

torry's vision

Summer 2013

Features

TORRY LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL
PLANNING WELL UNDERWAY

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Editorial

Welcome to the Torry's Vision Winter Edition.

This magazine is put together by local residents of the Torry Community and the content inside the Torry's Vision is a fine representation of the activities and events which happen on a daily or weekly basis in our community.

We are a vibrant and creative village with a big heart. Torry's Vision is here to give a voice to the citizens of Torry. We all have something to say about our community – whether it's about bin collections, seagulls, traffic or more positive aspects like our artistic and musical talents. We now have an opportunity to ensure all of our community has an input.

If you would like to get involved in your community magazine or find out more, please contact Mary Clare at SHMU on...

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 Thanks for reading and enjoy the rest of your magazine.

Big thanks to the Torry Knitters

Billie Arthur would like to thank all who knitted the Woolly Hats for the Sailors who visit the Aberdeen's Port every year.

The knitting pattern was printed in the last season winter issue, and everyone was very generous as we managed to gather over 40 hats.

So again thank you to all you good knitters out there, your hard work paid off and kept the sailors cosy.

Quiz Answers

1. A girl
2. A boy
3. Silly
4. Wet
5. Shoes
6. A foal
7. Accident prone
8. Water
9. The School

1. Broad Hill
2. The Den Barn
3. Robert Bruce
4. A Public House
5. The Don
6. Pittodrie Stadium
7. Happy to meet you
8. An Aberdonian

Torry Lighthouse Festival 2013:

Work is continuing on the Torry Lighthouse Festival which will go ahead on Saturday 29th June within the Tullos playing fields on Girdleness Road from 12 noon until 5 pm.

With only a few weeks to go until show time for this family event, Torry Community Council, Police Scotland, Communities Team (Aberdeen City Council), Torry St.Fitticks Church, Safer Aberdeen and others from the local community continue to meet regularly to ensure the event is well organised, successful and has the momentum for future years to come.

Heather Whyte, the local Capacity Building Officer, said "Being involved with the organisation of such a big event in Torry has been really exciting. Together, we have worked alongside a number of community representatives and partners to provide the community of Torry a day to remember. The Lighthouse festival will be a great opportunity for the people of Torry to showcase their home-grown talents and vibrant community spirit to all attending the event."

The event will have around 20 acts on the main stage, the majority of which have connections with the Torry area itself. Open-mic opportunities will also be available on the day for those who are brave enough. There will also be a number of stalls and activities within the Tullos playing fields and Tullos Community Centre to keep everyone entertained on the day.

Ian McKinnon, from Police Scotland's Torry Community Policing Team, enthused that "It's been great for us to be involved in a community event

like this and it should be a very positive day for everyone. Seeing how those partners who have invested in Torry and genuinely care for the community have pulled together to find funding, donations and various acts for the event along with the community council and members of the public has been a great experience."



Some of the finer details still have to be worked out, but plans are all well in advance. Free parking on the day has been arranged at the Wood Group premises on Greenwell Road, meaning only a very short walk under the railway bridge is needed to attend the event.

Ellie Hepburn, a Development Officer for Youth Work, said "I am delighted that the Communities Team have been actively involved in the organisation of the Torry Lighthouse Festival. The day itself it going to be fantastic and I'm really looking forward to seeing what talent Torry has

to offer. With so many partners on-board, the Torry Lighthouse Festival 2013 will be a day to remember."

This is sure to be great event incorporating all the usual exciting stuff from the gala plus lots, lots more. There will not only be talented performers on the day, but also a chance to see some of the creative talents in Torry and the work that has been done over weeks or even months. Everyone should come along and "give it a go" – everyone has a talent for something. Try the tambourine – we guarantee you won't play any wrong notes!

Nick Bruce a Community Council rep and local resident said "It'll be a great day out for all the family – we can't promise good weather but we can guarantee you will enjoy yourself, as strict security will be in place and anyone caught without a smile will be swiftly ejected!"

So what are you waiting for? Come along and support your talented neighbours, family etc., enjoy the music, the atmosphere, get your face painted, have a cuppa and a natter – I'll bet you bump into someone you haven't seen for ages.

