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## editorial

Welcome to your summer edition of the Mastrick Matters community magazine!

If you would like to get involved and join the editorial team or if you have ideas for the community publication, you can easily get in touch with us. The staff at shmu are able to support and train anyone living in the area who are interested in developing their ideas and skills in either writing, photography or proof reading. So please don't be shy, this is your magazine written, edited and designed by the good folk of Mastrick. If you live in the Mastrick area and would like to come along to the editorial meetings or submit an article then get in touch with Laura at shmu on **01224 515013** or you can email her on **[laura.young@shmu.org.uk](mailto:laura.young@shmu.org.uk)**.

Thanks to Throw Up Gallery for the front cover photo. The photo is of the mural at Eric Hendrie Park. This project was jointly funded by Mastrick Community Council and Aberdeen City Council.

You can also get in touch with us via our new Facebook page - look up 'Mastrick Matters' and hit that 'like' button, and you can view this magazine alongside previous editions on the shmu website: **[www.shmu.org.uk](http://www.shmu.org.uk)** then click the 'PRESS' option

The Mastrick Matters editorial team would like to remind our readers that we are a fully funded magazine and would advise that no donations are needed.

happy reading.



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# EQUAL WRITES

**(As apart from and for the creative section having been sectioned as much as could be sanctioned out for now there's this)**

In response to questionable actions understood as much as misunderstood to better understand my annoyance

Well "How about" this that I'd use the sum of my parts to impart a rather sorry complaint complaining as I might complain sporadically at this period through my periodical as freely as I might give freedom as much as peace a chance with having more of the time necessary to make sure what I write is right the way I'm writing as no other has written so much about me as me saying all I'd most like to say as close to exactly as I've said when I said it was fine as it was intended to leave me with no excuses for myself or anyone else who'd think this as anything but too considerable to be considered least likely as a summation in some hope and glory be guiding my unsteady hand?

BELIEVE

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## **Mastrick Parish Church is alive and well!**

I believe there have been rumours that Mastrick Church is closing but that is not the case!

The church has been part of the community for over 60 years, since the beginnings of the housing estate, and hopefully has many years more to contribute to the faith and life of the population of Mastrick and Sheddocksley.

As part of the reorganisation of churches in Aberdeen the plan for some time has been that there would be a Union of Summerhill and Mastrick which would be instigated when the minister of either Church retired or resigned from their post. The plan is now actively being put into place because of the retirement of Rev Elizabeth Youngson who was the Minister in Mastrick.

Both congregations have now elected members to serve on a committee to seek to recruit a new Minister for Mastrick. The successful applicant will eventually be the minister of the united congregations which will be based in Mastrick, at some point in the future, when the minister of Summerhill either resigns or retires. Both churches continue to offer Sunday services, Parish support for their respective communities and host their usual organisations and hall lets in the meantime.

We want to see Mastrick Parish Church prosper and we can only do this with a strong membership. Sadly, like many churches, numbers of members are dwindling but if you want to see Mastrick continue you might want to consider joining us to see what is like to be a Church member and become part of the future.

You can give us a phone on 01224 694121 for more information.

**Brian Gauld  
Session Clerk**

# Northfield Academy



Our eleventh annual awards ceremony took place on Wednesday 15th June to celebrate the success of our outstanding pupils at the end of this academic session.

Excited pupils, parents, staff, award sponsors, school partners and former pupils gathered in the splendour of the Beach Ballroom for another glittering annual awards ceremony that recognised the success of over 240 pupils. Without a doubt, it was a fantastic evening showcasing everything that is excellent about Northfield Academy.

We were delighted to welcome Mr Stewart Milne, Executive Chairman of Stewart Milne Group and Aberdeen Football Club as our guest speaker. Mr Milne inspired all our young people to aspire to be outstanding and to take advantage of every opportunity that they can on their journey through school, work and life. He encouraged pupils to set their own aspirational goals and to passionately work hard to be successful in achieve these goals.

The awards ceremony was hosted in the Beach Ballroom for the first time but the format

of the ceremony followed the same format as previous ceremonies. Diplomas of Excellence were presented by Principal Teachers of Guidance and House Captains to pupils for demonstrating excellence in their attendance, work ethic, attitude and effort. Trophies were presented by subject Principal Teachers and award sponsors to pupils who have progressed well in national courses, as well as pupils who have excelled in a variety of areas including sport, music, art and drama. With so many awards being presented, it is no surprise that so many of our pupils are inspired to succeed as they travel on their own journey to excellence!

