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## editorial

Welcome to another exciting edition of the Cumming North Magazine. Thanks again to all the contributors - we are very grateful to everyone who submits articles and photos for the magazine. Our editorial team is always on the lookout for local people to help gather articles and information that may be used in future editions, or indeed, help in other ways as part of the editorial team. This would involve a couple of short meetings prior to publication of the magazine.

If you live in the Northfield/Cummings Park area, or are a teacher or representative based in one of the 5 schools within these areas and would like to get involved, please contact **Laura** at shmu on **01224 515013** ([laura.young@shmu.org.uk](mailto:laura.young@shmu.org.uk)) or **Dave White** on **01224 696185**.

### Dates for next edition:

**1st of September**

**15th of September**

**29th of September**

**6th of October**

**20th of October**

***All the meetings will be held on Monday afternoons at 2pm at Cummings Park Community Flat.***

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# Hamewith Lodge Care Home Open Day

*We celebrated our National Care Home open day on Friday 20th June 2014.*

We celebrated our National Care Home Open Day on Friday 20th June 2014. It was huge success and all residents, relatives and staff enjoyed all that was on offer. The theme for the day was 'Around the World'. We had fruit tasting platters for everyone to try with a variety of different fruits on offer along with fruit smoothies.

In the morning we had entertainment provided by our very own Hungarian Domestic Assistant, Lazlo and his wife. They sang Hungarian songs and played the guitar. Mr Strachan joined them. He comes into the home once a month to provide hymns and readings from the bible. He sang some favourite hymns and also some Scottish Music. All the residents enjoyed this while having a lovely cup of tea and some yummy home bakes.

In the afternoon we were entertained by 2 secondary pupils from Northfield Academy. They sang some beautiful songs along with the guitar and keyboard. This was a most enjoyable afternoon.

We were joined for part of the morning by local politicians, Frank Doran, Richard Baker and colleagues, who praised us on all the hard work that everyone does within the home. They were given a tour of the home by our Home Manager, Moira Taylor and they also joined the residents for tea and home bakes.

We have a variety of entertainment planned for the upcoming months, along with 3 fundraising events. We will be holding a 'Summer Fayre' on 16th August and our big event is an Elvis Tribute night at the Bon-Accord Golf Club. Tickets are available from Denise on 07734 444 139. If you are interested in getting involved in our fun night please get your tickets quick.

During a visit from the Bramble Brae School Choir we approached the teachers with an idea we thought of for our garden. We have said we would like to hold a drawing competition for P1-P7 and the winners drawing will be painted on our garden fence, hopefully by the pupils themselves, each winner will receive a prize.

Thank you to all staff that makes the residents and relatives feel at home with Hamewith Lodge.

**Nadine Taylor –  
Activities Coordinator**



## Community Safety Film in Northfield

**Northfield Youth Action Group team up with SHMU to produce a community safety film.**

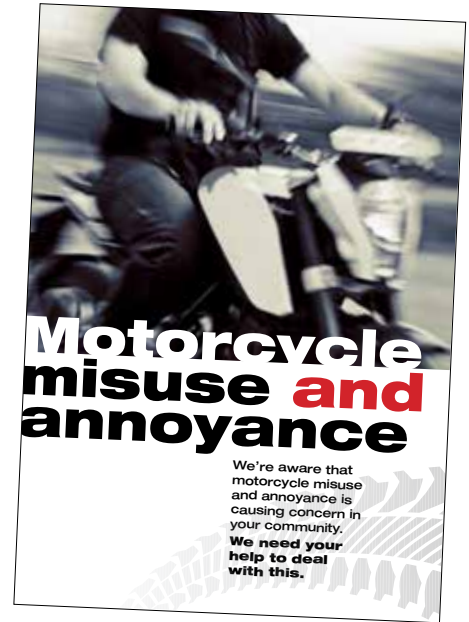
Car and motorcycle annoyance, theft, anti-social behaviour is becoming an increasing issue for the city. Northfield has the highest occurrence of such anti-social behaviour. The Northfield Youth Action Group (NYAG) have decided to make a film to educate young people on the dangers.

This summer SHMU are working NYAG to write, produce and make a short film around this issue. We are looking for members

of the community who would like to be part of this production.

We are presently looking for scriptwriters, actors, crew and local people who would like to be involved in this project.

