

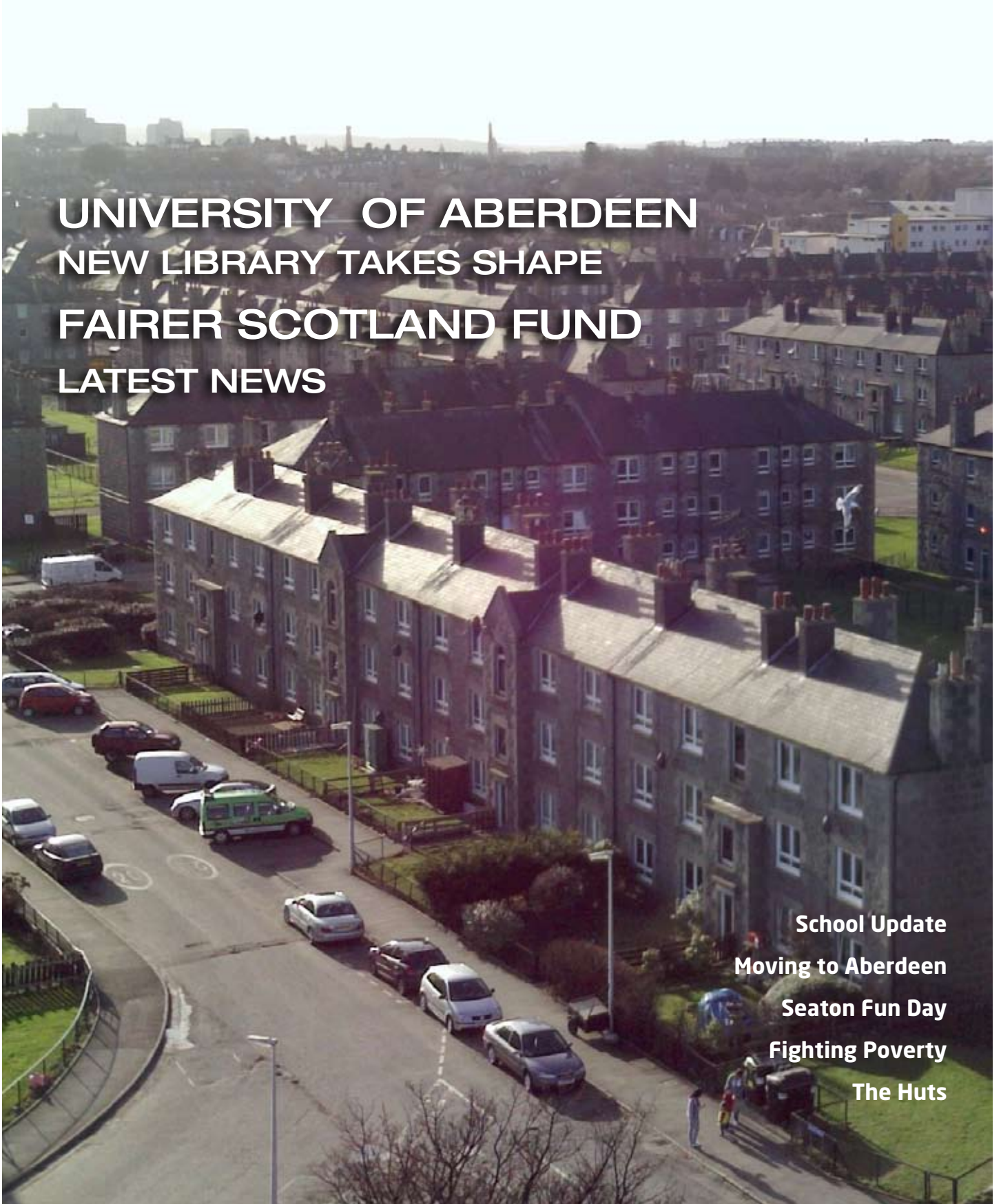
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Editorial

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Seaton Scene

As ever, thanks go to all those who have submitted content and supported the development of this publication. Seaton Scene is your magazine and has the potential to be a real voice in your community. This cannot happen though without your input – we need people of all ages to get involved with an editorial team. This may involve attending one hour meetings as and when you are able, getting content for the magazine, taking photographs, submitting articles or creative writing, design and layout of the magazine or any aspect of the editorial you feel comfortable with – any training can be provided.