During the evening, presentations were interspersed with entertainment provided by some of the amazing talent we have in Northfield Academy with soloist performances, our Northfield Voices choir and a choir performance from our future pupils at Quarryhill Primary School.

Another highlight of this year's ceremony was the opportunity to welcome 60 former pupils to attend the ceremony as part of our school's 60th anniversary celebrations during 2016.

Each former pupil represented the year they first attended Northfield Academy with Ian Mackland (1956) and George Stevenson (1957) heading the guest list. We were also honoured to host Rosemary Simpson and Isobel Perrin who had travelled from the USA and Canada respectively to attend the evening!

Our annual awards ceremony provided the ideal platform to publically launch the Northfield Academy Tartan. Mr Hendry, who led the evening's ceremony, paraded the new tartan by proudly wearing his new waistcoat as Head Teacher of the school.

Of course, evenings like this do not happen without a huge amount of effort by organisers and the school community is grateful to the efforts of the 24 members of staff in school who organised another memorable evening for all in attendance at the 2016 Celebration of Success Awards Ceremony.

Souvenir programmes are still available by contacting the school office. Photography from the evening is online:

<http://www.photoboxgallery.com/northfieldacademy>



## Northern Lights



On Wednesday 25th May, Robert Gordon University hosted the second Northern Lights Celebration event. Northern Lights is a programme run for Northfield Academy by RGU. The aim of the programme is for S1 and S2 pupils to experience university and inspire them to consider higher education in the future.

This year the S1 group learned about what university is and what it can offer. They visited the school of Architecture and were hands on in a number of activities including building castles out of cards and stop animation. For the finale S1

session pupils discussed careers and personal qualities, after matching qualities to careers pupils began to think about the qualities that they have and what they may be able to do with them in the future.

The S2 group visited the RGU campus three times this year, each time visiting a different faculty and experiencing a wide range of hands on activities. In engineering they created complicated circuits, in media they made radio and TV clips and at the health faculty they tested their balance when working with physiotherapy students and lecturers.

At the celebration event some pupils shared their experiences of the programme, then guests got to see some of the activities for themselves with pupil helpers to share their expertise. Guests also got the opportunity to tour some of the RGU faculties. Before the group was brought back together for some presentations. S1 pupils received a certificate and a Northern Lights hoodie. S2 pupils who had completed the programme received a scroll and a Northern Lights Class of 2016 pen.

## Young Enterprise - Field of Favours

This year, our Higher Business Management students took part in the Young Enterprise Scheme and created their very own business called 'Field of Favours'. Field of Favours had a successful evening selling all of their stationery jars at the S3 Parents' Evening and continued to sell items throughout the academic year. The business also sold hand-made gift jars and print boards. The business has now closed and we made a profit of £440. The pupils decided to give this profit to charity and this decision has been supported by many of our shareholders who have kindly offered their investments too. This means Field of Favours will be presenting a cheque for £760 to Millie's Journey. Millie is a 3-year-old girl who is battling cancer. The pupils have had an enjoyable yet challenging experience in their enterprise.





# Mastrick Memories

*This is the first of several short stories about Mastrick as it was in bygone years. Let me take you back for those who can remember that is to the end of January when Northern Scotland was hit by a massive storm.*

I was only six years old and lived not far from Mastrick at that time in a 'prefab' directly in front of Cornhill School. I can recall as daylight turned to dusk on the 30th of January my mother being frightened to death as the wind got louder and stronger as the corrugated iron roof creaked and groaned under the strain and at one point we thought we would lose it all together. To make matters worse there were tall beech trees close to the rear of the house, so in the early hours of the morning my mother decided it would be safer if we all moved to the front bedroom in case one or more of the trees came down.

As dawn finally arrived and the wind dropped the devastation was there for all to see, as garden sheds and wooden fencing lay tossed about like sheets of paper. Trees of all sizes uprooted and lying on their sides, household waste mental bins and contents scattered all over the

road and gardens, even smashed against parked cars.