If you are interested please get in touch with [denise@shmu.org.uk](mailto:denise@shmu.org.uk). Look out for our auditions and other community film events linked with this project on the SHMU website and on our Twitter and Facebook feeds.



## The Northfield Four

new film being made of Louis G. Gibbons' Sunset Song. Ruben has been attending drama lessons at Act Aberdeen. The teacher let it be known that the producers were looking for local talent (if I wasn't so busy I would have gone along to display my acting skills)! Ruben went along to try out and was chosen for the role of the four year old son.

Proud parents Leanne & Colin were supportive of Ruben once he had stated that wanted to do it. He has been up at Banchory filming and it's now all done (or, as Ruben said, "it's in the can"). Who knows where you'll find a star - on the sidewalk in Hollywood or perhaps outside Byron shops? The group are complete again and once again bouncing away on the trampoline or kicking footballs around and having fun which is great to see but there's a lot to be said for earplugs.

**JACK A. NORREY**

Deansloch cul-de-sac is a quiet little street until school's out then the Northfield four swing into action. Arron, Neave, Kian, and Ruben are four good little kids who know how to enjoy themselves. Are they trouble? Not at all. They all have nicknames – (Baby face) Arron, (Roughneck) Ruben, (Nervous) Neave and (Crafty) Kian.

But when Arron and Neave have a screaming competition then it's

earplugs in. Arron is on a hiding to nothing, no way will he reach the levels that Neave gets to. It's said that at her height dogs as far as five miles away dive for cover with their paws over their lugs. What about Kian, a character who is quiet and hard to sum up. Ruben on the other hand is a star in the making having just finished filming a couple of weeks ago. He was successful in getting a part in the



# FITS THIS ART PROJECT ABOUT, THEN?

*By Anthony Schrag*

Next year, the Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museum will close for renovations, and their art and museum objects will move to a new, purpose-built storage facility in the Northfield that will care for the city's amazing collection. It won't, however, be a traditional 'gallery' that anyone can enter. There will be opportunities to explore the collection via a free booking system and it is planned that there will also be some displays in the public entrance, as well as free education projects. It is hoped that the new building will contribute to the ongoing regeneration of Northfield.

My project is a temporary one that tries to explore how the city's art collection could be made more public. As an artist,

however, I don't make paintings or sculptures. Instead, I arrange events in which the public can participate, for example games, community days, meetings, etc. The idea for this project was to design events inspired by objects within the collection - for example, a contemporary tennis match inspired by "The Tennis Party" painted by John Lavery in 1885. I had hoped to use objects from the past so we can make the future better.

Originally, I planned to work across Aberdeen, but the more I explored the project, the more sense it made for me to be focused entirely in Northfield, as this will be the area that will benefit from this new construction.

As such, I have taken two approaches; one developing projects with the community, and one designing events with the Art Gallery itself. With the Art Gallery, I want to explore their assumptions that art can be a catalyst for community regeneration, and ensure they approach your community ethically. With them, I've developed away-days, discussions and site visits to ensure they offer the people of Northfield what the people of Northfield need and want. The good news is they are responding rather well.

**For more information about this project at [info@anthonyschrag.com](mailto:info@anthonyschrag.com).**

# Northfield Academy

## **S1 Parent Consultation Week**

This term we introduced the first S1 Parent Consultation Week. This moved away from the traditional model of an S1 Parents' Evening. The Consultation Week was a week-long opportunity for parents to visit at a time of their choosing and discuss their child's progress with one member of staff.

This was an excellent opportunity for parents to visit the school and have a conversation about their child's learning at Northfield Academy.

Thank you to everyone who supported this new initiative which has helped us to increase parental involvement.

## **Culture Café**

This term we have launched our Culture Café which takes place every Tuesday from 1pm. A dedicated group of our senior pupils have been responsible for setting up the venue on a weekly basis, planning music and activities, performing live music, making food and drink to sell, advertising, manning doors, and joining in with peers in the games and activities on offer.

They have also undertaken "Bully Buster" training with Aberdeen City Community Learning Development team. This has impacted positively on the school and has provided a safe and attractive space for pupils to spend time at lunchtimes.

## **BBC School Report 2014**

Since September 2013, a group of S1 and S4 pupils have been becoming news reporters. The budding journalists have been focusing on the news that has been happening around Northfield.