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New Library takes shape...

During the last year, you may have seen a tall glass building taking shape on the University of Aberdeen's campus opposite St Machar Academy's playing fields.

This distinctive addition to the local skyline is the University's new Library and Special Collections Centre. With the structure of the Library's main 'tower' complete and visible far beyond the campus, great progress has been made on the installation of the building's distinctive façade which will allow the building to reflect light during the day and glow at night.

So why has the University decided to construct a nine floor building of glass, concrete

and metal? There are two main reasons. Firstly, our existing Queen Mother Library, which was completed in the late 1970s, has struggled to meet the new demands placed upon it by our growing student and staff population in recent years.

Also, over the past 500 years the University has accumulated some of the country's best collections of old books and historic manuscripts. However, these collections are currently stored in conditions which are not ideal for such fragile items, and the University does not have the accessible, welcoming facilities it needs to allow local people to see and enjoy these treasures. Our new building will include a range of public

areas to allow members of the community from Seaton (and the rest of the world!) to take part in informative new activities such as seminars, exhibitions and book readings for school children, families, community groups and lifelong learners.

The construction works, which will continue until the building opens in late 2011, are enabling our campus to be re-shaped and made far more accessible to the local community. We look forward to welcoming you to the building – we hope it will receive over 700,000 visits every year, so feel free to come in and look around!



Seaton Breakfast Club

Seaton Breakfast Club runs from Monday – Friday, 8.00 – 8.50am every school day at Seaton Community Project

The Breakfast Club provides a healthy start to the day by offering various cereals, toast, fruit and juice. There is no charge for the Breakfast Club and is open to all primary pupils at Seaton School

Children who get the opportunity to have a healthy breakfast in the mornings are proven to have increased concentration throughout the day, improved social skills and confidence to interact with adults and children alike.

Christine McLean, CL&D Worker responsible for the Breakfast Club said " The club was started up several years ago to give the children a healthy start to the morning".

At the club the children are encouraged to clean their teeth before leaving and have a happy smile on their way to school. For more information about the Breakfast Club please contact Christine or Irene at the Seaton Community Project on 277930



Our New School

When we moved into our new school everyone was really excited and amazed. The school is so bright and colourful it is an amazing place to be.

The cloakroom is as big as what our old classrooms were! The gym hall is HUGE, bigger than we imagined anyway!

The younger stages have lots of toys which they love playing with. We also get heaps in the playground as well. The astro turf football pitch is MASSIVE and everyone loves it! We also have games painted in the playground which is good as well. We have climbing frames and an outdoor classroom, and heaps of new things.

The dining hall is better, we have TV's, we get to pick where we sit and in the summer we can sit outside, everything is so cool.

We have lots of books in our library; we have a small room

within the library with bean bags it is really nice place to read.



Our Computer Suite has lots of computers and a massive automatic whiteboard which moves up and down.

The Art Room is really big and has lots of crafty things.

We think the moveable walls in the classrooms are really cool and its fun for it to be open plan.

The Seaton School is HUGE and AMAZING!

By Kimberley Flippence P6/ Kelsey Yeats P6

St Machar Learning Partnership

Aberdeen City Council has established a network of Learning Partnerships across the City with one learning partnership for each secondary school. The aim of these partnerships is to ensure that all learning services work together for improved outcomes, stronger communities and more engaged citizens.

Each learning partnership is being supported by a Principle Community Learning Worker

and for the St Machar Learning Partnership this development role is being filled by Alona Murray who is based in Seaton Community Project.