The next day I visited my aunt who stayed in a large old tenement that stood at the top of where Byron Avenue is today but on the Mastrick side of Provost Fraser Drive, I think it was called 'Sunnyview.' Some short distance westwards, towards what is now named Springhill Road, I could not believe what lay before me. Almost 80% of all the wood of adult trees that stretched over several acres lay totally flattened with the roots protruding from the ground leaving craters big enough to drop a family car in. That area was known as Springhill Woods but is now called Eric Hendrie Park.

Today you will notice there are a very small number of trees left but if you look southeast towards the bottom of the hill there is still a little clump remaining in an area that was sheltered from that wicked wind.

But the weather only abated briefly and three weeks later another gale swept across the North East and gusts up to 67 miles per hour were recorded but with the high winds previously, little or no damage was done apart from power cables coming down again leading to more blackouts. It took several years to clear all the fallen trees and to fill in all the pot holes created as the tree roots were torn out.

I am now a resident in Mastrick and have been for over 45 years and live only a stone's throw from the park and will never forget that ferocious gale-force wind and the devastation of 'Springhill Woodsies' as it was known locally. Oh – and I will never forget the look of intense fear on my mother's face on that long, long scary night of the 30th January 1953 as long as I live and breathe.

***The Memory Man***





## Walking Group

The group's holiday this year was to Kingussie. We drove up to Ballater, had our mid-morning coffee there, then went over The Lecht. It was a bright, sunny day and the scenery was beautiful.

We had our lunch in Tomintoul and had a wander around the village for a short time then went on to the hotel.

The first day we went to Rothiemurchus Estate for a walk around the beautiful Loch an Eilein, again the sun was out. We were surprised at the number of families out walking or cycling. We added Loch Gamma to the walk and had our picnic at the side of the loch, it was so peaceful.

A few years ago at the beginning of April my wife and I walked around Loch Gamma. We came across a warning poster of wolves that had been reintroduced back into the wilds in this area. Off we went

with the camera ready! However, when we got back to the estate shop I said to the lady that I was disappointed not to have seen any wolves, and she reminded me of the date which was the 1st April!

Then it was on to the Funicular railway for a trip up the mountain. Some of the group had never been up before and thought it was wonderful, especially when there was a coffee shop at the top. The sky was clear and we could see quite a distance.

The following day we went to the Highland Wildlife Park, it was good to see the animals roaming in big enclosures. In the afternoon we went to The Potting Shed Garden Centre which has a coffee shop where you can sit and watch all the wild birds and squirrels at the feeders.

On the last day we went to the Falls of Truim. The falls were spectacular.

We walked along the riverside, then along an old drover's road which took us to a big boulder which was placed here a few years ago to mark the centre of Scotland

Lunch was at a Cairn for Ewen Macpherson also known as Cluny Macpherson who was the chief of the Clan Macpherson during the Jacobite rising 1745. He is also mentioned in Robert Louis Stevenson novel, Kidnapped.

On the way back to Kingussie we stopped at another coffee shop in Newtonmore.

Great holiday! Plans have already started for our holiday next year.

**To join one of our groups  
call 01224783627 or E-mail  
helenandraymond@Hotmail.  
co.uk**

# Management Committee Q&A

*The Mastrick Matters Editorial Team interviewed Vickie from the Mastrick Community Centre Management Committee to find out more about how the centre is run*

## **What is involved in being part of the Management Committee?**

*Being a part of the Management Committee means you are part of a group that is responsible for the decision making process in regards to the Community Centre and how it runs. You will need to take part in meetings and discussions with the rest of the committee members. You also need to be aware of the policies and procedures that pertain to the centre.*

## **How do you join the Management Committee?**

*The Management Committee holds its AGM (Annual General Meeting) once every year and to become a part of the Committee you must attend the AGM and state your interest in being a Committee member. You must also be a member of the Community Centre itself.*

## **What roles are available in the Management Committee?**

*The roles available in the Committee are that of Chairperson, Vice-chair, Treasurer, Secretary and we here at Mastrick have a Staff Liaison as well, as we are employers.*

## **What kind of decisions do you make?**

*The decisions we make are varied, from purchasing a mini-bus, redecorating the hall, to dealing with complaints, completing staff appraisals, training or health and safety. These are just examples to give you an idea.*

## **Why did you join the Management Committee?**

*I joined the Management Committee as I thought it would be interesting and challenging to get further involved in the running of the Community Centre. I've been involved in several Committees over the years and community work has always been a part of my life so I thought why not.*