For regular updates and more information please "like us" & "share" with friends on facebook: www.facebook.com/torrylighthousefestival

Supported by



Aberdeen Youth Choir

Aberdeen Youth Choir is calling out to youngsters in Torry to perform with us at the Lighthouse Festival.

The Choir began in October 2009 after the Aberdeen International Youth Festival received funding from the Scottish Arts Council. Since its creation, the group has gone on to enjoy success by taking part in the world premier of Northlight with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. The Northfield choir has also collaborated with a number of local organisations such as the Hip-hop school and Hidden Aberdeen.

Choir leader Jayne Carmichael Norrie said: "The committee at the Old Torry Community Centre told me they had a lot of enquiries into having more singing opportunities for children and young people in the area. We will be showcasing our talented Torry young people when we perform at the Lighthouse Festival on Saturday 29th June."

The choir sessions take place every Tuesday at the Old Torry Community Centre, Abbey Place. Classes for P5 to S1 children take place from 4pm until 5pm and classes for S2 to S6 take place from 5pm until 6pm.

The choirs in both Northfield and Torry are also looking for volunteers to assist in developing community music and those interested can get in touch by email or by contacting Jayne on 07914 226139.

Bring the Cellar Theatre to Old Torry

I am Dr Fiona-Jane Brown, Director of Hidden Aberdeen Tours, Aberdeen, Scotland, the ONLY commercial walking tour company in the city.

As a fan of local history, great theatre and my local community centre, I want YOUR help to bring two theatre shows there. We need to raise £2000 to achieve not only this, but a whole weekend event including workshops, a children's event and a little Q&A with the Cellar Theatre team. I want to promote this FABULOUS little venue you see in the film.

What We Need & What You Get

The first £1000 brings the Cellar Theatre Co to Old Torry
The second £1000 funds:

- A drama workshop for young adults
- A "horror make-up" class for children
- A unique Q&A for a special few with Jonathan Goodwin and Gary Archer

Uniquely, if you contribute, then you get to be part of the event, in several ways:

- £5 gets a mention on our facebook page
- £10 gets a mention on our facebook page AND your name in the programme as a sponsor
- £25 gets the above AND a FREE ticket
- £50 gets the above AND a pair of FREE tickets to Hidden Aberdeen Tours' "Tales of Old Torry" walking tour for this season £100 gets the above AND free entry to the drama workshop, AND free entry for two children to the horror makeup class

- £500 gets the above including entry to the Q&A with the Cellar Theatre Co after one of the shows

If we don't reach our goal - hopefully we will - the resulting funds will be donated directly to the Community Centre to keep on saving for big events like this!

The Impact

This project is vital to raise the cultural and social impact of the community centre in Torry; one of Aberdeen's oldest fishing villages, an area of working-class families with a close-knit identity.

Old Torry Community Centre has already attracted Scotland's NATIONAL THEATRE with their production "The Strange Undoing of Prudentia Hart". Attracting "Don't Go Into the Cellar", who hail from Birmingham in the English Midlands would also encourage other theatre companies, major musicians, comedians, and help fund community projects in future.

Other Ways You Can Help

Even if you can't give a monetary contribution, you can spread the word - TELL EVERYBODY!!

Post it on your Facebook Page

Tweet it

Pass it on via email!

Our funding campaign host, Indiegogo has easy share tools for social networking, so it's very simple to provide the most invaluable help!

Oh, and come to the shows once we achieve our goal!

And that's all there is to it.



Torry Library

Victoria Road AB11 9NJ

Get ready for the 2013 Library Summer Reading Challenge

The theme for this summer is Creepy House and there's a spine-tingling adventure waiting in Aberdeen City libraries. By taking part in the Reading Challenge and trying to read 6 books over the summer you can join young adventurers Tilda, Saeed, Ollie, Rhys, Zoe, Liv and Baskerville the dog as they explore the secrets of Creepy House and meet the hair-raising residents

Collect stickers and incentives as you work through the three stages of the challenge and explore different parts of Creepy House. Do you dare to go to the Awful Upstairs? What might be lurking on the Gruesome Ground Floor and what secrets are hidden in the Spine-tingling Cellar?