St Machar Learning Partnership is made up of a wide variety of community organisations and learning focussed services. We are busy working on supporting people whose benefits have changed and/or who are unemployed through Steps to Works events. We have also

had information exchanges on positive destinations for school leavers and on supporting the learning needs of immigrant and English as an additional language families.

For more information contact Alona on almurray@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

To get on the mailing list and be sent regular newsletters contact Wilma Mackland on wmackland@aberdeencity.gov.uk or call her on 01224 277930

Backies Project

Seaton Backies Project



The Seaton Backies Project is a group of local people who want to try and improve the open space behind the housing blocks on Seaton Drive, Seaton Avenue, Seaton Road and School Road.

A Working Group for the project consists of representatives from Seaton Parents Group, STAR Flat, Seaton Community Project Management Committee and Seaton Arts & History Group. The

group are currently supported by officers from Aberdeen Play Forum, Aberdeen Greenspace and Aberdeen City Council (Education, Culture & Sport Service).

Over the last few weeks the group have surveyed the local community by having leaflet drops in the housing blocks, leaflets handed out through the primary school and had a stall at the

Project Open Day, where they sought local people's views on how the areas could be improved and made more accessible.

For more information or if you want to get involved with the project then please contact Arthur at Seaton Community Project on 277930



Moving over... **to Aberdeen**

I am from Latvia; I grew up in small town near capital city Riga. To Aberdeen I moved soon after I get married with my husband and our lovely baby girl Eliza was born. My husband moved to Aberdeen first to work here only for 3 month. But then he called me and told that I have to move to Aberdeen as soon it is possible for me, because he was asked to stay to work for longer period. So I came to live with my daughter in Aberdeen in August of 2010. It was my first time in Scotland and Granite City Aberdeen.

We moved to live to Kittybrewster area and since that moment I found out that I like to live here. I wanted to find something to do here nearby, so I started to look around for possibilities. At first everything was strange for me. I didn't know what to do with my free time yet as I love to learn always something new. I wanted to find joyful activities for my daughter and most of all to get involved in local community.

My good friend from Latvia told me about communities centre. So first we went to Seaton community as it was very close to our home and had also a good library and swimming pool. I asked for information there and I read lots of information leaflets. I had feeling that there is something good going on; I found out that there is lot of classes and courses for me and my child. Here I found very helpful people and they were always very welcoming. Going to English courses was experience where I felt myself confident because I was surrounded with foreigner people like me.

Soon I found out good friends here and had a great time with them. I like that I can meet local people also here to exchange information and culture. Now I come to courses together with my daughter, I think she really likes to play with other children and learns a lot of new skills. We have a great time in Seaton community!

Kitija Radomska

KIDS@ASV

If you are looking for new and exciting activities to do with your kids then head down to Aberdeen Sports Village as they, alongside with support from Hydrasun, have launched an array of different children's sports clubs and activities, from as little as £1 a session. These range from Teenage Gym sessions, Table Tennis, Family Yoga, Athletics, Hockey, Football Tournaments, SHOKK Dance Mats and we can even provide parties for your children!

We are also going to give you the chance to give our mascot the ultimate makeover, if you provide our monkey with clothing, a training kit or even sports equipment, its entirely up to you,- you decide!!

If you want further information about this competition you can download an entry form from our website, which is www.aberdeensportsvillage.com.

The closing date for entries is the 31st March 2011, your mascot should have a name and you will need to give the mascot some super abilities or personality traits, (this can be written on a separate piece of paper if needed). Runner up prizes are available to 3 different age group categories; P1-P3, P4-P7, and S1-S4. The overall winner will be one of those 3 and will win a £200 voucher for a mountain bike!

FOLLOW THE S.T.A.R.

MONDAY

Cllr. Norman Collie

Last Monday of the month
9.30 - 11.00am

Silver City Surfers 11 - 2 p.m.
A Computer Drop-in for the over
55's. All are welcome.