## **How long has the Management Committee been running?**

*The Management Committee has been running for five years now and I have been in the position of Chair since October 2015 and on the Committee since 2012.*

## **Who makes final decisions regarding running of the centre?**

*The Centre Co-ordinator makes the decisions on a day to day basis with the Management Committee having final say. The Committee works closely with the Co-ordinator to ensure that everything runs smoothly and in adherence to guidelines.*

## **How financially viable is the community centre – does it pay for itself?**

*The Community Centre receives only a small grant from the City Council (around £12,000 per year). The majority of our money is from hires, memberships and fundraising that we do ourselves. We are financially stable and manage to run at a profit. It is a small profit but a profit nonetheless.*

## **Who is responsible for the upkeep of the community centre?**

*We have an agreement with the City Council regarding some maintenance which they will cover, everything else we cover ourselves by paying professionals to come in and do the job. The Management Committee works with the Co-ordinator and the Caretaker to ensure that the building is kept in good condition and that any issues are tended to and resolved as quickly and as effectively as possible.*

## **Are minutes of the Management Committee available to community?**

*Minutes of Committee meetings are recorded and are available to anyone who wishes to see them. An updated copy is on the wall in the foyer of the Community Centre.*

## **How can people find out more about the Management Committee?**

*If anyone wishes to know more about the Management Committee our doors are always open and you are more than welcome to contact us via phone or email or pop in past. Members of the Committee are around on various days and times and the Centre Co-ordinator will be available too.*

**For more information call the office on 01224 788288**



# Recycle

## Remember to recycle your food and garden waste this summer!

Liina Roostoja, Waste and Recycling Team, Aberdeen City Council

Aberdeen City Council began a food recycling service for properties with communal waste collections in June 2013. Food recycling bins are now in place at flats, tenements, student accommodation and multi-storey properties. Depending on where you live, the food recycling bin is located either on the street nearby or in the communal courtyard or bin store. Households are also provided with free kitchen caddies and bio-liners. Individual houses are provided with a brown wheelie bin for garden waste and food leftovers.

The Waste and Recycling Team has received feedback about the service through door-knocking campaigns and by meeting residents at events. Here are the main issues raised by the residents who do not currently use the food recycling service and our responses:

Your brown wheelie bin is for both food and garden waste. We have received the feedback that some residents are not aware that a brown garden waste bin is for food leftovers too. Yes – both garden and food are organic and can be processed into compost. If you

do not have much garden waste, please still use the bin for food leftovers or use a communal food bin nearby.

You can use any container if you don't have a green kitchen caddy from the Council. Some people have said that because they don't have a caddy, they cannot recycle food leftovers. In fact, you can use either the Council's green caddy or any basket or pot you have at home. As long as the food leftovers end up in the brown bin or in the communal food bin, we don't mind which basket you are using.

If you think that you don't consume much or you have nothing to recycle because you don't waste food – that's brilliant! But remember, 'leftover' does not mean only wasted food but also peelings, egg shells, teabags, coffee grounds, bones etc and it's all great for compost. It all counts, even the small amounts!

By getting into the habit of recycling food waste, you'll notice what types of food are regularly leftover or go off before you can eat them. This will help you to plan meals and shop smarter to avoid food waste.

If you eat fruit outside, please use the nearest communal food bin to recycle peelings or cores.

Once collected, your food and garden waste is sent to a recycling facility in Aberdeenshire and made into compost, a valuable resource for horticulture and landscaping.

Free replacement liners are available to pick up at all local libraries, Learning Centres and the Council's Customer Access Points at Marischal College, Kincorth, Mastrick and Woodside. You can also order liners online.

**Visit [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling) or contact the Recycling Team on [wasteandrecycling@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:wasteandrecycling@aberdeencity.gov.uk) or 03000 200 292 for more information.**

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**Read our latest blog 'Spring Garden: Get Your Green Fingers Ready!' about creative gardening by using recycling materials [www.recycleforaberdeen.wordpress.com](http://www.recycleforaberdeen.wordpress.com)**





# Prince's Trust

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**On the 17th May, my uncle and I were invited to Buckingham Palace by Prince Charles for a garden party to celebrate part of the 40th Anniversary of the Prince's Trust.**

The Prince's Trust was started up in 1976 by Prince Charles after he retired from the Royal Navy. He used his severance pay of £7,400 to fund a number of community initiatives. He then started the very first Prince's Trust offices in Leeds and after a number of years an enterprise programme was started and around 3,000 young people

were given a new lease of life by starting their own businesses. It has grown and grown and helped young people from the age of 16-25 to help build their confidence and life skills. In fact, many celebrities have started through the Prince's Trust.