There will be more activities plus hidden "treats" for children to "unlock" on the Creepy House website which will go live before the summer holidays and there will be themed activities in libraries during the holidays

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged 4 and over but younger brothers and sisters can join in by sharing books with family and carers. There will also be regular Bookbug Story and Rhyme sessions in libraries during the holiday period.

Venue: Any library in Aberdeen

Time: All day every day

Cost: Free

Visit your local Library or our website: www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/libraries/

Torry Library will hold Summer Reading Challenge activities on

July 16th - Horror Hunt - 2.15pm

July 31st - Creepy Capers 2.30 -3.30pm (booking required)

TorryLibrary@aberdeencity.gov.uk or 01224 879037

There will also be Bookbug Story and Rhyme sessions for babies, toddlers, parents and carers on **25th July and 8th August** 2.15 – 2.45pm.

Opening Times

Monday and Wednesday
2pm – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm

Saturday 10am – 1pm

The Library offers:

- Books for Adults and Children
- Bookstart and Bookcrawl
- CDs
- Community Information
- Count Me In
- DVDs and Videos
- Electoral register
- Free Computer and Internet Access
- Large Print and Talking Books
- Migrant Information Point
- Minutes and Agendas of City Council and Community Council Meetings
- Newspapers
- Photocopying Facilities
- Postcards and Lettercards for sale
- Reference Section
- Access to Leisure and Accord Card application forms

Adults may borrow:

10 books including 6 talking books – 4 weeks
4 CDs – 4 weeks
4 DVDs/ Videos – 1 week

Children may borrow:

10 books – 4 weeks
4 story Tapes – 4 weeks
4 DVDs/ Videos – 1

If you have any queries or require more information please contact Carol Gibson on 245350 or TorryLibrary@aberdeencity.gov.uk



Hello From Your Woodlands Community Ranger

What a tough winter it has been....it seems to have lasted for ever!!!

I have still been out and about and am enjoying my time in the community of Torry and exploring the excellent resource known as "The Gramps (Grumps)".

The Volunteer Ranger team grows from strength to strength with a core group of 4 or 5 hardy souls out every Tuesday in all weathers. So far we have opened up the access point to Tullos behind AMEC (4 loads of gorse on the tipper and a full days burn), worked on the access path at Greenwell Place which leads to our developing outdoor learning area, helped Aberdeen Greenspace who are working on the path by the railway bridge near St Fitticks Park (a Herculean task - well done Greenspacers) AND made our first emergency Bivouac which will be installed onsite in the near future.

Come and join us - there is always work to do but the focus is on being out there and around like-minded folk.

Community work has started as well I am happy to say. Visits to Old Torry Community Centre and Balnagask Community Centre were ace. Balnagask took me on and, over the summer, I will be working with the children and staff on Tullos (Bushcraft) and in Torry, as the girls take on the boys in creating an assault course. I had an excellent

session with the holiday club this Easter, creating a memorial garden just out the front and then minibeasts in clay inside. A total blast.

The Momentum Energiser group were up at Greenwell Place. It was this group that made the choice for me as to where I should place the emergency shelter for any outdoor work. Not only did they put it up, they cleared a path to the site as well. I had an excellent time with Carrie and the group...well done loons.



The Bon Accord Society asked for a guided walk on Tullos Hill with the City Archaeologists and me. The weather was fine, if windy, but the group were totally blown away with the site and the views of Aberdeen itself. Thanks to the archaeologists for making it so interesting, two of the volunteers for accompanying the group and the group itself for keeping me on my toes.

I also had the chance to record 'Your Man About Torry', Alan, at SHMU, to capture his memories and knowledge of the area. I also

snaffled a few books from him. I intend to review the recording and put it out on my show.

I ran a public event in February at Greenwell Place and had a nice mix of members of the public working alongside 107 Squadron, Air Cadets. A huge amount of work was done, including the extraction and disposal of 2 tonnes of wire insulation as a result of illegal activity on site. I have to admit to you dear reader, the vigilance of the community of Torry was such that I was pulled over by Grampian Police who had been advised someone was illegally removing wire for cash - how embarrassing!

Last but not least, I am happy to say I was invited to speak at the Torry Community Council. I really enjoyed the meeting and found it very interesting indeed. Everyone was so focussed on the development and future of Torry and all it has to offer. I only hope I can add to it.

