so put up some more displaying the SNP logo beside the A90 Aberdeen to Peterhead road and lay in wait. He acted after seeing two of the men climb a tree to take down one of the posters.

### Driver fined £120

A MEARNS man who crashed his car into a parked vehicle causing extensive damage was fined £120 at Stonehaven Sheriff Court yesterday. James Warden, 42, of 58 Gardenston Street, Laurencekirk, admitted driving without due care and attention when he appeared in court yesterday. The court heard he crashed into a parked car at

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Railway Road, Laurencekirk, on October 10 last year, leaving the car with a one-metre scratch along one side. Sheriff Patrick Davies fined Warden and added three penalty points to his licence.

#### Cash card thief

AN ABERDEEN man who stole a cash card and used it to withdraw £80 was placed on probation at Stonehaven Sheriff Court yesterday. Murray Oman, 25, of Great Northern Road, had previously pleaded guilty to stealing a bank card at 13 Huntly Mews, Aboyne, on March 23 last year. He had also previously admitted using the stolen bank card to withdraw £80 from the Clydesdale Bank cash machine at Aboyne later that day. Sheriff Patrick Davies placed Oman on probation for a year.

#### Westhill book sale

WESTHILL and Skene Lions Club will hold a sale of second-hand books, CDs, DVDs and videos on Saturday from 9am to 3pm at the Westhill Shopping Centre. Donations welcome on the day. Proceeds to National Deaf Children's Society and worthy local causes. For details call 01224 749083.

#### Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning will be held in the Trinity Church, Westhill, on Saturday between 10am and noon. The event, organised by the John Wilson Day Centre, will have stalls with cake, crafts and bric-a-brac on sale and all proceeds will go towards a summer outing for the centre's elderly members. Entry £1.50.

#### Music club

THE Stonehaven and district branch of Arthritis Care is holding a coffee morning on Saturday

from 10am to 12pm at St Bridget's Church Hall.

#### Texan sounds

STONEHAVEN and District Country Music Club will host Texas Express at the Station Hotel on Saturday. Doors open at 8pm and the concert begins at 8.30pm.

#### Stonehaven shop

DUE to incorrect information contained in council papers, it was wrongly reported last week that the former Leslie's furniture store at 48-52 Barclay Street, Stonehaven, was to become a food retail unit. In fact, it will be occupied by Parade, a family-run business selling contemporary furniture, including children's furniture, which is due to open at the site in the middle of this month.

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