I attended the garden party as a thank you from Prince Charles and the Prince's Trust for all the voluntary work and talks I have done for them. I have also helped to raise money for the cause to help people like me. I was unemployed for 7 months before I received support from the Prince's Trust and since getting me job I have never looked back. I met a few celebrities at the Palace, such as

Rio Ferdinand, Sir Roger Moore and Philip Schofield as well as Prince Charles himself. I would like to thank Prince Charles and the Prince's Trust for giving me the opportunity to attend the garden party. I would also like to thank them for all the help they have given me when I needed it, without it I wouldn't be where I am now.

I have seen Buckingham Palace from the front and to see it from the back was very different. It was a privilege to be at the garden party.

Thank you for reading story about my day at Buckingham Palace.

**Kerry Cheyne**









## New Curate for Mastrick

I am writing to introduce myself as the incoming curate for St Clement's Scottish Episcopal Church in Mastrick. My name is Nick Bowry and I have just finished three years of study, and have moved to Mastrick in September. For the past 25 years I have lived and worked in Edinburgh, and prior to that worked in London.

I will be ordained Deacon on 2nd October in St Devenick's Church, Bieldside, and will work closely with Canon Paul Watson and Canon Ken Gordon at St Clement's. I am looking forward to the move and to starting a new phase of my life in Mastrick and to be part of the worshipping community at St Clement's. I was encouraged by the dedication and enthusiasm of the Vestry (the governing committee) of St Clement's when I met them earlier in the year. They contribute such a lot to your local community as well as to the church congregation. I hope I can support them and provide extra resources to continue their good work in and for the local community.

So, do say hello if you see me around the streets and local shops, and, if you are curious about the Scottish Episcopal Church, why not pop in to St Clement's sometime and see what we get up to? You'll be very welcome.

## Pathways in Mastrick

Pathways have been actively working in Mastrick helping people to find work for a number of years now and our Employability Keyworker, Theresa Mackay, meets with people looking for help at Mastrick Housing Office, Spey Road, Aberdeen on Wednesday from 1pm till 5pm and on Thursday 09.30am till 11.30am. As there is currently a waiting list please call 01224 682 939 for an appointment.

Theresa has helped many people to find work across a number of industries and types of jobs. One of Theresa's clients came to see her for assistance in getting back into employment having been paid off from her last job. She was unsure about how to start a CV and wanted support with online applications. Theresa worked with the client to put together an up to date CV for her and also set up a new email account. After this they started applying for suitable vacancies online with major retailers in Aberdeen. The client was successful in gaining an interview

with a large supermarket chain. She wasn't successful in getting the position applied for but had done so well that she was offered another role within the company which she was happy to accept.

Pathways help people from the age of 16 upwards and from all backgrounds and help to identify the job or training that is right for you. We also help you to develop a plan to reach your job goal, help with CV's, assist in completing application forms and we also have access to funds to remove barriers to work e.g. clothing or equipment needs. Last year the team of five Employability Keyworkers covering the city of Aberdeen helped 254 people into work and for this year to date (since April) have helped 66 people back into employment.

**If you would like help to find work you can contact Theresa MacKay by phone on 01224 682 939 or by email at [t.mackay@pathways-online.org](mailto:t.mackay@pathways-online.org).**

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## Aberdeen Citizen's Advice Bureau,

Aberdeen Citizen's Advice Bureau, with funding from Fairer Aberdeen Fund, have a free benefits and debt advice service, kindly hosted by Mastrick Community Centre every Tuesday from 10am and 3pm. This outreach project is for benefits and debt advice only for the

residents of Mastrick and immediate surrounding areas.

**Either drop by or call:**

**Bill (debt advice) – 07795622114**

**Phil (benefits) - 07944803479**



## Councillor David J Cameron, Kingswells, Sheddocksley and Summerhill Ward

I have now been an elected Councillor for the area since May 2012. This was my first foray into politics as previously my work related to the community required, in my opinion, to be non-party political. Over a period of 44 years I had been a Special Constable, a member of Grampian Health Board and for 25 years of this an executive member of my professional body, many of whose members were local government officers.

