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EDITORIAL

Hello, and welcome to the Autumn 2011 issue of Cumming North. We are striving to publish three editions a year now, so the past few weeks have been hectic as those of you involved with creating the magazine will be aware.

Cumming North is a way for anyone from Northfield or Cummings Park to tell others about what's going on, or as a way to make your own voice heard.

Thank you to those who have submitted articles, worked on designing the magazine and chased up people for articles. Your hard work is very much appreciated!

Anyone who wishes to submit an article for the next issue is more than welcome to do so. If you are involved in anything that you think others in the area would be interested to hear about, please let us know.

If you would like to become involved and live in either Cummings Park or Northfield there are many aspects to creating the magazine which you could help with. Just get in touch and training will be arranged. Please contact:

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NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTR

The decision by Councillors to reduce the budget for for teenagers this year and a reduced programme of youth community learning has resulted in some reduction in the groups will be starting up over the next few months. Centre programme at Northfield Community Centre.

This time last year Northfield Community Centre was able to offer a wide range of adult learning courses. This year the only courses available so far are Tai Chi, Pottery, Aerobics and a mix of adult literacy classes.

Despite a very successful volunteer run play scheme for primary age children, there was no summer programme

There continues to be high demand for crèche places and the Crèche at the Centre will be running till October while its future is reviewed.

Nevertheless, at the Centre's AGM seventeen local folk were elected onto the Centre Management Committee. They are determined to keep the Centre open and to redevelop the centre programme.



NORTHFIELD SUMMER PLAYSCHEME TRIP

volunteers? Answer a Northfield summer Playscheme Aden Country Park. trip.

Local volunteers have worked their socks off to organise a series of trips for local children over the Summer holidays. The 8 trips this year have included Landmark, Edinburgh

What has two buses? more than 80 children? and a dozen Zoo, Arbroath Carnival, Montrose Splash and Play and

The children all agreed the trips were "brilliant", "magic", "best part of the holidays". The volunteers, having given up four weeks of their Summer holidays and many weeks of planning and preparation were all too tired to comment.

21st CENTURY HOUSING

Council is about to complete on the first phase of its' new build council housing programme which presents an opportunity to create inspirational 21st century housing which is high quality, sustainable, energy efficient and incorporates a degree of flexibility to meet the future needs of tenants.

These developments, along with others in the City are intended to re-generate areas and provide much needed accommodation within the City which will strengthen community spirit and enhance neighbourhood identities.

Phase one consists of three sites: - Hayton Road, Byron Court and Rorie Court which provide a total of 85 homes comprising of a mixture of family and amenity properties. We will be welcoming our new tenants for phase one over the summer period.

Our Phase 2 development at Marchburn, Northfield (Marchburn Park) will comprise of 35 units (18 two bed flats and 17 three bed houses). It will be developed as a 'Home Zone' encouraging a more flexible and innovative approach to the design of new residential streets to create a benchmark for higher quality design in new development which will positively contribute to the character of Northfield. This development is currently under construction and is due for completion in December 2011.

Aberdeen City Council 's commitment to increase its

For the first time in almost 30 years, Aberdeen City affordable housing within the city has identified the former Croft House as its phase 3 development for the rolling New Build Programme within the City. This site now renamed 'Oldcroft Gardens, will see the development of 31 new family homes (20 two bed flats & 11 three bed houses) to this area.

> This area is well catered for local amenities and also has good transport links in and around the City. The development is due for completion in March 2012.

> For further details or information, please contact Paula Mann or Maria Thies on 523155/522147.

Housing Types (Northfield):

Houses 3/4 bedroom, 16 units

Flats (4 in a Block) 3 bedroom, 12 units

Total No. of units = 28

Rents:

Houses 3/4 bedroom = £144.01 per week

Flats 3 bedroom = £101.44 per week





DEVELOPING HEATHRYBURN'S SENSORY GARDEN

school grounds. The pupils presented their ideas and were very excited that a local business has offered to work with us and save us from doing all the digging by ourselves!