Oh no...I had promised not to go on but there you go...that is me... busy busy...more importantly... it is you that keep me busy so if you have read anything that makes you think I could help your group please get in touch.

You can call me at our office on **01224 897 400** or contact me by email at stephenbly@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

Tara!
Stephen



Torry Dolphins

The Scottish Government have designated 2013 as Year of Natural Scotland

The intention is that such a 'Focus Year' will inspire those who live here, and those who visit, to celebrate our outstanding natural beauty, landscapes, wildlife and biodiversity. It will be a year in which people discover, or rediscover the natural attractions of the country and take part in an exciting programme of events. It will also be used to promote conservation, to encourage people to enjoy Scotland's outdoors and to encourage income-generation which ensures the long term sustainability of Scotland's natural assets.

Now when most people think about nature and wildlife, their first thoughts are likely to be of South American jungles and African savannahs – brightly

coloured parrots and herds of elephant and zebra.

If they think of Nature in Scotland it is probably the mountain tops of the Cairngorms or the more remote islands of the west that come to mind. I bet you Aberdeen Harbour isn't the first place to pop into your mind. Yet that is one of the easiest places in Scotland to see one of our most spectacular wild animals – the bottlenose dolphin.

Aberdeen is probably unique in Scotland in having dolphins regularly sighted just at the mouth of the harbour; almost literally on the doorstep of the city's residents. To give you an idea of how lucky Aberdeen is, and Torry in particular – bottlenose dolphins are important enough to be specially protected across Europe.

Torry Battery is a good place to see them, and although there's

no guarantee that they will be there the first time you talk a walk down there, most times they will be. If you take a regular walk down there, on most occasions you will see at least one or two; on many occasions there will be a large family group practicing their fishing skills and often leaping clear out of the water. Of course there's lots of other wildlife to be seen at the harbour, even if the dolphins are not there. The strangely coo-ing eider ducks, whose fine body feathers were used to fill the original eiderdowns. You can see redshank, with their bright red legs and oystercatchers with their beady red eyes and long red beaks. Seals also do a bit of fishing in the harbour. If you take a half hour walk out to the outer breakwater on the Torry side of the harbour – there's always something to see.



Update



Poem

Side by Side

They lie on the table side by side
 The Holy Bible and the TV guide
 One is well worn but cherished with pride
 Not the Bible but the TV guide
 One is used daily to help you decide
 No not the Bible it's the TV guide
 As the pages are turned what shall we see
 Oh what does it matter? Turn on the TV
 Then confusion reigns they can't all agree
 On what they shall watch on the TV
 So they open the book in which they confide
 No not the Bible it's the TV Guide

By June Dunk

Quiz

A Touch of Doric

1. What is a Quine?
2. What is a loon?
3. What does glaikit mean?
4. What does drooket mean?
5. What are sheen?
6. Whats a gouk?
7. What is a triket?
8. What is watter?
9. What is the squeal?

Answers on contents page

Hope you enjoyed the quiz
 Alan Reid

Poem

A Little Verse of Comfort

Are you lonely, are you sad?
 Well this is for you
 My name is 'Jesus'
 And I love you
 Don't be afraid
 Put your hands together
 And tell me what you want
 For we are all God's children
 Bless you

Your Friend Alan

Poem

The Fountain of Love

In my heart there is a fountain
 Overflowing with eternal love
 Greater than the tallest mountain
 Sweeter than the purest dove
 In my heart there is a doorway
 Open wide for you dear lord
 Entre sweetly entre softly
 Give to me your hoy word.

By Alan Reid

Quiz

About Aberdeen

1. What hill lies beside the beach?
2. What burn runs into the harbour?
3. What statue sits outside the Marshall College?
4. What is Archibald Simpson?
5. What other river runs through Aberdeen?
6. Where do the Dons play?
7. What does Bonaccord mean?
8. What do you call a person from Aberdeen?

Aberdeen Harbour recorded significant growth in activity during 2012 - with total vessel tonnage for the year increasing by more than eight per cent - from nearly 26 million tonnes to just over 28 million tonnes. Vessel numbers also increased from 7,784 in 2011 to 8,142 in 2012 and included a number of vessels entering the port for the first time, following the completion of a £5.2million project during the summer to widen and deepen the navigation channel.