With all the above experience you would think that politics would be as easy as falling off a wall. Nothing could be further from the truth, my learning curve was very steep (and still rising). However, I have found the role probably

the most satisfying I have ever undertaken.

There have been many more positives than negatives since 2012. I like to think that I am available to constituents when they need help; it is always satisfying to resolve problems for individuals. My plea is if you have a problem or concern, contact me before it becomes even bigger, don't wait until it is overwhelming you.

One project which is in the early stages of development is the possibility of creating an "off-lead dog exercise park" in the area. This is being developed in conjunction with my Northfield Ward colleague, Jackie Dunbar, Council Officers and the

gentleman whose idea this was to produce what is likely to be the first of its type in the UK.

I should have written a piece along these lines for Mastrick Matters earlier but, as I state above, this has been a really sharp learning curve for me and I have concentrated on dealing with constituent matters which are brought to me, attending Community Council Meetings and dealing with the day-to-day matters that arise for Councillors. Having now contributed to Mastrick Matters I hope to be able to do so, on a regular basis dealing with Ward matters rather than introducing me to you.

**Cllr Cameron**  
**01224 346612**

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## Councillor Gordon Graham, Councillor for Northfield/Mastrick North

First of all, I am glad to report that after receiving numerous complaints with regards to pot holes I have managed to get Upper Mastrick Way resurfaced. The issue has been brought up at Mastrick/Sheddocksley Community Council and I am glad to have been of assistance. With regard to Mastrick Community Council my big regret is that I cannot attend as often as I would like. However, the main reason for this is that it clashes with Northfield Academy Parent Council meetings which I attend.

I am getting a lot of positive feedback with regards to Northfield Academy and the improved standard of education being provided to your children. I recently attended the Northfield Academy Celebration of Success and the kids are a credit to the area.

I also attend the Northfield Sports Hub which includes Northfield Academy, Northstar Football Club, Byron Sports Club and Aberdeen Amateur Boxing Club. I think that the sports hub is a great example of people working together to improve sports facilities in the area. Some of our most significant achievements were securing the development of the 3G Pitch at Northfield Academy, getting Cummings Park Community Centre open for boxing and the provision of new holes at Auchmill Golf Course. A lot of the kids, parents and coaches I have spoken to have stated that the 3G pitch is the best thing that has happened in a long time, the boxing is a big hit and the golf course is well above par.

As a golf coach at Auchmill Golf Club I and other coaches have

been around most of the primary schools in the area giving kids a flavour of golf. Should anybody, kids or parents, be interested in playing golf or indeed becoming a social member of the club then please contact the club on 01224 715214.

Northfield Total Place, which includes Mastrick, was developed by the council to ensure better working between all organisations in the area to support one another in order to improve health and well-being and improved aspirations leading to improved attainment and achievement. I attended an event recently which included a presentation by Mastrick Community Centre and I was very pleased with their achievements since taking over the running of the centre.



## Journalological

### Take 2!

The Youth Media Team at shmu have been working really hard over the last few months to put together the second edition of their magazine, Journalological. This group has been meeting for around a year and a half now and involves young people who attend school or live in the Torry, St Machar or Northfield areas. Initially they started off contributing articles to shmu's community magazines and covering the issues affecting young people in those areas. They soon caught the bug for journalism and asked if they could create their own magazine. The group worked incredibly hard to get the first edition out just before Christmas last year and it was well received by secondary schools and other youth organisations throughout Aberdeen. The group were so pleased with their magazine that shmu successfully applied for funding to produce three editions of Journalological a year. We set to work, creating a task list of all the ideas the young people wanted to cover and set a deadline of having the magazine back from the printers before the summer holidays started. If you would like to read Journalological and see what the young people have produced, you can visit [www.shmu.org.uk/PRESS](http://www.shmu.org.uk/PRESS) and select the Journalological option. If you, or someone who know, are academy age and live or study in Torry, Northfield or St Machar and would like to get involved in shmu's Youth Media Team then please get in touch with Denise on 01224 515013 or email [denise@shmu.org.uk](mailto:denise@shmu.org.uk).





## 36th. Aberdeen (St. Clement's Mastrick) Company

The company will be looking to recruit new members from all age groups after the summer holidays.