As part of our fundraising last session's P4 ran 32 miles and raised £700 so thank you to everyone who supported us! Every class in the school will be planting and looking after part of our garden. Our garden will be full of things to

Last term P4 have been planning a sensory garden for our excite all of our senses and will also have a pond to attract more wildlife to our school.

> We can't wait to see our garden come to life over the coming year - look out for opportunities for parents and the community to come and get involved! Above we see one of our pupils, Hannah, checking over a possible site for the garden.



WESTPARK PRIMARY SEVENS MOVE UP

I have been at Westpark since Pr3 after leaving Byron Park. My teacher was Mrs Hall, she was lovely.

We went to see 'Kung Foo Panda' and went a trip to Dalguise in Pr7 they were the best. I will miss the school but I am looking forward to being in academy.

Kara Yeats aged 11



Dear friends,

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays, although the weather has not exactly been great. Things at church have now started up again after the summer break, with the Breakfast Club for Primary age children, running each Sunday from 10am in the Church Hall - a warm welcome awaits all children who would like to come along.

On the first Sunday of each month we all meet together in the Church Hall at 10.30am for Church 4 U, an informal gathering with tea, coffee, juice and something to eat. On the other Sundays, services are in the Church at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome!

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet each Wednesday evening, with the Anchor Boys and Junior Section of the Boys' Brigade meeting each Thursday evening. Parents and Toddlers meet in the Church Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.15am.

Church Table Sales, with teas, coffees and pancakes, take place on the last Saturday of each month from 9.30am in the Church Hall.

Please take a look at our website www.nfpc.org.uk for more information about the church, including my trip to Uganda.

All the best,

Scott Guy



On Wednesday the 14th of September the 'Cummings Park Flat Open Day' was attended by our partner agencies and local people from all walks of life. We managed to spread the word that the flat is open to everyone in our community.

Partners present on the day included Community Foods, Credit Union, VSA young carers support, Councillor Gordon Graham, Community Wardens, SHMU Radio, Community Learning and Development, Youth Work representative, NHS, Anne Knight - the representative for the Fairer Scotland Board who finance the flat and the Home Safety information team - including a fire-engine! Information was provided by the Healthy Hoose (who now include the Cummings Park area for health advice) and Pathways.

The doors opened at 9.30am and locals popped in all through the day. Some came out of curiosity, others to talk to the agencies or to find out what the flat could offer in the future. There were also opportunities for people to make their own thoughts known to us. This included requests for computer classes - from beginner up to ECDL, a baby group, Digital Photography classes, a walking group, a craft group, an older parents group, one stop information point, rent pay point and access to various agencies. The list is not exhaustive and further ideas are always welcome.

The doors stayed open until well after 4.30pm in the hope of catching some of the school pupils returning home as we are looking to form new youth groups in the future. There were even a couple of people who showed an interest in joining the management committee.

The flat is currently open between 12pm and 4pm however, times may change depending on demand.

If you would like to find out more please either pop in to the flat or call (01224) 681357, leaving your name and contact details.

Cummings Park Community Flat. 122 Cummings Park Drive, Aberdeen.



Arts Development 'Our Story'

Our Story has been a year long intergenerational project involving seven regeneration communities in Aberdeen, funded through Fairer Scotland. The first part of the project was in partnership with Aberdeen International Youth Festival and led to each community taking part in the Tartan Day Parade in Summer 2010.

The Our Story exhibition was recently showcased at Aberdeen Art Gallery highlighting community groups' art work created from September 2010 to March 2011. The communities involved worked with the team to create inspirational work about their creative journey and story. Arts Development worked with pupils from Bramble Brae Primary School to create unique self portraits. Working with artists William Moulding and Jo Gannon, the young people used a combination of drawing, screen printing and textiles to produce fabric 3D versions of themselves.

The pupils also took photographs of their neighbourhoods, friends and family, and from these they chose the photo which best represents 'Their Story'.

Volunteers Jacqui Innes and Connie Rumsey from the Northfield and Cummings Park Arts and Heritage Group, worked alongside the young folk for some of the work-



shops, supporting them to do screen printing and sewing.