TUESDAY

Pathways – 10.00 - 3.00pm
Drop-in/Appointments on help
with employment.

Craft Group – 9.30am - 12.00pm
Various crafts are available.
Come and try it out along with a
cup of tea and a friendly chat.

Seaton Holistic Health School
6.00 - 8.00 pm A self-help group
for all round health.

WEDNESDAY

Cooking Group - 9.30 -12.00.
Cook healthy budget meals.
LIBRARY - Come and borrow
a book or DVD.

THURSDAY

C.A.B. – 10.00 - 2.00pm
A Drop-in for help with Benefit
and Finances/Debt management.

FRIDAY

Fruit & Veg day – 10.00 – 12.00.
Fruit and veg packs and loose
fresh fruit, eggs etc. From C-Fine.

Credit Union – 10.00 – 12.00


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in a lively part of Aberdeen:
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computer and telephone service
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14a Seaton Drive, Tel: 524209 E-mail info@stargroup.org.uk

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Seaton Community Project Fun Day and Award Ceremony

Seaton Community Project opened its doors to the local community on Saturday 5th February 2011 for a Fun Day and Award Ceremony.

Seaton Fun Day and Award Ceremony was a great success thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers, including some P6 and P7's from Seaton Primary, who worked alongside the staff team to provide such a wide range of activities. As Sandra Sharief, Chair of Seaton Management Committee and co-presenter of the awards said

"The co-operation between volunteers and staff was excellent and essential to the success of the day as neither side could have done it on their own".

The volunteers not only helped on the day but put a lot of time and effort into planning the event; from selecting costumes for two of them to wear, to asking local businesses to donate prizes for the free raffle, to getting trained so they could face-paint, to deciding the format of the Awards Ceremony.

The volunteer and staff team set up from 9am opening the doors to the public at 11am. Participants were able to take part in a wide range of activities and find out more about the services and groups on offer at Seaton Community Project both at the hub in Seaton Primary and in their other base at School Road.

The mountain biking, key ring making and giant games were

all popular but busiest was the face-painting and fake scar table upstairs. The fund-raising stalls were also very popular with everyone (particularly the chocolate stall) .

Lots of people found out more about learning opportunities at the project and some signed up for adult learning or to join one of the community action groups.

The free café served excellent soup and sandwiches prepared by the women's health group. Balloons were given out by a giant Rabbit and Shrek. Children were kept busy making sure the adults they brought with them helped them find the ten totem pole pictures hidden across the site. Partner organisations helped too with displays, info and a chance to

have a look round a fire engine.

At 1pm everyone gathered in the large community room for the Award Ceremony. The crowd was very supportive of the award recipients, much cheering and clapping. Awards were presented by Linda Clark, Team Leader to 30 volunteers,

adult learners and community activists. Sandra Sharief, Chair of SCP Management Committee, then presented awards to all the breakfast club children for excellent tooth-brushing and to the 10 older breakfast club children who have been helping the younger children at club.

Members of the organising group then drew the fab free raffle which had lots of prizes that had been donated from local businesses.

Overall a great day was had by all with well over 200 people joining in the fun!

Healthy Walks



Healthy Walking at Seaton

GET SOME FRESH AIR, VITAMIN D, STRETCH YOUR LEGS AND MEET SOME NEW FOLK!

Ranger led walks:

This spring and summer ACC Countryside Ranger Ruth will be leading a number of walks around Aberdeen using the Health Walk Map Packs devised by Woodland Community Ranger Stephen Bly in conjunction with the National Health Service and Forestry Commission Scotland.

These walks are aimed at those looking to increase their physical activity from a relatively low level rather than at those who are already accustomed to 10 mile hikes. The walk scheduled for Seaton takes place on Thursday,

June 16th. Anyone wishing to come along should meet at the Seaton Park car park, by the play area, accessed from Don Street, for 2pm. The walk is expected to last around 45 minutes.

