

TillyTattle

Winter 2017

In this issue:

LIVING STREETS

LIGHTHOUSE SUPPORT
CENTRE

ACTIVE SCHOOLS

www.shmu.org.uk/press



contents

| | |
|----|--------------------------|
| 3 | Bin & Gone |
| 4 | Eco-counter |
| 5 | Lower speeds for Tilly |
| 6 | Family Learning |
| 7 | Donside Gala |
| 8 | The Lighthouse |
| 10 | Community News |
| 11 | What's in a name |
| 12 | Active Schools |
| 13 | St Machar Parent Support |
| 14 | shmu |
| 15 | Community Food |



Welcome to your winter edition of the Tilly Tattle.

In this issue we have articles covering the Lighthouse Support Centre, Tilly's Community Food Outlet and the Donside Community Association.

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 Tillydrone.

If you live in the Tillydrone 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**.

You can also view this magazine alongside previous editions on the SHMU website **www.shmu.org.uk** then click the 'PRESS' option.

Keep an eye out on the Tilly Tattle Facebook page for the spring 2018 dates.

Cover Image - Mandi Rodway



Supported by





Bin and Gone

Residents of an Aberdeen community have had enough with litter in their area.

Members of the Tillydrone community are not satisfied with the number of bins in their area and the mess which this is resulting in.

The bins are regularly too full which means the lids do not shut properly. As a result, seagulls are able to peck at the bags in search of food until rubbish is strewn across the pavement.

Areas that are regularly affected include Wingate Place, Gordon's Mills Place and Alexander Terrace. Tillydrone is a residential area which is made up mostly of flats, serviced by communal bins.

After contacting Aberdeen City Council and receiving no help with the situation residents took matters into their own hands.

James Bloice, who lives in Wingate Place, recently undertook a litter pick to clean up the area after no response from council officials.

Mr Bloice said: "It's been reported a few times to the council but they just say it's down to the residents

to be seen to make an effort now as the litter picker in the area is no longer within the budget.

"I'm a bit disappointed in the council as since the new bridge has been built they only care about the bits of Tilly that the passing motorists see."

Mr Bloice has inspired other members of the community to get involved in cleans up with residents of Alexander Terrace and Pennan Road organising community clean ups.

Councillor Alexander McLellan said: "There is ongoing problems in Tillydrone regarding litter and fly-tipping and I'm looking into these issues. However, it is great to see the community coming to getting to help address their problems.

"I have seen a number of folk looking to organise community led litter picking sessions and sorting out the area themselves and its having a real positive impact."

There has been a new bin added to Wingate Place which residents say has improved the cleanliness of the street.

Councillor's Surgeries in Tillydrone

**Councillor Alexander
McLellan & Councillor
Jim Noble**

**Venue: Tillydrone
Community Centre**

**Date: 3rd Wednesday of
the month (school
term-time only)**

Time: 6pm

No appointment necessary

Councillor Ross Grant

Venue: St George's Church

**Date: 1st Saturday of
the month (school
term-time only)**

Time: 10am

No appointment necessary

Tillydrone Network

Your community needs you!!

The Network is for local residents and agencies to come together and is a good platform to take forward what is happening in the area and any community issues.

This is particularly important with the plans for a new community hub and redevelopment in the area. The Network is a good avenue for these issues to be looked at by the local community and it is also good for sharing what is happening in the area.

Interested? Why not come along to St George's Church on Monday 18th September at 6.00 pm or future meetings on Monday 21st January 2018, 6pm. If you require more information please phone Sarah, Clerk to the Network on 01224 486641 or e mail tillydronenetwork@gmail.com.



Eco-Counter

Have you ever noticed this bollard on Tillydrone Avenue? Ever wondered what the criss-cross marks on the pavement mean?

TrustLens, a research project carried out by Aberdeen University and partners, which will look at the internet of things noticed the bollard on their walk around Tillydrone. At first glance, it looks like a normal bollard but on closer examination it's clear that there is more to it.

They had a quick look and noticed a logo on the bollard so they did a bit of research on the company and discovered they specifically make bollards which can host other devices, for example sensors or cameras. Before you panic, it's probably less sinister than it sounds! Inside the device is a sensor designed by a company

called Eco-Counter and it tracks how many people are walking past the bollard.