The pupils have been able to work with Fiona Stalker, a reporter for BBC Aberdeen, who has provided the team with advice on how to present the news effectively. This year, the group has also been lucky enough to work with BBC Scotland to produce a short film about voting at the age of 16. The final video was broadcast on the BBC News Channel.

The team also participated in the news day event on the 27th March. The team had to produce numerous high quality news reports and ensure that they

were submitted onto our news website by the deadline of 4pm.

Thank you to Miss Kerry Smith, Mr Gordon Rae, Sarah Darroch and Sharon Brown who have been supporting this work.

## **4x4 Challenge**

As part of the Engineering Club, a group was entered into the 4x4 Challenge. The team had to design and market the buggy in preparation for the 4x4 Challenge Competition Day.

Initially, the school entered the competition to gain experience and information for next year and, therefore, were delighted to win the Judge's Discretionary Award.

This was the first time a team from Northfield Academy entered this competition so, as you can imagine, they were all rather scared and nervous but they did extremely well.

Next session, the Engineering Club would like to recruit new team members to form a Formula 1 team so that they can expand the group and inspire new young engineers.

## **School Fair**

Northfield Academy had another extraordinary school fair, open for the whole community to attend. The turnout was huge. The barbecue was in full swing with the smell of burgers and hot dogs, attracting everyone for seconds or thirds. Upon entering the hall you were greeted by the friendly faces of all the volunteers that helped out waiting patiently at their stalls. Along the corridor and down the stairs took you to a different world... the creative world of tie-dye t-shirts and henna tattoos.

Further down the rabbit hole, people in the community got a taste of Culture Cafe run by the school's senior pupils. Outside, children pleaded with their parents for a go on the bouncy castle. For the adventurous people there were more physical activities, such as rock climbing, beat the goalie, the bungee run and, to keep things under control, a Guess the Teddy's Name competition.

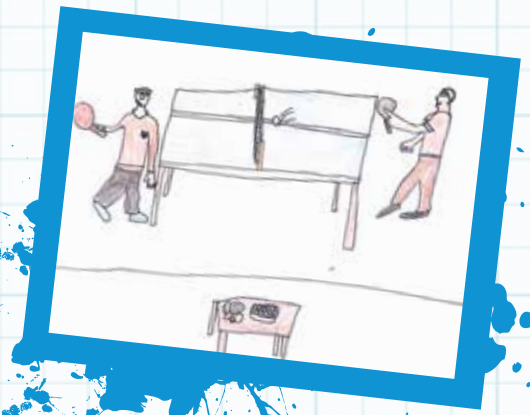
Our head teacher and Aberdeen football club supporter Mr Hendry even went as far as getting the Scottish League Cup to the school for everyone to take photos with.

This was a great opportunity, especially Aberdeen fans.

The event would not have been possible without the staff, senior pupils and Parent Council who helped run the activities and stalls. Special thanks must go to the St Nicholas Rotary Club for their stalls and for being a massive help on the day. The day turned out to be a huge success and it helped raise a lot of money for our school as well as our extra-curricular clubs and charities.

*Written by Becky Jamison and Sabrina Bremner*

# School News



## Bramble Brae Primary School at Aberdeen Youth Games

On Friday 16th May 2014 Bramble Brae P6 and their teachers Miss Crowe and Mrs Moiré went to the new Aberdeen Sports Village to attend the first Aberdeen Youth Games. There were many other schools there as well. When we got there we felt the sun scorching on our backs and knew it was going to be a great day. When we got inside we saw the new Olympic size swimming pool which was stunning. The whole Sports Village has obviously had lots of time and effort spent on making it so fantastic.

We were taken outside and saw hundreds and hundreds of other children. It felt thrilling to be a part of. We all did a lap around the running track waving our flags which represented our Commonwealth country. Our class was given Singapore. Once we had done one lap we sat down in front of the organisers and were spoken to by businessman Sir Iain Wood and Olympic gold medallist Kathryn Grainger. They told us the message to keep fit and have fun. After they spoke to us we got told to go to our first activity which was badminton. When we got there we were split into groups. Each group went to a different station. Some of the stations were "skills and rallies," "around the world" and "score the shuttlecock." In "around the world" you had to hit the shuttlecock back to the instructor on the other side of the net. In "score the shuttlecock" you had to hit the shuttlecock with the racket into the hoops. If you hit the first one you got 1 point but if you hit the second one you got 5 points and if you hit the last hoop, not only would you get 10 points, you would become an expert! Next we did netball. Again we went to three different stations. The stations that we went to were shooting, playing a netball game and another one that we called "circle run" where everybody formed a circle and people had to run round it until the last person ran.