The paths may be a little rough or muddy in places so please wear suitable footwear and dress appropriately for the weather. Bring a bottle of water and any medication (e.g. inhalers) that you may require. If you have any health issues please speak to your GP before signing up for a walk.

For more information on other walks around Aberdeen and to sign up for any of the walks please contact the Ranger Service. It is essential to book a place in advance.

Email: lochinch@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Tel: 01224 897400.

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Montenegro Update

Betty Mansfield, of Lord Hay's Court, was working as a volunteer in Montenegro with the King's Community Church last November as the last issue of Seaton Scene went to print. For those of you who did not see the article, 'Fighting Poverty at Home and Abroad', here is a quick recap...

More than ten years ago, thousands of Roma refugees fled persecution in Kosovo and ended up in Montenegro. Unfortunately, due to most of them having no identification paperwork, they were refused legal refugee status. In accordance with UN regulations, all genuine refugees are due assistance, such as free healthcare, the right to work, etc. As a result, many of them are living in squalid conditions and are receiving virtually no help from the various aid agencies. Last November, the King's Community Church, King Street, sent a team of 15 men and

women, the first of many planned missions to help out by providing sanitation facilities, clothes and other necessities. Let's hear the story in Betty's own words:

Living conditions and difficulties:

"There were twelve metal containers and five wooden houses and the wooden houses are attached to the containers. The wooden houses have bathrooms but the containers have none; they have nothing."

"Some of them have around six kids, but there was one girl who didn't have any children and my heart went out to her because she told us that they put her down because she doesn't have any kids. She's not on the totem pole - if you don't have children, you're not up there."

"They're making them go back, by November this year, to the country they came from and get the paperwork for themselves. If their children are by Montenegro men, the kids don't need the papers, it's the women that need the papers. It costs them 1,700 euros, per person, for papers. So life for the women is really bad as they don't belong to that country, they can't work, get married, go to hospital or see doctors, they're forgotten people. The only thing that the women can do is to take their kids into town and go begging."

Most memorable moments:

"The children, just seeing the kids,

and every time you see them, they're just so happy. We took them playing football and gave them football jerseys, and as soon as they saw them they were so happy. Because it rained, it was rainy season there, the puddles were getting bigger and bigger and before we left, it was a lake, that's how bad it was. We bought Wellingtons for all the kids and all the women and, as we left, we gave them our wellies."

"Another thing was that they had a container that had two flat, square sheets for showers with a tap coming out and that was their washing facilities. When we left there, there were two walk-in showers with cubicles, two bathrooms, two toilets, two hand wash basins and a washing machine in that container and they had green tiles on the walls, it was beautiful. The fellas did an amazing job. The guys worked till ten o'clock at night. It was freezing cold and they were freezing because they were wet, and when you're wet, you get cold really fast, up in the mountains."

The next mission:

"I'm going back on March 15th for another week with a team of 25 this time. There's a lot to do so we're taking more men. The tops of the containers that they live in need repairing. Also, there's another camp nearby that is all wooden houses and they've got leaks in the roofs, so we're going back to fix them."



Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

Betty also does volunteer work for Christians Against Poverty, an international organisation which offers first class assistance for people struggling with debt (Aberdeen branch also based at the King's Church). This is a free service, available to anyone, which offers the following services:

1. An initial home visit to evaluate the problems.

2. A realistic budget plan which includes proper negotiation with your creditors to ensure an affordable repayment scheme.

3. A special CAP budget account to manage the repayments.

4. Help with insolvency - if necessary.

5. Even after you are debt free, you can keep the CAP account to manage your regular bills.

To set up a home visit or discuss your situation, please call 0800 328 0006



Baker Hughes

City of Aberdeen

BAKER HUGHES 10K RACE



City of Aberdeen
Baker Hughes
10k & Fun Run







10K
22:05:11

Online entries:
www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/10kaberdeen

Sport Aberdeen is registered in Scotland as a charity, no SC040973

This year's race will take place on Sunday 22nd May 2011, starting at Links Road at 09:30am. Please be advised that in the interest of safety, there will be a number of road closures in operation this year with some of these being in the Seaton area. The race organisers are working closely with Grampian Police to keep any potential inconvenience to residents to a minimum. More information will be distributed in the near future to those who may be affected.