Researchers spoke to someone at the Transport Department of Aberdeen City Council who advised that the criss-cross markings on the pavement signify a sensor underneath the ground which is there to track the number of bikes using the cycle route.

Presumably Aberdeen City Council are looking to track this data to work out if they made a good investment with the new cycle track which runs up Tillydrone Avenue...

An Aberdeen City Council spokesperson said: "The sensor is tracking pedestrians and cyclists and the information is used for infrastructure planning."



Tillydrone Community Policing Team

Well the summer is over, children are back to school and the nights are darker and it's September already.

The summer period was busy for the officers with a lot of good work carried out. Numerous persons were dealt with for being involved in the concern and supply of controlled drugs in our area and also being found in possession of drugs. This disruption can only be achieved with the support and information of our community and I want to pass on my thanks to those who have helped and encourage others to help us reduce those involved in this criminal activity in Tillydrone. This can be done by either contacting Police Scotland on 101 or through Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Local prolific criminals, who were targeting local shops, were identified and reported for a considerable amount of thefts from shops and this good work continues with operations being organised to assist retailers in deterring and reporting these individuals.

During the school holidays, the amount of youth annoyance calls were low for this time of year, however there were some vandalism to prominent areas of Tillydrone, including the Wallace Tower, where 3 youths were reported.

Our Road Safety patrols have continued over the summer and during the start of the school term reminding parents of the responsibilities whilst driving in and around the local schools at their peak times.

With the darker nights approaching, please check all your windows and doors are locked and cars secured before retiring for the night.

Remember if you need to contact the local policing team you can do so by calling Police Scotland on 101 or through Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Lower Speeds for Tillydrone

Local people have been meeting with Aberdeen City Council and Living Streets, a charity which encourages and supports people to be able to walk safely in their community, to talk about their experiences of living in Tillydrone.

There has been a lot of concern about the amount and speed of traffic in the area – along Tillydrone Avenue but also on roads in Tillydrone especially Hayton Road. People are also worried about safely crossing roads and the number of cars which are taking short cuts through the area and are often speeding.

At the last meeting Hayton Road was identified as a priority because of the number of children crossing the road to school, the safety of the crossing and the speed of traffic. But other areas such as Gort Road, Pennan Road and Gordon Mills Road were also identified.

So what do we do about it? The group wants to talk to Aberdeen City Council about monitoring speeds on the roads in Tillydrone, about making crossings safer and extending the 20 mph limit so that cars know they're entering a community and respect people who live there. But there are things we can do ourselves as well. We hope to make a film showing what happens to alert people to the issues, work with schools on safe routes to school for the children, make our own signs urging drivers to slow down – and maybe decorate the streets to show this is a residential area.

Do you have views about what's happening in Tillydrone? Would you like to get involved? If so look out for information on the TillyWoodSea Facebook page or contact Barbara Allan at Barbara.Allan@livingstreets.org.uk



Moonhack 2017 World Record Event - Completed!

Tilly Code Club participated in the Moonhack event run by Code Club Australia this summer. Moonhack is a world record breaking event for kids who love to code. Over 15k kids are already signed up around the globe.

Tilly Code Club is part of the Code Club worldwide network of volunteers and educators who run free coding clubs for children. This is the first event Tilly Code Club has taken part in since opening its doors to residents of Tillydrone, Aberdeen 3 months ago in May.

Code Club Leader Rowan said: "It's been great to take part in this event and see the kids so excited. It's been a chance for them to engage with the wider coding community. I look forward to seeing them take part in more events like this. I am really proud to see what they achieve."

For more details on the Moonhack project, get along to www.moonhack.com and check out #moonhack and #getkidscoding on twitter.

For more details on Tilly Code Club check out the website at www.TillyCode.Club or see Facebook and Instagram.

Email info@tillycode.club



Family Learning Away Day

In June, Family Learning held their annual Away Days for nursery children about to enter P1. The Away Day provides the opportunity for parents and children to meet school staff, classmates and other parents before starting school in August and allows the team to engage with families to highlight the programmes and activities available to support their children's learning and development.

The weather remained pretty good, with only two hours spent indoors. Fortunately Family Learning Development Worker, Gillian Stuart, planned ahead and had a great indoor solution ready for any rainy days.