Anyone seeking to join or looking for more information about the company should either come along on a Tuesday evening or telephone Malcolm MacLennan, Company Captain on 07919 106665 or send an E-mail to [macLennan103@yahoo.com](mailto:macLennan103@yahoo.com). The Company has a Facebook which you can find by searching for 36th Aberdeen (St Clement's Mastrick Boys' Brigade).

All meetings take place in St. Clement's Scottish Episcopal Church Hall, Mastrick Drive on Tuesday evenings during school term time. This is the only company in the

Mastrick, Sheddocksley, South Sheddocksley, Summerhill and Woodend areas.

There are four age appropriate sections, for boys and young men in primary 1 to secondary 6. The Anchor Section is for those in Primaries 1 to 3. The Junior Section is for those in Primaries 4 to 6. The Company Section is for those in primary 7 to secondary 3. The Senior Section is for those in secondary 4 to secondary 6.

The company has been successful in gaining funding from the Cashback for Communities Scheme to purchase much needed equipment to enhance our section programmes. These programmes will include arts, crafts, games, sports, social

events, community activities, outings and much, much more. All members have the opportunity to work towards the President's and Queen's Badges (which are the highest awards in the organisation).

The Boys' Brigade is a multi-cultural organisation which caters for those of all faiths and no faith and those from all backgrounds and abilities.

**Malcolm MacLennan**

**Brigade Leader Registration  
Number 09839647 (1974)**

**Company Captain and  
Vice-President, Aberdeen  
and District Battalion**

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## Early Years Scotland Stay and Play Sessions at Mastrick Community Centre

The Stay and Play session at Mastrick Community Centre runs on Friday mornings from 9:45am to 11:15am and is attended by children from birth to preschool and their parents. The sessions are free to attend and include a craft activity as well as a small healthy snack, story time and song time.

Sadly, one of the session leaders Susan, left at the beginning of the summer to take up a new role within Early Years Scotland as a Project Manager in Aberdeen. Hannah kept the majority of the sessions running over the summer while a new member of staff was recruited. We were able to use the large hall in the community centre over the

summer period while playgroup was on holiday and this meant we could welcome older siblings to our sessions. Because the park is right beside the Community Centre we had the opportunity to play outside too.

Early Years Scotland is extending the Stay and Play provision in Aberdeen to include funded provision for eligible two year olds to attend with a parent. The venues and times of these sessions will be confirmed in due course. However, it is thought that each session will be 3 hours long and will involve the parent and child learning together through play. Unlike the current Stay and Play sessions the new Play 2 Learn Together sessions will

only be open to families who are entitled to funded Early Learning and Childcare for their 2 year old. Parents will need to apply for a place and attend with their child for the first term, during the second and third term the parent may choose not to stay for the full session as long as the child is settled with the staff.

For more information on Stay and Play sessions or the Play 2 Learn Together sessions please contact Susan by phone on 07785455800 or email [susan.emery@earlyyearsscotland](mailto:susan.emery@earlyyearsscotland). You can also keep up to date by following us on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/aberdeenstayandplay](http://www.facebook.com/aberdeenstayandplay) or [www.facebook.com/earlyyearsscotland](http://www.facebook.com/earlyyearsscotland)



# COMMUNITY CONTACTS

## Alcohol

Alcoholics Anonymous **0845 769 7555**  
Drinkline **0800 917 8282**

## Benefits

Benefits Agency Advice Line **0800 587 9135**

## Crime

Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**

## Drugs

FRANK – National Helpline **0800 776 600**

## Dentist

Emergency - G-Dens **01224 558 140**

## Doctors

NHS 24 Emergency **08454 242 424**

## Electricity

If you have a Power-Cut **0800 300 999**

## Family Planning

Square 13, Support & Advice **01224 642 711**

## Citizens Advice

**01224 586255**

## Gas

Gas Emergency **0800 111 999**  
Gas Emergency with a Meter **0845 606 6766**

## Housing

Emergency Repairs **01224 480 281**  
Call Centre Emergency **0845 608 0929**

## Police

Non-Emergency **101**

## Samaritans

Need to talk **01224 574 488**

## Dementia Helpline

**0808 808 3000**

## Social Work

Social Work Duty Team **01224 765 220**  
Emergency Out-Of-Hours **01224 693 936**

## Young Carers

Support & Information Service **01224 625 009**

## Water

Scottish Water Emergency **0845 600 8855**