In addition to the increased level of shipping, cargo throughput for the year also grew by almost 8% to 5.14 million tonnes, another record for the port.

So far, 2013 has seen an increase on last year's vessel and cargo tonnages over the first quarter and the Board also recently announced that BP has agreed to extend its presence at the port for a further 10 years. The agreement, worth an estimated £25 million to the Board over the term, will see BP continue to lease its Albert Quay marine base for the next decade to support its operations in the North Sea and West of Shetland. With activity forecast to increase at the base the company has also elected to expand the area it will occupy.

In response to this sustained

growth in activity and confidence in the marketplace a feasibility study into the expansion of Aberdeen Harbour was launched last September to assess the best option for growth. The emergence of the Nigg Bay site and the development of the existing harbour as the two preferred options will be subject to additional analysis, including traffic modelling, visual impact assessments, and environmental appraisals over the coming months.

In recognition of the need to expand Aberdeen Harbour, the Board also submitted an application as a candidate development to the Scottish Government's NPF (National Planning Framework) review. A decision on whether the harbour development will be part of the NPF is expected later this month.

Ahead of the NPF announcement, officials at the Harbour have continued to meet with stakeholders, recently presenting to the East Grampian Coastal Partnership's AGM as well as keeping up its regular contact with the community of Torry through its local community council meetings with board secretary, Ian Jessiman, updating attendees of last week's meeting on all harbour activity.

Aberdeen Harbour Board chief executive Colin Parker said - "Ensuring that we keep our

stakeholders up to date is vitally important to the process, and the views of all stakeholders are welcomed, including the residents of Torry."

"As part of our feasibility study, we are going through a process of consultation with customers, stakeholders and local communities, as well as Scottish Government elected members and officials. We have been encouraged by the generally favourable response to the options we are pursuing - namely an additional harbour facility at Nigg Bay with the alternative being continued development within the existing harbour area."

He added - "The feasibility study is looking into how the development could proceed, but it is important to stress that we must have a viable business case before any decisions can be made."

"Potential development opportunities will help safeguard the port and the city's position within the energy industry, ensuring the harbour is equipped to accommodate the growth in activity anticipated in the years to come. There is substantial activity planned in the North Sea Oil and Gas industry over the coming years that will be of great benefit to the whole city."

Tullos Community Learning Centre

Girdleness Road
01224 291882

The Tullos Community Centre is open Monday to Friday and has a wide range of classes running during this time:

Monday

Tai Chi – 9:30am to 11:30am in the Coffee Bar

Creative Story – 10am to 11:30am in the Crèche Room

Art – 12:30pm to 2:30pm in the Crèche Room

Mother and Toddlers – 12:30pm to 2:30pm in the Crèche Room

Youth Club – 6pm to 8:30pm in the Coffee bar

Gym Class – 6pm to 9pm in the Corridor Area

Tuesday

Art Class – 9am to 12 pm in the Coffee Bar

Crèche – 9:30am to 11:30am in the Crèche Room

Wednesday

Adult Learning – 9:30am to 11:30am in the Back Office

Wii Group (Bowling) – 9:30am to 11:30am in the Coffee Bar

Gym Class – 6pm to 9pm in the Corridor Area

Thursday

Messy Play – 1pm to 2:30pm in the Crèche Room

English as a Second Language – 3pm to 6pm in the Resources Room

Friday

Crèche – 9:30am to 11:30am in the Crèche Room

Coffee Morning – 9:30am to 11:30am in the Coffee Bar

Taster Class – 9:30am to 11:30am

Torry Community Council

Torry Community Council is made up of 20 local women and men who care passionately about all things Torry, from the achievements of our young folk in their schools, clubs and teams to the character of our streets, shops and open spaces by the river and the sea. One of the oldest settlements in the North East, we are proud and respectful of our heritage and are now looking for ways to share that as widely as we can.

Although meeting only once a month - and normally with a speaker for part of the meeting - we also are doing lots of things in between. We are busy supporting the steering group organising the Torry Lighthouse Festival on Saturday 29th June and we do have something to say on the City Council's plan to close Torry Academy. Last month, we nominated Torry St. Fitticks Church for a Scottish Civic Trust award, and whilst not a winner in Glasgow, it is a winner for us,

with the hard work down to the sterling effects of the local congregation.