Almost all participants reported that they enjoyed the day, and everyone went home with lots of souvenirs. There were the usual

activities with the Nature Trail and Bear Hunt after which the participants decorated cakes and t-shirts. The children wore their t-shirts with pride! In the afternoon, after a little ice-cream treat, the children played some parachute games.

Next year, we hope to return to our usual afternoon visit to the zoo. The team had decided to change the format for the afternoon from previous years, with parents being involved in some interactive activities. These seemed to go down well so we will continue with this. Well done Development Workers Sarah Maitland and Gillian for the improvement!

It was another successful year and the team would like to thank all who came along to help, it was much appreciated!



Jim Currie



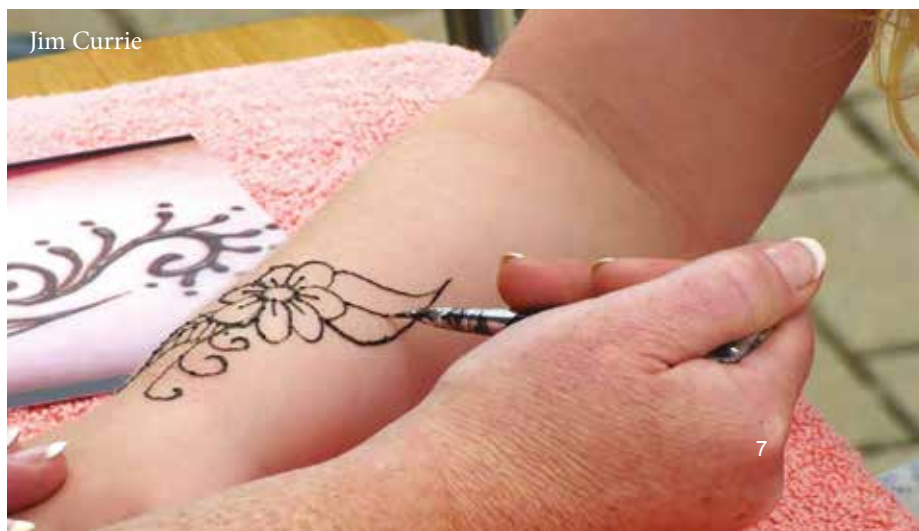
Erskine Logan



Erskine Logan

DONSIDE GALA

The Donside Summer Fair took place in Saturday 12th August. It was another great opportunity to celebrate what we have in our village, whether it's our resident face painter Jade or the tasty home bakes and henna tattoos from Jane. We had a number of stalls at our event, some lovely home made cards and crafts, Aberdeen City Council Countryside Ranger Service, Shelter, Absafe, Me Too and Colleen McIver who did some demonstrations for Sooyang Do Martial Arts. The kids and some adults had some great fun there. It was great having shmu starting off proceedings with some music and then having the Guarana Street Drummers injecting their usual enthusiasm to the proceedings. This year we were lucky enough to have 2 raffle stalls, one for the adults and one for the kids. We were given 2 bikes for the kids which was brilliant! We are truly grateful for all donations to the raffle. The fair was another great success, I'm so grateful to all that assist me in organising it, Angi Morrison



Jim Currie

THE LIGHTHOUSE CONTINUES TO SHINE

A vital support service based in Tillydrone has had its future secured in recent weeks.

The future of The Lighthouse Support Centre looked uncertain until recently as the Tillydrone Shopping Centre closed its doors for work to start on the £6m community hub.

The Lighthouse has been based in the shopping centre for the last 14 years but, along with other community groups including Tillydrone Youth Project and M26 and has had to temporarily relocate while the Hub is built.

John Merson, Lighthouse Outreach Pastor and Project Co-ordinator said: "We've looked at around 20 different options including Powis Community Centre, St Georges Church, Tillydrone Family Centre, The Housing office, Tillydrone community centre, Electrical warehouse Don Street, Cairnfield Community Centre and the possibility of using portacabins. All of these possibilities had their challenges.

Some were too expensive for a relatively short-term option, others unavailable, some unachievable because they required a change of use or planning application. Refurbishment costs were also deemed too high for some buildings considering the usage time period would only be 2 years."

"Thankfully a number of opportunities seemed to fall into place just as we approached our shopping centre exit deadline. The Aberdeen Lads Club, Woodside Community Centre and Fountain Hall Church all stepped up to offer us space to continue our groups for which we are very grateful.