Seaton YOGA

Morning, Friday 8am. Yawn, stretch up and out of bed, make it up later. Quick shower, shave etc. Switch on the kettle and the TV (BBC1); sit back with coffee for half an hour. 8.45am, wash up the dishes from last night. 9am, change into trainers and joggers and at 9.15am head off to the Hut for YOGA practise



Always there to welcome us are Nick and Christine. Sometimes there are only three of us, but more often eight to ten pupils. We do relaxation, bends, stretches, twists, turns and relaxation to wind down, finally a cup of tea or coffee.

Thank yous and hugs (that's what I am there for).

Thank you Sandra

Steve Campbell

The Huts

@ School road

Hi to you all, from the huts on School Road, & let me tell you a little bit of what goes on here. For the last couple of years the staff based at the huts, have been running a community based rehab project. We have a drop-in service which runs Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, where the clients can drop-in for advise & support with a wide range of issues, regarding housing, benefits, etc.

Thursday is our main rehab day with an appointment based system, 10am – 12pm. Then it's a drop-in where we all sit down & have some lunch, that's made by one of the clients. I must say he makes a mean soup!

There are also other groups based here at the huts, on Monday afternoons 1-3pm a sewing group runs, which is looking for new members. Mon evenings there's a youth group 6-8pm & is for S1- S6.

On Wed afternoons 12 -3:30pm is when the local pensioners group meets. Where they have tea, bingo & a raffle draw.

They also like to have the odd sing along now & again.

Friday morning there's also a yoga class, which runs 9:30-11:30am.

If you'd like to know any more info about the huts at school Road, please call ether Christine or Nick, or why not pop in past for a chat & a coffee. Tel: 494706

Here are a couple of quotes from some of the clients using the Rehab Project:-

The huts (school rd) is very helpful, when i need to use the phone, regarding housing & benefits issues. I like the fact I have somewhere to go, & not hang about the streets, maybe getting involved with drugs.

David

The community rehab project at school road has been a great help to me In tackling my issues, with substance misuse. I like the fact I have some place In the community i can go & not be judged!

Bri & Buddy

The project is very helpful & they are always there when you need to talk. It's a place where you feel welcome & are not judged. The staff helps with Problems we might have & deal with other agencies.

Terry

Seaton Art & History Group

Guide to Seaton

The Seaton Art & History Group, with support from Arts Development have been researching and developing the 'Guide to Seaton' a web site and publication to encourage people to rediscover the Seaton area and appreciate what is or was on their doorsteps. Each member of the group have had their own area of interest to research and present covering; the Links, Wildlife, Seaton House and Lord Hay, Seaton School, St Mary's Church, Mrs Murrays Cat & Dog home, the Seaton Totem Pole, Seaton Pottery, the multi stories and a new temporary public art piece.

We are looking for contributions from local people on the above areas. Did you attend Seaton School and wish to share your memories

with us? Do you have any stories about the pet you got from Mrs Murray's? Have you lived in Seaton for some time and would like to share your experience of how the area has changed? If you would like to contribute your memories please contact Margaret Stewart, Community Arts Officer on (01224) 523640 or email mstewart@aberdeencity.gov.uk. To see how you can in put into the "Guide to Seaton"

We will be putting the finishing touched to this project at the end of March and launching the 'Guide to Seaton' at the beginning of April. Please contact us on the above details if you wish to be sent a copy of the publication or information about the website.

Seaton's got Talent!

Seaton Community Project is hoping to have a Seaton's got Talent night in June and we are looking for people who may be interested in helping us run it. It could be that you would like to help those who want to dance or teach someone how to sing or you might just want to share your own talent with the community.

