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Welcome...

Join us this Spring as we welcome Marie, the new Project Coordinator at the Campus and a host of new groups and activities too!

If you would like to get involved and join the editorial team or if you have ideas for the community publication, you can easily get in touch with us. The staff at **shmu** are able to support and train anyone living in the area who are interested in developing their ideas and skills in either writing, photography or proof reading. So please don't be shy, this is your magazine written, edited and designed by the good folk of Tillydrone.

If you live in the Tillydrone area and would like to come along to the editorial meetings or submit an article, then get in touch with **Rose** at shmu on **07752586312** or you can email her on **rose.ross@shmu.org.uk**.

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

Our dates for the next edition have not been set yet but keep an eye out on the Tilly Tattle Facebook page for more information coming very soon!

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TILLYDRONE COMMUNITY FLAT

STEPHEN 'CAT' CLYNE

2025 got off to a very sad note with the passing of Stephen 'Cat' Clyne. Cat was a Tilly Flat stalwart, a former Committee member and one of the area's most weel-kent figures, with his wild mane of hair and beard and often eccentric dress sense.

Cat knew everyone and everyone knew Cat! He was a regular here, at The Lighthouse, the library, the local shops and the Health Centre. He was also a key member of the M26 group where he enjoyed great banter with Aileen Goymer-Davidson. He had a regular circuit of groups and places across the city and a fantastic support network. Cat was a clever man, who studied at Strathclyde University and spent many years in the south of England working as a civil servant before moving back to his hometown. He could expound on a mind-boggling range of subjects from football to obscure music and comedy, to history, engineering and beyond. He was a voracious reader, enjoyed playing board games and

spent a lot of time here at the computer playing solitaire and backgammon.

Cat liked to help out at the Tilly Flat and regularly directed me as to my job, often pointing out I was doing it wrong. He liked to help people and would frequently intervene when Sarah or I were assisting those in need of emergency food, directing them to other locations and in some cases, insisting they went there with him. He could be incredibly kind, but this kindness could make him vulnerable and certain parties exploited this.

Latterly, Cat had been living in Seaton where life was more peaceful for him, though he still visited us most days.

Cat and I certainly had our battles over the years but he knew I'd always have his back when it came to the crunch and we had some fantastically funny times together, not least the last time I saw him when I offered to take

him to the Health Centre in a wheelchair as he had difficulty walking. Unfortunately, the chair lacked a footplate, so he had to hold his feet in the air, clinging to the chair with grim determination as I shouted out warnings such as 'Corner!' or 'Kerb!' Somehow, we both survived it.

Cat had his guardian angel in Sarah Jack, whose patience and loving support undoubtedly contributed to his longevity. No one could have done more for him or further championed his corner in dealing with support services.

As a testament to Cat, we have renamed our community room in his honour. The Stephen Clyne Community Room will always provide a safe place for our service users to find warmth, companionship and a cuppa.

Our thoughts are with his sisters and wider family.

Fiona Young



Tillydrone community campus is excited to welcome its new Project Coordinator Marie Strang. Being the campus' first Project Coordinator employee, Marie is local to the area growing up in Woodside and hanging around Tillydrone when she was younger. There are a lot of things planned for the community so let's find out a little bit more.

The SCIO at the community campus hasn't had a project coordinator before so the role is as new to the campus, and it is to Marie. When covid hit the campus was made into a vaccination centre which meant it was out of action for quite a while and the SCIO have struggled to get activities up and going the past few years but since her appointment Marie has already got Drama and Dance clubs on the go. Although the campus is currently owned by the council the long-term aim is to get SCIO in charge and run it by themselves.

For anyone who doesn't know what a SCIO is the best way to

describe it is "they're a board of people, who have got the community's interest at heart, and they just want to see it being used by the people."

"I'm quite open and I'd like to think a friendly person. So just come speak to me!"

Marie is also involved with Shazam Theatre Company and runs classes at the campus, there are also other classes/ clubs such as homework club, games club, dance workshops and chair yoga that anyone can join in. She hopes that her after hours voluntary work can have an influence and bring more creativity.

At the moment the doors are being shut at half past 3. And part of my role, I'm hoping, is that we can kind of get the young people in, show them if they're respecting the building, they can be here in the building."

Also, as part of her role, Marie is looking to get in touch with the younger generation and bring them up through the campus and bring them in as part of the community. Marie looks to bring creativity to the community with all her ideas but if anyone has any suggestions or experience that they want to bring to the table, then you can email Marie on **Tillydronepc@gmail.com**. With a cafe and library too, the campus is open for everyone to come and enjoy and you may even see Marie around too!

Mackenzie Mullen

TILLYDRONE COMMUNITY CAMPUS
BOOK CLUB
 Free to AB24 residents (£1 to others)
 Last Tuesday every month
 6pm til 7.30pm For 16s and over
 Entrance at Tillydrone Community door
 Contact Marie on Tillydronepc@gmail.com or call 07563832480

TILLYDRONE COMMUNITY CAMPUS
 Join Us @
TILLYDRONE COMMUNITY CAMPUS SCIO GAMES NIGHT
 Free for all P7s and S1s
 In AB24 Area (£2 for others)
 Activities include
 CARD & BOARD GAMES, PUZZLES, DRAWING, PING PONG
EVERY THURSDAY 6:00 PM - 7:30pm
 Spaces are limited!
 To book contact Marie at Tillydronepc@gmail.com or call 07563832480

TILLYDRONE COMMUNITY CAMPUS
FREE EVENT ON TUESDAYS FOR AB24 POSTCODE RESIDENTS (£2 FOR OTHERS)
HOMEWORK CLUB
 IF YOU NEED SOME HELP OR A QUIET SPACE TO STUDY, COME ALONG AND JOIN US!
P6 & P7s 3.30pm - 4.30pm
S1s 4.45pm - 5.45pm
 PLACES ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE!
 CONTACT MARIE AT TILLYDRONEPC@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 07563832480



TILLYDRONE COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Marie Strang

Tillydrone Community Campus - Check out what's going on!