The services already now up and running include the men's drop in, women's drop in and Mainly Music sessions from Woodside Community Centre. The Transform Group and the men and women's Purpose Driven Life Groups are taking place in Fountain Hall. Aberdeen Lad's Club are hosting 'Sundays at the Lighthouse.' Presently the Lighthouse staff are working out of the Tillydrone

Housing Office thanks to the offer of desk space from the council.

The challenge for the Lighthouse team presently, is to resettle the 200 plus weekly users into the new and varied locations. Moving from a fixed community in one place, to a scattered community in different places has brought its own challenges and a number of additional costs including paying for facilities, storage and rented space. Individual group cost are mostly low but with multiple groups operating, the costs soon build up to double that of the previous years. That said, we felt it important to keep providing support and maintaining the groups through this time of transition.

The Lighthouse has also had to temporarily cut some of their services while they are without a permanent home. The foodbank has had to close its doors for the time-being as the service no longer has the appropriate amount of storage to store food parcels. Last year the Lighthouse provided over 1,000 food parcels to local people



in need which will be a significant loss to the community.

The Lighthouse community café was wonderfully cheap and cheerful and is also proving to be a loss to the users. However, there will be a new café located within the Tillydrone Community Hub which will be open Monday to Friday.

The Lighthouse also provided a Christmas Dinner for families on Christmas Day who otherwise would have had limited festive possibilities. Indeed, the centre provided Christmas meals for all their groups for the last 14 years which has been thoroughly appreciated. It will be difficult

to repeat these community celebrations this year devoid of a centre.

Everyone involved at the Lighthouse Support Centre is determined to stay positive through the transition. In the last few months it felt like the Lighthouse was being reduced to a “candle in the wind” but the light is already getting stronger again and gaining momentum. Our aim is to keep serving the community as best we can.

John said: “The good thing is we haven’t had a long break from our groups which is important as the people we work with like routine. We’ve managed to get our groups

meeting in their new locations on the same days and within roughly the same time brackets as before.

‘We would again also like to extend our thanks to all the people in the community who have shown their solidarity with the centre and the hundreds who signed the petition of support. We would also like to thank our many volunteers for staying encouraged and seeing us through, who collectively provided over 7,000 volunteering hours last year to the community’

One way or another we will continue to seek to embody our strap line “transforming community through light and hope”

Shauny's Story

Before I came to find the Lighthouse, I was oppressed to drugs and had a number of criminal convictions. I was totally lost and my soul was broken. Everyone at the centre welcomed me in with open arms and genuine care. Through attending the groups and studies they run my life has been completely turned around by God's Grace. I now have a purpose in life which I didn't have before. Today I am free from addiction and thanks to Straightways I have a steady job where I am learning many new skills. I have also had great pleasure in coaching the boys football team at Riverbank School for the last 5 years. I am also part of the leadership team at the Lighthouse and my desire now is to see other people's lives turned around as well. Although we are currently without a building we look forward to a bright future in the new hub where we can continue transforming community through light and hope.

Lighthouse Support Centre Timetable

Monday - Men's Drop In – 11am – 12:45pm
- Woodside Community Centre

Tuesday – Transform Group – 10 – 11:15am – Fountain Hall Church

Tuesday – Purpose Driven Life Group – 7 and 10:00pm – Fountain Hall Church

Wednesday – Women's Drop In – 10:30am – 12:45pm – Woodside Community Centre

Thursday – Women's Bible Study Group – 12.30pm – 2.30pm – Fountain Hall Church

Fridays – Mainly Music Group – 10 – 11:30am -Woodside Community Centre

Sunday – Sundays at the Lighthouse
- Aberdeen Lad's Club – 11.30am – 12.30pm

For more information on the services the Lighthouse offers call them on 07885466792.

Grampian Credit Union

Saving for Christmas

It is autumn already, and Christmas is just three months away.

Would you like your Christmas to be a special one without having to worry about the cost, or where will you find the cash?

Do you want to have money to cover the cost of Christmas spending, without having to pay it off on an expensive loan in the New Year?

Opening a Credit Union savings account can help you spread the cost across the months, helping you budget for the festive period ahead.

Christmas savings accounts are also available to Credit Union members, who can save regularly and access their money in November and December each year.