Jacqui and Connie have themselves been working since January 2011 collecting and collating photographs of Northfield and Cummings Park to begin to create a digital photographic archive of the area. They shared their knowledge of local history with the young folk and compared photographs with them, some of which you can see in the exhibition.

The young people involved, along with volunteers Connie & Jacqui, attended the successful official opening of the Our Story exhibition in May 2011. As part of the Our Story Exhibition programme, historian Arlene Forman gave an overview of past Arts Development creative oral history projects, including the small book previously produced in the area, Northfield: A Collection of Memories, which both Connie & Jacqui were involved in.

For more information on Arts Development please contact:

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Hi Fellow Gardeners,

This time of year is a busy one what with thinning out the veggies, cutting the grass and pulling out the weeds (with creaky back and hips, run out of 3 in 1).

Our late spring weather produced lovely daffodil shows and with deep blue pansies providing an attractive carpet, the scene was set to get us going.

My thoughtful? Gave me a gift of tomato plants but unfortunately didn't identify the types of fruit and more importantly if they are tall or bushy plants, resulting in my grow bags and pots looking like part of a Burmese jungle. However, my flowers are telling me what to do. I hope. If successful, look out for my stall in Byron Square (not guaranteed).

In the true world of the outside garden, veggies are growing well. Maybe too well as I have an awful lot of tattie shaws and I'm beginning to doubt if there will be anything underneath them. (Courage brothers). I have also grown three potatoes and small round carrots in bags as an experiment (I hope the carrot fly is reading this).

I have also planted some new rhubarb plants but out of the four only one resembles a typical plant. However I am too old to ca canny when eating such things especially first year growth. My onion sets are coming on fine and will be a welcome addition to my mince and tatties later on. Being a canny lad (old one at that) when it comes to sowing beetroot seed to early, I can report that they have now shown themselves and will be buying some vinegar in due course... (No early frost please mannie)

A neighbour has kindly given me a courgette and kale plants for my green house. The courgette is a bit of a mystery to me but we shall wait and see. Also my daughter a strong liking for kale – thank goodness!

The flower garden flourishing in nature's heady mixture of rain and sunshine with of course the weeds joining in. Whilst walking around Northfield I enjoy looking at the front gardens, admiring the colourful displays on show (keep it up Northfield). Finally, I am advised that we gardeners should always be thinking of the next growing season which is next spring. So one thought is spring cabbage and now is the time to think about planting your seed -3 in a pot to transplant! (A gardener's work is a twelve month job).

Till next time,

Mr N. Neep (Northfield)



Online Photographic Archive for Northfield and Cummings Park

Northfield & Cummings Park Arts & Heritage Group is currently collecting photographs of the local area towards the building of a local photographic archive and website – are you interested in getting involved? Do you have photographs of the local area and the folk that live here that you would like to contribute to the new archive? We are looking for photographs from ANY time period, as long as they were taken in the local area!

Photographs submitted will be digitally scanned and all originals will stay with their owners. We can arrange to come along and scan images, or can accept emails or CDs of images which are already digital. If you have some photographs to contribute or would like to find out more about the project please contact Community Arts Officer Nicole Plumb on 01224 814734 or by email at nplumb@ aberdeencity.gov.uk

Or check out the project blog! Where you can find out latest news on the project and sign up to receive an email whenever the blog gets updated, a handy way of keeping in touch with what's happening on the project and what related workshops and events are coming up.

http://archivenorth.wordpress.com/2011/08/23/ archivenorth-call-for-images/



The Council Face in the Community

Do you know about the Customer Access Points? There are three Customer Access Points in Aberdeen situated in Kincorth, Mastrick and Woodside.

They are the accessible face of the council in our communities. At the Customer Access Points we try to deal effectively with your enquiries and have a large range of services and information on offer .

We can help you apply for Disabled Badges (Blue and green), access to leisure cards, Accord Card or National Entitlement Cards, Education Maintenance Allowances and Goodapple Housing applications.