We also need people to help us with the production, set design,

back stage and the all important judges and presenters.

If you would like to take part then please contact Emma McPherson on 01224 277930 or you could come along to our information session on Monday 28th March at Seaton Community Project at 6pm.



Youth Employability Café

Seaton Community Project is now running a Youth Employability Café on Thursday's from 11am until 2pm. The café will support Young People (16-19) who are looking for work, training or further education.

Each session is split into two parts from 11.15 until 12.15 young people will be supported to visit the local Job Centre with a youth worker and bus fares will be paid. The second part of the session 12.20 until 2pm will be looking at application forms, job searches, interview skills etc there will also be hot food such as rolls and soup available at this time.

If you would like more information please call Emma or Carol on 277930.

14 Bus Route to the ARI



During the second week in January, First Bus cut the 14 bus route, which went from Seaton direct to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. This means that many people have had to take a bus into Aberdeen city centre, followed by an additional bus to the hospital. With a high proportion of pensioners and people with various health difficulties living in Seaton, the feeling among the residents against this cut is very strong and the need for a direct service to the ARI is vital, as these two Seaton residents have testified...

"I have metal pins in my left leg which cause great pain if I walk

any distance. My panic attacks also make it very difficult to deal with busy town centres and crowds. This means I suffer great pain and mental stress, having to take two buses (four bus journeys round trip) to visit the hospital for physic and medication."

Jennifer

"I am finding the 14 to ARI bus cut very difficult as I need the bus to my neurology appointments. I also need the 14 to get me close to Cornhill as I suffer from anxiety attacks and depression. Also, I don't get enough anti-anxiety medication to cover four bus journeys and a doctor's

waiting room and appointment as my medication only lasts for four hours. Busy town centres also trigger my panic attacks. I also have sciatica, which makes walking any distance hard. The 14 is also needed to get a lot of medical students to the teaching hospital. There are also high rise blocks for old people's flats in Seaton, where there are lots of older people who need the 14 to the ARI for their hospital appointments."

Wilma

There have been rumours that First Bus is considering arranging an alternative service but these have not been confirmed and there has been no official statement as yet from First Bus. Moreover, First Customer Charter makes no mention of any commitment to provide all areas of Aberdeen direct routes to major hospitals. To find out more or voice your concern you can contact First Bus on 01224 650000 (main switchboard) or 01224 650065 (customer services) and details of how to contact your local councillors are available at the bottom of the Fairer Scotland Fund article.

Whats On...

Music and Entertainment

The Moonlight, King Street, Aberdeen

Dance, House and Happy Hardcore

The Moonlight have started putting on live DJs and Mcs every second Saturday. Hosted by DJs Lance and Buchan and MC Sparky, the next gig will be on Saturday 12th March and every two weeks thereafter.

The Bobbin, 500 King Street, Aberdeen

Acoustic Night and Open Mic

Every term-time Thursday @8.30, Folk, Pop and Original Acts - real music by real local musicians.



FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND

Latest News and the Community Summit

Last year Aberdeen City Council proposed massive cuts in the Fairer Scotland fund, a Scottish Government fund given to councils across Scotland to be spent on fighting social deprivation in poorer areas. These proposed cuts were met with a great public outcry and protests at the Town House in Broad Street.

The protests in Aberdeen against these proposed cuts (now limited to around 35%) has forced Aberdeen City Council to realise that, not only was the scale of these cuts unfair, but also that the work being done by the various organisations was having such a positive effect that large cuts could, in some cases, actually result in more money being lost than would have been saved. The Community Summit meeting between members of the affected organisations, held last month at the Town and County Hall, was a good opportunity for activists in Seaton to work with the Council to minimise the effects of the cuts. Nevertheless, it was not possible to secure the future of any organisations at this meeting. This means that there is more work to be done.