- Save from as little as £3 a week or £12 each month or more.
- Easy to join at any time of year, and take your Christmas savings out in November and December.

Call us on 01224 576990, or go to www.grampiancreditunion.co.uk to find out how easy it is to open

a savings account with Grampian Credit Union.

Regular saving with Grampian Credit Union could help you get a loan in future. Loans are subject to status and affordability.

Grampian Credit Union is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. Firm Reference 213701

Cash in your Pocket Partnership - Get the help you need

Being able to access the right information, or advice can be difficult and it is often made harder when you're living on a reduced income.

Not knowing who to contact, call charges, travel costs, health/mobility problems, childcare, language, or learning difficulties are just some of the barriers that can prevent people from accessing the help they need.

Cash in your Pocket (CIYP) provide information and advice on benefits and services, within community locations, offering residents the opportunity to discuss any issues and provide easy access to expert help.

This included attendance at this year's Tilly Gala offering help and

advice, between 'shoot the hoop' for Tilly's budding basketball players!

From September, CIYP are holding a monthly information drop-in at Woodside Fountain Centre from 10am-12:30 pm. These will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 12th October

Thursday 9th November

Thursday 14th December

If you, or anyone you know, is looking for help with issues relating to money, health, or care, please come along.

You can also get help by calling our freephone number 0800 953 4330, emailing info@ciypp.co.uk or looking up www.ciypp.co.uk.

St Machar Credit Union

St Machar Credit Union also run local collection points for residents of Tillydrone. There are collection points in the following places:

- Tillydrone Housing Office, Formartine Road 10 – 11am
- Riverbank Primary School 9 – 9.30am
- St Machar Academy / St Machar Parent

Support Project 10.00 am – 11.00 am. You can call the Credit Union on 01224 276994 for more information or to sign up as a member.

What's in a name

The Tilly Tattle's very own historian, Margaret Mead aims to bring our readers a touch of local history. All the streets in Tillydrone have been named after people and Margaret will be bringing you the stories behind these characters.

Tedder Road

Born Arthur William Tedder on the 11th of July 1890 to Sir Arthur John Tedder and Emily Bryson at Glengoyne, Stirlingshire, Scotland. His father was Commissioner of the Board of Customs who devised the old aged pension. He was educated in England and attended Cambridge, Magdalene College. He studied History, achieving a Second Class Honours in 1912. He then went to Berlin to learn German. A year later he returned to Cambridge to get a degree so he could become a diplomat.

He started in the army in Dorsetshire Regiment in 1913. In the year 1914 he joined Colonial Service as a cadet and he then joined the army at the outbreak of the war. While training with his regiment he sustained damage to his knee so his time with the Dorset Regiment was cut short. He then joined the Central Flying Corps in 1916.

He became Commanding Officer of the 10th Squadron, for many years. Once World War II started he was appointed Air Officer Commander in Chief for the RAF Middle East Command in the year 1941. In 1942 he received the Knight Commander of the Order of Bath.

His awards include:

- Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Bath, mentioned in Despatches
- Silver Medal of Military Valor (Italy)
- Order of Polonia Restituta (Poland)
- Legion of Honour (USA)
- Distinguished Service Medal (USA)
- Legion of Honour (France)
- Croix de Guerre (Belgium and France)

He also became Chancellor of Cambridge University, Vice Chairman of the BBC Board of Governors, President of Standard Triumph, Deputy President, National Rifle Association.

He was invited to chair the Royal Commission on University education in Dundee and led the creation of Queen's College Dundee which eventually moved to St Andrews.

When he retired from the RAF he started to write books of the war and the history of the Royal Navy.

Family Life

In 1915 he married Rosalind McLardy and they went on to have three children, two sons and a daughter. She was killed in an aircraft crash in Egypt in January 1943. He then married Marie (Topsy) Black nee Seton in October 1943.

Active Schools Coordinator St Machar Associated Schools Group (ASG)

Name: Kim McRobbie,
Contact: KiMcRobbie@sportaberdeen.co.uk
Mobile: 07825 228173,
Office: St Machar Academy, PE Dept.



Sport: I like to challenge myself and try every sport at least once. My main interests are playing netball and walking football!