We provide bioliners for your food waste caddies, dog waste bags, bulky item uplift bookings, council housing and council tax forms, parking/garage/allotment spaces, Multi journey tickets for the community bus, school dinner tickets, school clothing and can help you with your school footwear applications.

You can also use the Access points to make garden maintenance payments or pay any Aberdeen City Council bil including parking fines, rent and council tax Al payments can be made with cash, debit and credit cards (1.6% admin fee charged) and cheque.

You can also find information on recycling and bin collection calendars or use the access points to report a housing repair, road/ pavements defects, street light faults.

Contact details:

Mastrick Customer Access Point Spey Road, Aberdeen, AB16 6SH Phone: 01224 788503

Woodside Fountain Centre Marquis Road, Aberdeen, AB24 2QY Phone: 01224 524920 Email: woodsideCAP@aberdeencity.gov.uk

FAMILY LEARNING NEW COURSES

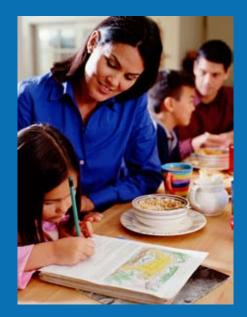
Confidence and Assertiveness Course

You are never too old to improve your confidence and assertiveness.

This eight session course will offer you the opportunity to gain skills and tips to break old habits, say 'no' and mean it, take a more assertive role in your everyday life and possibly change you forever.

The course begins late October 2011.

To find out more or book a place call Family Learning on tel: **260028**.



Maths and Language for Parents

Do the words 'can you help me with my homework' fill you with dread?

This six session course will show you how your child learns maths and language in school and how you are helping at home without even knowing it.

So why not come along and join in because believe it or not maths and language can be fun!

This course begins in late January 2012.

To find our more or book a place call Family Learning on tel: **260028**.



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.

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Celebrate Aberdeen

On Saturday the 11th June, the SHMU volunteers mmarched down Union Street as part of the 'Celebrate Aberdeen' parade. The parade was organised by ACVO to recognise all the hard work being carried out by the voluntary sector in Aberdeen. he SHMU contingent was made up of volunteers including Radio

Presenters, Editorial Team Members, The Youth Radio Project (YRP), shmuTRAINees as well as shmu staff. *"It was a great turnout and good for the city, the best bit was* seeing all the different charities involved and being part of the

seeing all the different charities involved and being part of the SHMU Team"

Gary Cheyne - shmu Volunteer

shmuTRAIN

shmuTRAIN offers unique employability and skills development courses which support people into work, education or training. Community and digital media, including radio and video, is used to help develop core skills such as communication, confidence and team work.

*Positive*Transitions is a fantastic opportunity for 16-19 year olds who are not in education, employment or training to take part in a 12 week course. PTVIII starts on the 26th September

*shmu***WORKS** is a fantastic opportunity for 18-25 year olds who are not in education, employment or training to take part in a 6 week training programme.



POSITIVE TRANSITIONS VIII



TRAINING IN THE STUDIO

shmuFM

shmuFM offers training and support to volunteers so they can produce and present a variety of issue-based, music and community programming shows on 99.8fm.

The next series of beginner courses begin on the following dates:

25th October from 7pm to 9pm 27th October from 2pm to 4pm

If you are interested in learning more about any of our courses, please call *shmu* at (01224) 515013 or email us at training@shmu. org.uk or just text the word TRAINING and your name to 60300.

Councillors Comments

Heathryburn School

Recently I had the task of helping select a new deputy head for Heathryburn School. The selection panel also included members of the parent council. This was a very important duty to ensure we selected the best candidate for the job. Although we have chosen our preferred candidate there are still a couple of formalities to go through before an official announcment is made.

I would also like to say that the parent council and the school are trying to get more parents involved in the running of the school. I would urge all parents who have children at the school to get on board, as it is a most satisfying job.



Bramble Brae

I went along to the school fair on Friday the 10th of June and drew the raffle. It is always nice to go along to Bramble Brae and see how it is progressing. It is encouraging to hear that the kids are doing well educationally and that they are getting involved in sports such as football. They also have a well supported parent council and I would again encourage your support.