After netball we went to table tennis. Table tennis was a lot of fun. We got to rally the ball with one of the instructors. Whilst we were rallying, our friend Aisha was meeting Kathryn Grainger. We were all jealous. She was given the opportunity to take part in the session with the organisers because she designed an award winning baton to represent the youth games.

After table tennis we went outside to have our lunch and socialise. When we all finished our lunch we did athletics. There were three stations. First we did a beanbag game called "beanbag transfer." Then we split into two groups and did the last two stations. The two last stations were called "speed jump" and javelin. After the athletics we got called to the place where Kathryn Grainger had previously spoken to us to be awarded medals. The day was such a great opportunity for all of us and amazingly good fun.

*Written by Kyle Gordon and Nicole Franklin*



# Yes or no?

On September the 18th 2014 Scottish citizens will be asked to decide whether or not Scotland should be an independent country. We caught up with representatives from Better Together and Yes Aberdeen to find out why they are supporting each campaign. Don't forget to register to vote before the 2nd of September by visiting [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk).

## Yes?

### In your view, what will happen to pensions?

The UK Pensions Service has confirmed "if Scotland does become Independent, there will be no effect on State Pension - you'll continue to receive it just as you do now."

### What will happen to our passports?

The Scottish Government confirms you can continue to use existing passports after independence until it expires. Dual nationality will also be offered along with new Scottish passports.

### How would independence impact on our EU membership?

Professor Charlie Jeffrey of the University of Edinburgh has said, the prospect of Scotland's uninterrupted membership of the European Union is supported by "almost all independent expert analysis".

### Will we keep the pound?

Scotland can't be stopped from using the pound but the Scottish Government will negotiate a formal currency union with agreements on financial regulation and oversight.

### What happens to Scotland's share of the national debt?

The UK Treasury accepts responsibility for UK debt.

The Scottish Government will negotiate a fair and reasonable share of that debt, alongside a share of UK assets.

### What would happen to the NHS in an independent Scotland?

Because we've been able to make our own decisions about the NHS, we've been able to protect against privatisation down south. This shows that making decisions ourselves works!

### How would independence impact on the country's defence?

Scotland pays £3bn into the defence pot and only receives £2bn back. We would invest better and move away from Trident and illegal wars.

### What kind of policy would an independent Scotland have on immigration?

After independence, decisions about immigration will be made by the Scottish Government and Parliament in the interests of Scotland's people, creating jobs and growing the economy.

### If Scotland vote no would there be more devolved powers to the Scottish Parliament?

A no vote won't deliver significant powers to improve lives. Suggested new powers are minimal and not the powers that we need, like taxation and welfare.

### What would independence mean for education?

This sector shows how making our own decisions works - rejecting Tory reforms and reintroducing free access to education. Full powers will ensure that we protect cuts on services.

*"Yes is a vote for a government that the people of Scotland have chosen, whilst pursuing policies the people of Scotland support thus bestowing the Scottish people with a greater opportunity for change."*

M (Torry)

*"I was going to vote No but once I saw how well UKIP did I am voting Yes as I dont want our country run by UKIP!"*

Carmen (Tillydrone)





# Better together?

## In your view, what will happen to pensions?

With a faster ageing population here in Scotland, the best way of ensuring Scotland's pensioners are supported is to pool resources across the entire UK.

## What will happen to our passports?

British citizens living outside the UK can pass their nationality on to their children, but not to subsequent generations. Therefore, grandchildren of British citizens living in Scotland would not have British citizenship.

## How would independence impact on our EU membership?

Scotland would have to re-apply to the EU. Our membership isn't guaranteed and the terms we get from the EU would not be as favourable.

## Will we keep the pound?

Leaving the UK means leaving the UK Pound. Because it isn't in Scotland's interests, the main UK parties have ruled out a Eurozone-style currency union.

## What happens to Scotland's share of the national debt?

The debt Scotland takes on is subject to negotiation with the UK

government post-separation. The SNP's threat to renege on this debt is hugely irresponsible.

## What would happen to the NHS in an independent Scotland?

The NHS is safer in the UK. Independent experts have shown big cuts in public services or tax rises would be needed if we separate.