Other Activities: I enjoy volunteering as a football coach with Aberdeen FC Ladies. This has increased my confidence and skill base and given me the opportunity to see many different parts of Scotland. To relax, I can often be found exploring the beautiful walks and parks in and around Aberdeen - especially on a sunny day!

Career: After graduating from Robert Gordon University in 2013, I worked with local schools, clubs and organisations to increase football opportunities for girls within the area.

Promoting fun based sessions and running weekly festivals, allowed me to see first-hand the benefits that children get from participating in sport. This gave me the desire to work with Active Schools, helping make sport more accessible to all.

Statement: Recently becoming the Active Schools Coordinator for the St Machar ASG has highlighted the positive sense of community within the area. I am excited to work with all 7 Primary Schools, St Machar Academy and local community groups to continue supporting and growing the activities on offer. My main goal is to work with volunteers, schools, parents and children to offer a wide range of activities, helping

many children and young people become more active, more often!

Volunteering: Help me achieve this goal by volunteering with one of our exciting activities! Ongoing training and support is provided. Aged 12-25? Why not get rewarded by signing up to the Saltire Award Scheme!

To keep up to date with the activities on offer, like the 'Active Schools St Machar' Facebook page. Sessions will also be promoted within each school.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all throughout the year.

Thanks,
Kim





St Machar Parent Support Project News

If children don't receive the right support then the rest of their lives can be affected. That's why St Machar Parent Support Project was formed back in 1992. We were formed to help with educational attainment initially but we now provide a holistic approach enabling us to deal with all the varying issues that families are affected by.

The project's management committee is made up of locally elected people and we also have two advisors. There are five members of staff and we are based behind St Machar Academy in the old janitor's lodge. We are currently working within the St Machar Academy associated schools area and more recently we have been working jointly with Northfield Total Place, where it was identified that there was a need for support within the area.

We can attend meetings with parents and support parents, either on a one to one basis, or within a group. One of the unique services we offer is home visits, we can visit a family within their own home where they feel at ease allowing us to build a positive relationship from the onset.

We are needs led and can cover issues such as benefits, advice and support surrounding children with additional needs and Kinship care. The project also runs a

Summer Playscheme for children and parents/carers that we have worked with within the year, we provide day trips out of the city at a very small cost to the family ensuring no one is excluded. Our parents' groups give people the opportunity to share advice and speak with other parents over common issues, staff at the project are experienced and approachable, and are therefore able to offer support in many ways.

If we don't know how to help we will find someone that can. We have many links with other agencies, in and around the city where we can find the right service for the need of the family.

Aberdeen City Council and the Fairer Aberdeen Fund contribute financially towards the running of the project alongside other funders.

We sometimes struggle for a venue as our own project is too small to have a crèche but we have successfully managed to run support groups within schools and local centres. The Kinship group is a great example of how beneficial a group is for those carers who feel isolated when facing bringing up a child/grandchild.

Parents can self refer to the project as well as professionals. If you feel you would benefit from our project feel free to contact the office on 01224 487813.

Over the last 12 months we have ran a variety of groups as shown below :

Supporting Parents who have children with Additional Needs (St Machar)

Supporting Parents who have children with ADHD and Autism (Northfield/St Machar) St Machar Project

Supporting Carers/ Grandmothers who are KINSHIP carers) Hub Middlefield (Northfield/Mastrick/St Machar area)

Parents and Teens Group (Northfield) Hub Middlefield

Confidence Building Group Parent Project (Northfield)

Parent Group Drop In Manor Park Primary (Northfield)

Drop In at Cornhill Primary School (Northfield and St Machar area)

Drop In at Tillydrone Flat (St Machar Area only)

Young Mums at Cornhill Primary School (Northfield /St Machar area)

Drop In at Sunnybank Primary School (St Machar area)

Drop In at Riverbank Primary School (St Machar area)

The BIG move

In our Spring edition, we announced the exciting news that the Station House Media Unit building in Woodside would undergo a million pound make-over following a successful application to the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Fund. Work begins in late August on the new purpose-built accommodation, which will significantly extend our existing building. The new building will include new radio studios, a recording studio, TV studio, an IT suite, improved training facilities, an edit suite and some fantastic new social space. The building will also be the main office base for the organisation. During the estimated 12 month building period, staff and services will be based at Aberdeen City Council's Rosehill House Day Centre on Ashgrove Road West.