We also support local groups, both actively and financial with the small funds we have to help them make a difference in what they do for Torry folk of all ages. Can we help your group? Then please drop me a line and we'll do what we can.

It's your Community Council, so if there is something you feel needs to be said, then please contact me or find us at Torry Academy on the third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

David Fryer
Secretary -
Torry Community Council

Visit our website:
www.torrycommunitycouncil.webs.com

Follow us on
Twitter: [@TorryCC](https://twitter.com/TorryCC)
www.twitter.com/TorryCC

Old Torry Community Centre

2 Abbey Place, Aberdeen

Weekly Classes

Monday

Tai Chi – 9:30am to 11:30am (£1.50)

Bingo 7 to 9:15pm

Art Group (COMING SOON)

Tuesday

Messy Play – 10am to 11:30am
Torry Youth Choir – 4pm to 6pm
Zumba – 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday

Yak'n'Mak (Knitting & Craft Club) – 7pm to 9pm (£3 per person)

Thursday

Messy Play – 10am to 11:30am
Line Dancing – 6pm to 7:30pm

For more information please call 01224 894925 or you can send an email on oldtorry@gmail.com.
Updates on Facebook and Twitter

Active Ageing

Active Ageing is an initiative set up by Sport Aberdeen creating opportunities for older adults to remain active as they age. We have new opportunities to be active in Torry & Kincorth. Sessions are specifically designed to cater for older adults to enjoy in a friendly social environment.

Come along to Torry Sports Centre in Oscar Rd for the following:

Tuesday's 11-12pm: Strength & Balance Class. A gentle exercise class designed for beginners and those who are a little bit rusty.

Thursday's 10-11am: Walking Football. Join the AFC in the Community coaches and enjoy a slower-paced version of the beautiful game specifically designed for your older footballer.

Kincorth Sports Centre: Multi activity time, Friday 10-11am: come and try a range of fun easy



games in a social club and do as much or as little as you like. Try Boccia, Table Tennis, Indoor Curling and much more.

All sessions, £2 with complementary tea and coffee provided afterwards

Remember these sessions are designed for older people so if you don't think you can, come and try anyway and see how easy it is.

For more information contact Stephen on **01224 577738**.
sgammack@sportaberdeen.co.uk

Exercise: Your No.1 prescription

CFINE

CFINE in partnership with Family Learning in Aberdeen run a 4-week community cooking course to promote healthy eating and develop cooking skills for local families in Deeside Resource Centre, Torry.

The course introduced parents to alternative fast food options such how to make homemade chicken nuggets, pizza and burgers. The following weeks included soup making, main courses and side dishes, with Health Awareness Sessions supported by students from Abertay Dundee and Aberdeen Universities.

A great time was had by all, so look out for more Community

Cooking Sessions in the future.

If you would be interested in developing your cooking skills please get in touch, you can contact Louise at CFINE on 596156 or Family Learning on 260028.



Shelter Scotland - The bedroom tax

If you have a spare bedroom and you're renting from the council or a housing association and getting housing benefit, then the amount of benefit you receive may be reduced. This is commonly known as 'the bedroom tax'.

To find out more about:

- Reduced housing benefit if you have a spare bedroom
- How many bedrooms can I get housing benefit for under the new rules?
- Joint tenants and the bedroom tax
- How much will my housing benefit be reduced by?
- Challenging your 'bedroom tax' decision
- How can I pay for the rest of my rent?
- Are there any exemptions to the 'under occupancy' changes?

Contact: scotland.shelter.org.uk/

If you need more information or are concerned about your situation please contact SHELTER SCOTLAND

You can call free on **0808 800 4444** (now free to call from all six of the main UK mobile networks, Virgin, Orange, 3, T-mobile, Vodafone and O2, but charges may apply from any other network). Lines are open between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Or phone Aberdeen Citizens Advice Bureau free on **0808 800 9060**

www.citizensadvice.org.uk
Mon - Fri 09.00 - 20.00
Sat 10.00 - 14.00

31st August - 9th September
**Saint Fittick
 Arts Festival**



The Festival has a remit to be inclusive of as wide a section of the community as possible. It will be a community education experience involving art, film, skills exchanges, oral history and inter-generational opportunities

There is a need and an interest to show our heritage & creativity to our own community and show the outside world that we are worth coming to visit.