Haudagain Roundabout

A number of people from all over the Northfield Ward and Aberdeen have contacted me to express their concern that the Scottish Government are not planning any improvements at the Haudagain until after the WPR is built. During research on the subject I found out that the Institute of Directors have commented that congestion at the Haudagain is costing Aberdeen in the region of £15 to £30 million pounds annually. Following these comments and following a meeting with residents of Middlefield I have requested that the council contact the Government to bring forward these improvements. Given that the Scottish Government are attempting to bring forward Capital Investment, this should increase the chances of success.

Northfield Swimming Pool

I had numerous complaints and a petition from residents who are are unhappy with the reduction of public sessions at the pool. The major problem is that the current Council Administration has put the operation of these into a trust, namely Sports Aberdeen. I have had correspondence from them and would be happy to provide people with a copy. It does provide a glimmer of hope but I will continue to press for improved public sessions at Northfield Swimming Pool.

Regards,

Gordon Graham



Operation Trinity Launched in Aberdeen

ligence-led operation on 12 June 2011, in response to the annual problem of motorcycle nuisance, which is often highlighted to the police by residents.

Operation Trinity consists of a dedicated team of officers, supported by Roads Policing officers and City Wardens. The purpose of the operation is to target those causing a nuisance to communities by riding motorcycles in an illegal, and very often, highly dangerous way.

Inspector Stuart Ord, who is overseeing the operation told the Mirror "Our 'Local Policing - Closer To You' model have. The antisocial use of motorcy-Aberdeen's residents and this operation police. focuses on those involved."

"While there is a majority of lawbehaviour."

"Riding motorcycles in a manner that people. includes speeding, riding over footpaths and across open land without Using motorcycles as a focus, RUTS the correct documentation, without wearing suitable protective equipment carries a huge risk to the public, as well as the riders themselves."

"Operation Trinity Officers are using As part of RUTS' MotoLearn project, the seizure of uninsured motorcycles, to combat these type of riders."

Operation Trinity has three strands. These are, **Disruption**, **Detection and** Diversion.

Grampian Police launched an intel- affected communities to work with us was run from Monday 8 to Friday 12 to disrupt those involved in this behaviour by telling us who they are, and where they are keeping their bikes."

> "We will then be able to act on this information to provide greater patrols in the affected areas and effectively detect the offenders and bring them to justice."

> "Finally, we will work towards diverting offenders away from this problem behaviour by helping them to make alternative choices to offending."

During the first seven weeks of Operation Trinity, 55 people were reported to either the Procurator Fiscal ensures that communities are better or the Children's Reporter in connecserved in relation to the concerns they tion with a variety of Road Traffic Offences and the initiative has also cles is a recurring problem for many of led to 20 motorbikes being seized by

The diversion scheme piloted during Operation Trinity is the Rural Urban abiding motorcyclists, there is also a Training Scheme (RUTS), which aims minority who bring attention to their to stimulate positive life choices and reduce offending, antisocial activities and risk taking behaviour in young

> provides alternative curriculum education and training to young people through a practical programme of activities.

all means at their disposal, including 14 to 19 year olds can get their hands dirty covering such subjects as health and safety, motorcycle mechanics, first aid, road safety, motorcycles and society as well as issues such as employability and progression routes to further learning.

August 2011 at Northfield Academy and saw six young lads from across the city taking part.

Iain Bell, RUTS Assistant Manager, said "We use motorcycles and motorcycle related skills and issues to act as a focus in providing support and direction to young people. We promote building pathways to social inclusion."

"When Grampian Police contacted us, we were very keen to come on board to work with the young people in Aberdeen. The youngsters involved have been extremely positive, with 100% attendance from the first day, and from a RUTS perspective meeting the local youth and delivering the programme in Aberdeen has been a great experience."

The MotoLearn programme is predominantly delivered in a garage/ workshop environment but elements are also provided in an off road setting which is being hosted by the Forestry Commission at Fetteresso.

Inspector Ord concluded "Operation Trinity demonstrates that we listen to what our communities tell us and respond to the issues raised."