Among the many organisations directly benefiting the Seaton area, the future of the recovery and rehab project at the School Road Hut has raised particular concern as even a small cut could reduce its staffing levels to below what is needed for the project to continue in its present form. Not only does this project benefit its service users, it benefits every one in Seaton due to the comparatively low levels of drug related crime in Seaton. Moreover, the project can show that the financial as well as social costs would likely far outweigh any savings made.

Therefore a petition to safeguard the project is available to sign in many of the shops and businesses along King Street, and activists are also out and about with copies to sign. In addition, you could write to your local councillors, who have also voiced concern about the project: the more letters the receive, the easier it will be for them to put our case.

Your local councillors are:

**Norman Collie (Labour),
Jim Noble (SNP) and
Richard Robertson (Lib-Dem).**

Send your letter to:

Aberdeen City Council
Broad Street, Aberdeen AB10 1AR

Further information and updates will be broadcast on Seaton Speaks, SHMU 99.8FM, every Friday, live between 10 and 11am and repeated between 7 and 8pm.

Your local councillors:

**Norman Collie (Labour):
Tel. (office) 01224 522682
(home) 01224 691662**

Surgery: Last Monday of every month at 10am, STAR Flat, 14a Seaton Drive.

**Jim Noble (SNP): Tel.
(office) 01224 522051
(home) 01224 625163**

Surgery: Fourth Thursday of every month at 6pm, Seaton Primary School - community section, east entrance.

Richard Robertson (Lib Dem): Tel. (office) 01224 523438 (home) 01224 593525

Surgery: First Thursday of every month at 6.30pm, Seaton Primary School -

Whose Money Is It Anyway?

As we all know money is tight and getting tighter. Does trying to make ends meet make you want to cry? Would you like to get some tips on solving your own personal credit crunch?

If the answer is yes, then our 3 week course will offer you the

practical help and tips on how to manage your financial affairs. There is a free crèche available for this course.

To book onto the nearest course to you or for more information phone the Family Learning team on 487822.





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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shmuFM

Nikki Morris (*shmuFM* Station Manager) and Mary Clare (on Student Placement from RGU) attended the Seaton Fun Day and Award Ceremony on Sat 5th Feb 2011. They took on the role of roving reporters for the day and were lucky enough to speak to many of the 200+ local people and volunteers at the event.

The recordings were played out on Seaton Speaks community radio show which is broadcast live every Friday between 10 – 11am and repeated between 7 – 8pm. The show focuses on Seaton news, views and stories from the area and is presented by local residents.

If you fancy having a go at presenting a show or perhaps see yourself as a reporter, then why not come along and take part in the following training courses:

For more info phone **01224 515013** and ask for Hayleigh, or **email training@shmu.org.uk**. Someone will be in contact with you ASAP to book you on our next course.



Mary Clare interviewing Alona on Seaton Sunday

Beginners Radio Training

11th April Monday 7pm - 9pm
15th April Friday 2pm - 4pm
30th May Monday 7pm - 9pm
3rd June Friday 2pm - 4pm

Broadcast Journalism Training

14th April Thursday 7pm - 9pm
2nd June Thursday 7pm - 9pm

shmuTRAIN



Recent trainees celebrating their achievements.

shmuTRAIN is looking for eight enthusiastic 16-19 year olds who are not in education, employment or training to take part in our next twelve week training programme: Positive Transitions VI. This course begins in April 2011 with taster visits being held in Feb/March 2011.

Since 2009:

- 27 young people have taken part in Positive Transitions courses
- 2 young people secured training places following Positive Transitions
- 5 young people secured places at college following Positive Transitions
- 13 young people secured employment following Positive Transitions

The course will offer training in employability skills, radio production, film making and digital music, whilst you receiving a weekly allowance of £55 and travel expenses. Your achievements will be recognised through gaining a Youth Achievement Award & Millennium Volunteer Awards. If you are interested can you please call Chrissie on 01224 515013 or email her on chrissie@shmu.org.uk or text "training" and your name to 60300.