## How would independence impact on the country's defence?

Every penny of the UK's £34 billion defence budget benefits Scots. This is more than 14 times the SNP's proposed budget if we separate.

## What kind of policy would an independent Scotland have on immigration?

That is for the party in power to decide. Impartial experts say that 1 million immigrants would be needed to balance the books if separate.

## If Scotland vote no would there be more devolved powers to the Scottish Parliament?

Yes it's guaranteed. More powers are already being delivered through the 2012 Scotland Act

and all of the pro-UK parties have promised additional further powers.

## What would independence mean for education?

Education is a devolved matter but Scotland's universities face losing vital research funding which they benefit disproportionately from as part of the UK.

*"Remaining in the UK keeps Scotland in one of the strongest world economies, a stable future and best protects the human rights of its citizens."*

Ruari (Torry)

*"I will be voting no in the referendum as Scotland isn't strong enough to stand on its own feet & our share of the national debt will floor us completely!"*

Aberdeen resident

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# The don't knows...

*"Not sure how I'm voting, there's a lot of doubt on either side. I feel a yes vote may be the way to go if only to rock the boat."*

Joe Sutherland (Aberdeen) -



## The Queen's Baton Relay

On Monday the 30th of June the Queen's Baton came to Aberdeen. Five people from the Northfield community were successfully nominated to carry the baton during the relay through Aberdeen.

Jacqui Innes, Chairperson of Northfield Community Centre, Ally Reid, Chairperson of Northfield Outdoor Sports Centre and Hayley McMillan, Greg Morrison and Jenna Scott, who are all pupils at Northfield Academy each carried the Queen's Baton through their community.

Each baton bearer carried the baton for 200 metres before passing it on to the next person.

## The Northfield Neep - a pensioner and his garden

Dear fellow gardeners,  
Looking over the garden this year I am made aware of how colourful it is looking; the hanging baskets and flower pots have responded well to the milder weather we have had this year. This has attracted much bee and butterfly activity, and the flowers and plants are set out for a summer display. My perennials will need a good trim when it comes to autumn pruning, I have not a lot to say on veggies as I have not planted a great deal of veggies this year. The only activity so far is my rhubarb patch which has grown pretty

fast producing a good crop for jam making and lunch (my belly again - gannet).

The visit of our local birds is a daily routine to ensure that they have plenty to eat. After we chase the local cats away they settle down and enjoy their grapes, nuts and seeds. Unfortunately as it is against the law we no longer feed Sammy seagull who used to stand on our shed and announce his arrival by making a clucking noise waiting for his breakfast. Mr White says it will give the paintwork on his car a break. The daily battle to keep the weeds down goes on and

on but this is a worthwhile task at the end of the day. I'll leave with these thoughts with you and hope that the very pleasant weather we are having at the this time will continue.

**Happy Gardening  
Mr Northfield Neep**



## The Curious Case of the Bog People

Across Europe a number of preserved bodies have been unearthed after being submerged in what was once a peat bog or marsh. These bodies are naturally tanned by the acidity of the peat. This emersion was thought to be a practice lasting thousands of years and a means of punishing criminals, but new research has concluded that these bodies were quite often the result of human sacrifices. Researchers came to this conclusion due to the careful grooming which also matched folk lore, for example the filing of nails and the trimming of beards. In many cases the body was found to have had a series of wounds and a cord has been used to strangle the victim after a severe blow to the head. The