Over the last few years there has been a considerable shift in community life in Torry with the substantial reduction of community learning staff and the change of ownership within community centres from local government to volunteer management committees taking over the lease. These changes have led to gaps in provision for all age groups.

Torry also has a large and increasing Eastern European community. There has been little contact in the recent past with this group and the festival has an

opportunity to address this.

The community has a long-standing sea and fishing history. There was also an abundance of granite and farming industry. Now there is a large oil industry presence on our doorstep. The community is continually changing but has a long heritage that shouldn't be lost. Much of the traditional trade has gone from Torry.

Torry has areas that are in the 15% most deprived areas in Scotland based on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. Many in the community are on low incomes, suffer from health issues and have low education attainment. Typically more deprived areas have lower levels of engagement in cultural activities and attendance at cultural venues.

The festival seeks to take information and artefacts out of the museum environment and take it to the community, making it accessible and meaningful for

local people. Also to offer positive lifestyle choices for people, and events for families to come, create, learn and share together.

The Torry community often gets unwarranted negative media coverage. This project will help to showcase resources and skills of the area and go some way to dispel myths built up over the years.

This year's Saint Fittick Arts Festival is more ambitious, by building on the success of previous years and generating new opportunities for people and different parts of the community to join in. We are looking to develop a 5-year-plan for the festival and are seeking other funding to cover support in developing this.

The Saint Fittick Arts Festival will show our heritage, culture, resources, skills and the community to their best advantage. Saint Fittick Arts Festival is an inclusive community festival, running

since 2011, creatively using historical heritage to bring the community together.

The festival is inspired by The Book of St Fittick from 1902. Saint Fittick being the Patron Saint of Torry, Aberdeen.

The "Book of St. Fittick" is a gathering together of some fragments of history relating to the Torry district and what is inseparable from it - the harbour and the river mouth. For 2013 the festival will run from August 31st – September 9th. It will offer a wide variety of free arts opportunities enabling all ages of the community to meet, take part, be creative and learn together. Festival events and projects:

1. Hidden Aberdeen's historical tour of Saint Fittick's heritage area.

2. Animation project with primary school children exploring the story of the Sinking of The Oscar, a local ship that ran aground and now gives its name to local roads.

3. Intergenerational documentary film project with pupils from Torry Academy and WW2 veterans in the community. This project will be delivered by Station House Media Unit (SHMU), funded by the City Council 50 plus initiative & will be shown in the Belmont cinema.

4. Glass Fusion Workshops & Skills Exchange at the artist run gallery/workshop Oil and Glass.

5. Showing of historical films of Aberdeen & Torry from The Scottish Screen Archive.

6. Exhibition of Torry's seafaring and fishing heritage, items from Aberdeen Art Galleries and Museums collection to be displayed in the community. Which will include documentation of the sinking of The Oscar (see no 2).

7. Film Noir night at Old Torry Community Centre.

8. Performance by local theatre group Ragamuffins at Torry Saint Fittick's Church.

9. Photography workshop for young people 14-21 yrs with work exhibited in the Old Torry Community Centre.

10. Family workshops to create costumes and props for a parade to Saint Fittick's.

BAND OF THE WEEK

Here at shmuFM, we're a central part of Aberdeen's music scene and are always looking to help promote local bands and musicians. We use our radio station, website and social media to share local music with thousands of people – and if you're a solo artist or group then we could feature you as our Band of the Week. If you'd like to be considered, then get in touch with Stevie by emailing sound@shmu.org.uk or give him a call in the office on 01224 515013.

What you'll need is to have at least three songs recorded in MP3 format so that we can play them on the radio.

Many of our former Band of the Week musicians have gone on to be played by BBC Radio 1 and 6Music, had albums shooting up the iTunes Chart or, in the case of Amber Wilson, joined Bombay Bicycle Club and toured the world!

SAMANTHA CRUICKSHANK

Samantha Cruikshank, 19 from Torry, graduated from shmuTRAIN's employability course Positive Transitions 13 on 17th April 2013.