The relocation is due to take place during the week commencing 21st August with CHAP

Construction starting the building work on the 28th August. Although this is a time of upheaval, it is also a time of opportunity, with Rosehill House offering more space to develop our services and try out new work before returning to our new building. Staff will ensure that volunteers and service users are supported to continue their programmes in our temporary location, and look forward to sharing news of new and expanded projects and services in due course.

The organisation also continues to work on a fundraising plan to ensure the new building will meet all of our needs, and also for Phase 2 of the build, which will transform the existing building into a small community venue.

Travel advice from Woodside

Catch the Number 9 (First Bus) from Tillydrone Avenue which will take you to the junction between Foresterhill Road and Ashgrove Road West. At that junction walk left towards North Anderson Drive. Rosehill Day Centre is on your left, just after Castleton Drive.





COMMUNITY FOOD OUTLET IN TILLYDRONE

A new community food initiative has been launched in the Tillydrone area.

On Friday the 4th of August the community food outlet (CFO) opened its doors for the first time. Based in St George's Church on Hayton Road, it is a joint venture between the church, Tillydrone Community Flat and CFINE (Community Food Initiatives North East).

The CFO sells a wide range of affordable fresh fruit and vegetables, pulses and other items. The aim is to provide a much wider and more affordable choice than is available within small, local shops.

The CFO will run on Friday and Saturday from 10am to 12.30pm and on Sundays from 12 to 1pm.

One of the major benefits is that it is set up so that if you only want to buy single items you can do. That way you only pay for what you need which saves residents' money and reducing food wastage.

The team behind the CFO would like to hear from residents about what sort of produce they would like to buy. This will help make the ordering process more efficient and will eliminate as much food waste as possible.

You can get in touch by popping into the church on Hayton Road (01224 482204) or Tillydrone Community Flat on Alexander Terrace (01224 486641).

Community Contacts

Alcohol

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 9177 650

Drinkline 0300 123 1110

Crime

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Drugs

Drugs Action Helpline 01224 594700

Dentist

Emergency - G-Dens 111

Doctors

NHS 24 Emergency 111

Electricity

If you have a power-cut 105

Family Planning

Aberdeen Community Health 0345 337 9900

and Care Village

Gas

Gas Emergency 0800 111 999

Gas emergency with a meter 0845 606 6766

Housing

Emergency Repairs 01224 219 282

Call Centre Emergency 0845 608 0929 or 116 123

Police

Non-emergency 101

Samaritans

Need to talk 01224 574 488 or 116 123

Social Work

Social Work Duty Team 0800 7315520

Emergency Out-Of-Hours 01224 693936

Young Carers 01224 212021

Water

Scottish Water Emergency 0800 0778 778

CFINE 01224 596156

Home-Start 01224 693545

Pathways 01224 682 939

Cash in your Pocket 0800 953 4330

Citizens Advice 01224 569750

Tillydrone Community Flat 01224 486641

Riverbank Primary School 01224 483217

St Machar Academy 01224 492855

St Machar Parent Support Project 01224 487813

Aberdeen Lads Club 01224 492672

St Machar Credit Union 01224 276994

Community Information for Tillydrone

Tillydrone Community Council

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at Tillydrone Community Centre at 6:30pm

Contact: lynniecee@msn.com

Aberdeen Lads Club

9:45am – 8pm

Contact: 01224 492672

Tillydrone Community Centre

Contact: 01224 493388

Tillydrone Community Flat

9:30am – 3:30pm

Contact: 01224 486641

Tillydrone Library

10am – 5pm

Contact: 01224 276975

New Councillors in Tillydrone

On May 4th 2017 three councillors were elected to represent the Seaton, Tillydrone and Old Aberdeen areas. Councillor Ross Grant and Councillor Jim Noble were both re-elected to represent the community and Alexander McLellan was elected to represent the areas for the first time.

Remember, even if these individuals were not your first choice, they have been elected to represent you and support you with any issues in the area.

You can get in touch with them in the following ways:

Ross Grant - 01224 346621 or 07738688458 or email rossgrant@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Alexander McLellan - 01224 346633 or email amclellan@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Jim Noble - 01224 522051 or 07748760557 or email jimnoble@aberdeencity.gov.uk