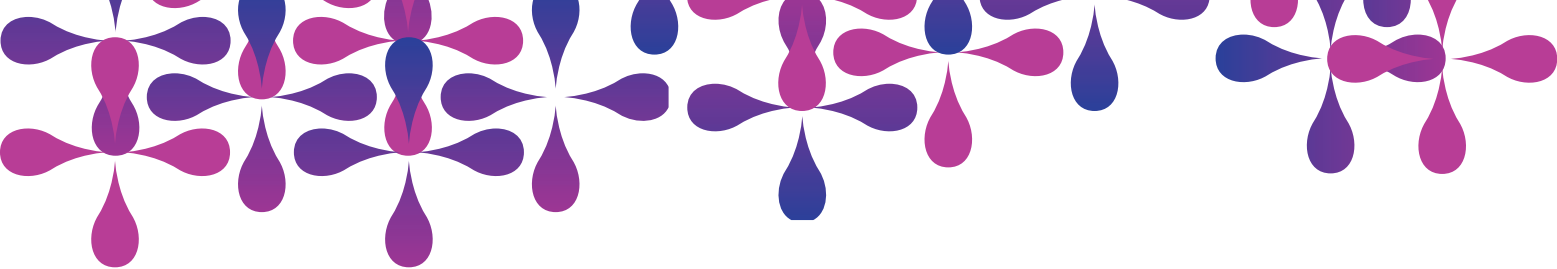
throat was ritually cut, in some cases decapitation occurred. These bodies are not all male and can go back thousands of years, through the middle Stone Age, to the Iron Age and beyond. It is thought that these were offerings that were made at a time of famine and, because the bodies in some cases have been very well preserved, the content of the stomach can be examined. This normally contains a mix of grains and pulses. These bodies are named after the locations where they were found, for example Tollund Man and Koelbjerg Woman and the famous Lindow man, to name a few.

It is now thought by some that these persons went willingly to carry a message to the Gods. Votive offerings were very

common in Celtic Europe, and like the bodies most were placed in water. Broken swords, pins and other metal objects would be cast into pools to honour the Spirits or Divas. This tradition became the origin of wishing wells, and it is in pools that the bodies would have been placed. Many bodies were weighed down by stones and some were pinned down with stakes.

This is a very curious piece of our wider European History, including Germany, Denmark, Ireland, England, and Holland. Who knows maybe one day in a local bog such as the Bucks Moss, or out on Scotstown Moor a leathery hand will rise from the myre.

**Mike Middleton**



## PRIMA DANCE IN NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE



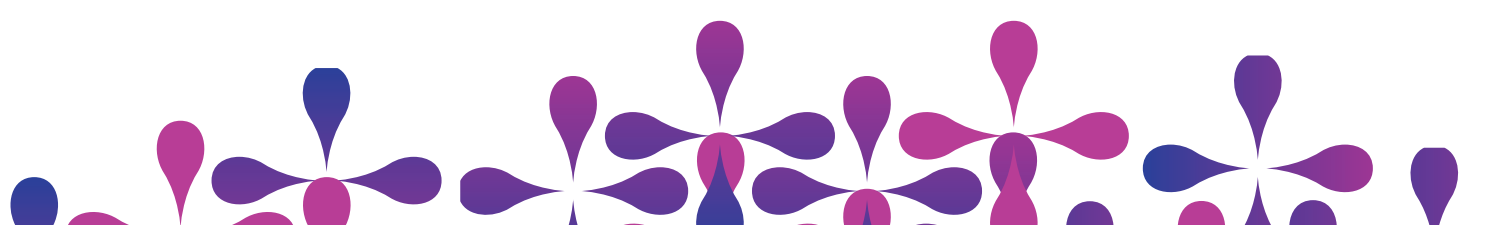
Charlii-Walker Duncan to it. Charlii first started dancing at 4 years old and she became the u6 Freestyle Olympic Champion with only months of training. Two years down the line, Charlii (6) who is now an under-8 championship dancer, has qualified to dance in the Freestyle Commonwealth Games in August, held in Blackpool. Thanks to the help of the Northfield Community Centre, for allowing me to use their centre to teach many of my dance classes, and for all their support towards my dance students. PRIMA DANCE is always welcoming new members to our team, creating freestyle dreams from the age of 4.

It all began in 2011 when I retired as a competitive freestyle disco dancer to become a freestyle professional. As a former British Champion I knew that freestyle teaching was going Prima Dance, which then expanded

over the years. Eventually classes started in Aberdeen which I teach at Northfield Community Centre. Teaching has been my passion ever since I retired, which is why I introduced my niece

## BYRON BOXERS UPDATE

Earlier this year the Byron Boxers took part in the Great British Boxing Championships in Cardiff. Three of the boxers took part in the competition and took home two gold medals and one bronze. Billy Stuart beat European Champion, Ryan Garner of England. Mohammed won his bout, beating the English Champion and is now boxing in the final. Callum Stuart boxed the ears of his Welsh opponent but he got beat. Sometimes people use the word robbery and I often roll my eyes but even the Welsh coach apologised to me afterwards. Mark my words, Callum will go all the way in this game.