"We have seven dedicated Officers to tackle the problem, but we still need the help of the communities affected. I urge people to call us on 0845 600 5 700, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 and report incidents of this type. With the flow of information coming in we can actively target those engaged in this behaviour and see that they face consequences for their actions.'

"We encourage the residents of the The RUTS programme in Aberdeen

Auchmill Golf Club - We are the Champions!

The hard work put in by the juniors Former junior himself and now Junior at Auchmill Golf Club supported by Coaches Mark Albiston and Janice Taylor through the Club Golf scheme is beginning to pay dividends - Big time.

An example of how the junior section has progressed under their stewardship is that eleven junior players from Auchmill Golf Club entered the prestigious 'Hands across the Sea' Competition.

The competition is held on the Kings Links and from those eleven, Jonathon Gregor won the scratch tournament with a score of 71. Meanwhile Thomas Burnett won the Class 2 handicap section with a net score of 57.

Further joy was to come when the club also came in second for the team event behind Newmacher. The team consisted of Anthony Harkin, Jay Hutton, Chris Polson and Jonathon Gregor.

Convenor Mark Albiston stated "This has been a good year so far for the junior section, not only are they competing with the best players from the bigger clubs, but we have shown that we can beat them.

A measure of the importance of the 'Hands across the Sea' competition is that is that past winners included David Laws current Scottish Boys Amateur champion.

The Golf Club will continue to support junior golf and new members are welcome.



David Smith with Chris Polson AGR Petroleum Services Junior Open Winner 76 (scratch)



L-R: Jay Hutton (Tom o'Neil Trophy Winner) Conor Brand (Handicap Winner 65), Jonathon Gregor (Hands Across the Sea Scratch winner 71, Junior Convenor Mark Albiston, Chris Polson Junior Open Winner 76 (scratch), Thomas Burnett (Hands Across the Sea Handicap)

Latest from Byron Boys Club



Dave Cowie, President of Byron Boys Club announced in an interview today that he was proud to take over of the lease for the Aberdeen Lads Club Pitches in Woodside.

The club still has the Kettlehills facilities so the lads remain firmly seated in Northfield.

Dave would also like to welcome on board the new managers, coaches and players from all the new teams and wishes all involved with Byron the very best for next season.

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Lord Provost, Councillor Peter Stephen (Kingswells/Sheddocksley Ward)	01224 522637
Councillor Wendy Stuart (Kingswells/Sheddocksley Ward)	01224 522204
Councillor, Deputy Provost, Jackie Dunbar (Northfield Ward)	01224 522522
Councillor Gordon Graham (Northfield Ward)	01224 523594
Councillor Kevin Stewart (Northfield Ward)	01224 522540
Aberdeen City Council	
Main Switchboard	08456 080910
Minicom number for hearing impaired callers	01224 522381
Anti-Social Behaviour Team (between 9 am and 4 am)	08456 066548

Housing Repairs (during office hours)08456 080929Housing Repairs (out with office hours)01224 480281Environmental Services (roads, lighting, litter etc.)08456 080919

Alcohol		Family Planning	
Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 769 7555	Square 13, Support & Advice	01224 642 711
Drinkline	0800 7314 314		
		Gas	
Benefits		Gas Emergency	0800 999
Benefits Agency Advice Line	0800 587 9135	Gas Emergency with a Meter	0845 606 6766
Crime		Housing	
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	Emergency Repairs	01224 480 281
		Call Centre Emergency	0845 608 0929
Drugs			
Know the Score	0800 587 5879	Police	
		Non-Emergency	0845 600 5700
Dentist			
Emergency - G-Dens	01224 558 140	Samaritans	
		Need to talk	01224 574 488
Doctors			
NHS 24 Emergency	08454 242 424		
		Social Work Duty Team	01224 765 220
Electricity		Emergency Out-Of-Hours	01224 693 936
If you have a Power-Cut	0800 300 999		
		Young Carers	
Family Information Service		Support & Information	01224 625 009
Information Service	01224 443344		
	07825 053136	Water	
		Scottish Water Emergency	0845 600 8855

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