Sam attended Torry Academy and went on to Aberdeen College where she completed a course in retail. She was referred to Remploy where she got help with her CV and job searching. Remploy recommended our Positive Transitions course to Sam to offer more structure and support. Sam says that on the course "the thing that helped the most was on a Tuesday on radio which made me realise that teamwork was important and preparation was key to make something like a radio show. It definitely helped when I went to my mock interview as I received really good feedback."

Sam's confidence definitely improved throughout the course. She was very nervous speaking on

air in the beginning; however, around half way through the course Sam volunteered to come into SHMU in her free time to co-present on the Torry Treasures radio show.

Sam enjoyed this so much that she is returning weekly to co-present even though the course is finished.

Sam is interested in pursuing a career in retail and SHMU will continue to support her to achieve this goal. Through the course she managed to secure interviews and was very successful in her mock interview, we're sure it won't be long before she is working.



Station House Media Unit (shmu) is situated just off Great Northern Road in the old Station House Community Centre, Woodside. We offer free access to, and training in video and radio production, and magazine and online publications to residents of all ages living in Seaton, Woodside, Middlefield, Tillydrone, Torry, Northfield and Cummings Park.

The Diversion of the Dee

Not many people know that the river Dee ran up south College Street, down Poynerook Road and into the harbour at Point Law.

It was decided that the river would be diverted down where it runs now. Plans had been made to erect a viaduct at the bottom of South College Street to accommodate the railway lines coming into Aberdeen from the south.

If you look at the north side of the Dee you will see how the bank is built up with granite sets.

The new part of the Dee ran from the Chain Bridge down to where ASCO is now running into the harbour. It was to be 1881 before Victoria Bridge was built.

They decided to build the bridge after the ferry disaster in 1876. Forty-two people died - mainly young people. It was a holiday and they were going to a picnic at the Bay of Nigg but the ferry was overloaded and it capsized. If you look on the left hand side you will see a plaque telling you all about it.

Alan Reid



Councillors Comments

Cnclr Yvonne Allan

Dear Friends, well here we are I June hoping for a decent summer, which I think we deserve after the winter we have had.

There have been quite a lot of goings on over the past months. Scottish Water has been relaying our water pipes. Work is on-going at Tullos for our swing pool. There is yet no movement at the Victoria Road Site, which is disappointing. However I am perusing the issue and likewise the Oscar Road Site. Our new police station on Victoria Road is

well on its way which I am sure the good folks of Torry will welcome.

The Big Noise experience is progressing with funding agreed so it can move to the next stage.

I am sorry to see Garry Forsyth go from the chair of Torry Academy Parent Council and I wish him well for the future. Garry has been a stalwart in his support for the school and he will be missed but hopefully still around. I hope everyone has taken their opportunity to

comment on the consultation paper regarding the proposed new school.

On national issues we have seen the unification of all the police areas in Scotland into one force and likewise the fire service. We will just have to see how this goes. Hopefully we will continue to receive the excellent local service that we are used to.

Have a wonderful summer
Councillor **Yvonne Allan**
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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**

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 **0845 600 5700**

Samaritans

Need to talk **01224 574 488**

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**

Alkohol

Anonimowi Alkoholicy **0845 769 7555**
Problemy z alkoholem **0800 917 8282**

Zapomoga

Agencja doradztwa w zapomogach **0800 587 9135**

Przestępstwa

Przeciwdziałanie przestępstwom **0800 555 111**

Narkotyki

FRANK – narodowa linia pomocy **0800 776 600**

Dentysta

Nagle wypadki **01224 558 140**

Lekarze

Nagle wypadki **08454 242 424**

Elektryczność

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Planowanie rodziny

Square 13 wsparcie i doradztwo **01224 642 711**

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Nagle wypadki **0800 111 999**
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Pomoc mieszkaniowa

Nagle naprawy **01224 480 281**
Centrum pomocy **0845 608 0929**

Policja

Zgłaszanie przypadków nie wymagających nagłej interwencji **0845 600 5700**

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Telefon dla potrzebujących rozmowy **01224 574 488**

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Dyżur pracowników społecznych **01224 765 220**
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Wsparcie i informacje **01224 625 009**

Woda

Nagle wypadki **0845 600 8855**