## Cummings Park Community Flat News

The Cummings Park Community Flat has been very busy. We have been offering Adult Learning Classes such as cooking, literacy and computing which are small and not intimidating. People have had the opportunity to attend activity classes such as knitting, sewing, art or craft and even a 'Happiness in Practice' class.

We continue to offer one off sessions or short workshops. These have included men's

health, women's health, general health and awareness groups focusing on drugs, alcohol and a legal high information session.

We have had a singing group, a relaxation group and an opportunity for people to gain a first aid and food and hygiene qualification.

As a Community Flat we like to be involved in all aspects that help to raise the profile of our area. Bramble Brae Primary School, Northfield Academy,

Aberdeen City Council, Housing and the NHS supported us in our second litter pick session which 57 people attended.

Anyone wishing to state an interest in classes, activities or just finding out what we have in offer including which agencies support our service may come along to the flat or give us a call on 01224 681357 or email Donna on [dosim@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:dosim@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

## Healthy Hoose News

Our patient numbers have steadily increased over the past 2 years since we expanded our service to the Cummings Park area. We welcome all new patients from the Middlefield and Cummings Park areas.

At present we are short staffed due to long term sickness. There will be times when only one nurse is working which may increase your waiting time a little. We are trying hard to maintain the service we provide but, there may be occasions when there is no nurse available. This is usually due to training that we must complete.

Contraception update - Health services are encouraging the use of long-term contraception, i.e. implant, coil or depo injection, as a good option for young women. All of the nurses are trained to give advice on all types of contraception. At present we do not fit coils but, this may change in the near future.

If you are a Northfield Surgery patient aged 35-64 years old you may be entitled to a Keep Well Check. If you have had a letter and live in Middlefield or Cummings Park we can do the heck here.

Head lice advice –

- Please do not treat if there are no live head lice.
- Check all family members regularly (not just children). Always repeat treatment after 7 days.
- Regular combing with conditioner to remove nits and detect lice.

Not all people with head lice will have an itchy scalp; it can take some time for the itch to start. You can contact us on 01224 661500 or drop in to 2B Logie Place.

## GOODBYE MARY CLARE

Over the past four years I have worked with the Cumming North team, and it has been an utter privilege working with such a passionate group of people. Everyone who is involved in the editorial process is extremely dedicated to producing a magazine that their community can be proud of, and I feel very privileged to have been involved in it. I wish the editorial team every success with future issues, as I have no doubt that their magazines will continue to thrive. (I will, however, be checking the magazines online during my lunch break!)

All the best for the future guys,  
Mary Clare



## CREATIVE COMPOSITIONS

Station House Media Unit (shmu) will launch a cross-cultural music and film project this summer with the Aberdeen Multicultural Centre and Aberdeen's Ethnic Minority Forum. Collective Compositions, which will be the first of its kind in Aberdeen, was funded by Creative Scotland and will bring together musicians from a diverse range of minority ethnic backgrounds to record and perform a range of unique pieces of music. shmuSOUND supports the local music scene and focuses on supporting artists and bands to record, promote and broadcast new music.

The project will be filmed by a team of volunteers and turned into a 'making of' documentary which will be premiered later this year. Collective Compositions aims to raise the profile of the city's minority ethnic musicians while creating a space where people from different cultures can learn through music.

Simon Gall, shmuSOUND Development Worker said: "It's important that cultural organisations in the city start to properly reflect the changes which have taken place over the last 10 to 15 years in the demography of Aberdeen. This is a valuable project which represents and celebrates the true cultural landscape of the city."

*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.*

## QUEENS BATON RELAY

As the Queen's Baton Relay reached the Northfield community shmuTV were out in force to capture all the action. The SHMU crew followed the baton from Provost Rust Drive, right through to Springhill Road, and then onto Provost Fraser Drive. Our very own Jacqui Innes, who presents our Cumming North Community Radio show every Monday, carried the baton up Springhill Road. There were several baton bearers from the Northfield area, including three Northfield Academy pupils and Ally Reid, from the Outdoor Sports Centre.

The streets were full with people showing their support for the baton bearers and the sun even managed to make an appearance.

We concluded our filming at Northfield Academy where there was loads of events organised by the school, including sport activities with 150 primary school pupils and a pensioner's tea party in the staff room. Keep your eyes peeled for the finished video which will be available on the SHMU website [www.shmu.org.uk](http://www.shmu.org.uk).

# Councillors Comments

## Cllr Gordon Graham

Work has begun on the two new holes at Auchmill Golf Course following an agreement with Aberdeen City Council to provide further funding. The request to have a 35 year lease has also been agreed so this should help raise funds through sponsorship.

Six members of Auchmill Golf Club including myself have gained

coaching certificates and we are currently coaching junior members and pupils at Northfield Academy. If anyone has kids which would like to take up golf then please contact the club on 714215.

I am a member of the Fairer Aberdeen Board which provides money for organisations in the regeneration areas such as Northfield and Cummings Park. An example of this is the

Cummings Park Community Flat. If there are other organisations that help reduce poverty in these areas then get in contact with the fund administrators and apply for funding. You can email [sthoms@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:sthoms@aberdeencity.gov.uk) for more information.

## Cllr Jackie Dunbar

In the last edition I said that I was trying to get a bus shelter installed on Granitehill Road. This was because the road created a wind tunnel at times and that a lot of the older folk use the bus stop to get into town.

The response that I have received so far is that there appears to be no technical reason that bus shelters could not be installed on Granitehill Road. Currently there is no budget allocation for the installation of new bus

shelters, however, as bus routes change and bus shelters are no longer needed they are recycled to areas that are in need. I have been assured that the request has been added to the pre-existing waiting list and that the council will also undertake some surveys to ascertain the level of use of this bus stop. Given the location and proximity to sheltered housing they think the request seems sensible.

On another note, I have been working closely with a newly formed group called "Friends of Howes." They are trying to get the

area of Howes/Bucksburn Valley cleaned up so that folk can enjoy the various walks along there. I must admit, I have lived in the area for over 28 years and did not realise that there were pathways that led down into Bucksburn and that we had a lovely pond with amazing wildlife just waiting to be discovered.

They are planning a clean-up day soon, so please keep a look out for more information and hopefully you will be able to come along and help on the day.

## Cllr Scott Carle

I thought I would share some of the information I received from council officers in advance of the meeting about the new Museum Collection Centre.

Whilst the primary purpose of the facility will be storage of the art and museum's collections which are not on display elsewhere, officers are developing plans for community access and already planning to open for regular guided tours and open days. Members of the public will be able to make an appointment to see

any part of the stored collection as part of any research or study, as well just popping in to see any part of the collection.

There are also plans in the pipeline for making the facility accessible to local schools and community groups including allowing them arrange displays in the foyer of their own work or of their favourite pieces from the city's collections. It is good to see that there will be a number of ways in which the community can access this centre and get the benefit of it moving into Northfield.

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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

DA **01224 594700**

## Dentist

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

## Doctors

NHS 24 Emergency **111**

## Electricity

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

## Family Planning

Health Centre **0845 337 9900**

## Gas

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

## Housing

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

## Police

Non-Emergency **101**

## Samaritans

Need to talk **01224 574 488**

## Social Work

Social Work Duty Team **01224 522055**  
 Emergency Out-Of-Hours **01224 693 936**

## Young Carers

Support & Information Service **01224 625 009**

## Water

Scottish Water Emergency **0845 600 8855**

## NORTHFIELD SWIMMING POOL

*Northfield Swimming Pool is used by Northfield academy and primary schools during school hours and is available to the general public out with. Northfield pool is also the training base for the City of Aberdeen Swim Team (COAST). Call: 01224 680307*

View the Timetable below for classes and public sessions:

DAY	TIME	SESSION
MONDAY	12.15 – 13.15	Lane Session
MONDAY	13.45- 14.45	Active Ageing Swimming Session
MONDAY	1445- 1545	Public Session
MONDAY	1815-1915	Public Session
MONDAY	19.30 – 21.00	Ladies Only Swimming Session
MONDAY	19.30 – 20.00	Aqua Aerobics
MONDAY	20.00 -20.30	Aqua Aerobics
TUESDAY	12.15- 13.15	Lane session
TUESDAY	15.30 -17.30	Swimming Lessons
WEDNESDAY	09.30 – 10.15	Aqua Aerobics
WEDNESDAY	18.45- 20.00	Public Session
WEDNESDAY	20.00 -21.00	Adult Session
FRIDAY	08.00- 09.00	Public Session
FRIDAY	18.45 - 20.15	Project Fit
SATURDAY	09.00 - 12.00	Public Session