Hello, my name is Marie and I am the Project Coordinator at Tillydrone Community Campus SCIO. I was appointed in November and what a whirlwind two months it has been! I was brought up in Woodside (just over Muggers Lane) and pre covid, ran drama classes at St George's Church for many years, then at Tillydrone Community Campus for the SCIO for the past few years, so I know Tilly well. I was excited to be given the opportunity to be the TCC SCIO'S first employee!

Tillydrone Community Campus SCIO is a board of people who live or have connections with Tillydrone and want to improve the life for the people of Tillydrone, through advancement of citizenship and community development. They are working on eventually taking over the running of The Campus for the Community and bringing to life what they would like to see in Tilly.

OUR ACTIVITIES:

Tuesdays

Adult crafts - a group of intergenerational ladies meet to make crafts and bletcher over a cup of tea, think Tillys version of The Calendar Girls (with their clothes on)!

Homework club for P6-S1 come along for a quiet space to study, help with homework or improve on a subject if you are CLUELESS!

And the last Tuesday of every month is **book club** (the first rule of book club is, no wait, thats Fight Club!) A group of adult's pick, read and discuss a different book each month.

And on **Thursdays** we do **Fitness**, instead of wearing pink!

Blueberry Wellness Fitness classes to get the blood pumping and pounds shifting (especially after Christmas!) The class is lovely, no Mean Girls here.

And **Chair Yoga** is a little less Kung Fu Panda and more Eat, Pray, Love we stretch our bodies and our minds and it helps centre us.

Later on we **Break a Leg** with **Drama classes** for p4 to p7s.

We **FLASHdance** into the weekend with City moves classes for primary aged children

(For times and spaces, you can email me **Tillydronepc@gmail.com** or follow me on **Facebook Marie Project Coordinator**).

In the next few months, we are hoping to add some help with digital/ tech, a Men's mental health support group, a make do and mend (help with basic sewing to repair and re-wear). I spend half of my role applying for funding to help bring FREE activities to The Campus. So, fingers crossed we can secure some funding to bring more activities to Tilly.

Get in touch if there are activities you would love to see at the Campus.

With all the Movie quotes and titles (some changed for effect) Maybe we should be starting a film club too!



LORD PROVOST VISIT MARKS MAJOR MILESTONE AS 100-YEAR-OLD CHARITY REVEALS NEW BRAND IDENTITY

The Lord Provost of Aberdeen, Councillor Dr David Cameron, visited Aberdeen Lads Club Community Project's (ALC) Tillydrone facility in January, as the charity marked a major milestone in its history - the unveiling of a new brand identity.

Representatives from the Lads Club, which celebrated its 100th anniversary last year, showed the Lord Provost around its recently renovated Dill Road building, before revealing its new branding.

Founded in 1924 to promote the moral, social, and physical wellbeing of young men in the east end of Aberdeen, the charity,

fondly known as 'The Ladzer', has evolved over the years and now offers a wide range of childcare, youth engagement and family support services. These include two early years nurseries, an after-school club, junior and senior youth clubs, and a variety of holiday clubs.

For many years, the Lads Club was also known for its football section, with players such as Denis Law, Dave Smith and Ron Yeats having spent time at the club; the football section came to an end in 2019 as the organisation decided to focus on its community-based charitable work.

The Lord Provost Charitable Trust, an independent fund which supports local charities, recently donated £8,000 to ALC to help fund a project aimed at creating a safe play surface for the ALC Little Learners Nursery, operating within the Tillydrone Community Campus.

Angie Johnston, ALCs charity manager, who has been with the charity for more than 33 years, explained the rationale behind the rebranding project.

She said: *"It was time to update our branding, as we needed an identity that would better reflect our service offering, while also aligning with our core values."*

"We wanted something fresh, modern, and innovative that would support our mission to inspire success in the next generation.

"Our new brand will also help eliminate any confusion about the term 'Lads', as we are open to everyone, not just boys and young men."

Mrs Johnston continued: *"Having recently celebrated 100 years of supporting Aberdeen's young people, we're really excited about this next chapter.*

"Despite the challenges we face, including the ongoing cost of living crisis, we are confident in the positive impact we continue to have on our community.

"We still maintain the same goals as those who started the charity had all those years ago, namely supporting, inspiring and encouraging the next generation of young people to reach their full potential."

The Lord Provost said: *"ALC has been a cornerstone of support for children and young people in Aberdeen for more than a century, and it's clear that its impact continues to grow.*

"We were delighted to being able to donate much-needed funds to the charity in the latter part of last year, helping the team there continue its invaluable work.

"I wish the charity all the best as it embarks on this exciting new phase with its refreshed brand. It is inspiring to see the positive difference the team is making to so many young lives, as they and their predecessors have done for so many years now."

For more information about ALC visit www.alcaberdeen.org

Reintroducing Tillydrone Community Council

Did you know that the Tillydrone Community Council has been active for over 40 years? We are your statutory voluntary group, elected and governed by the Scottish government. However, we are simply a group of residents, no different from anyone else in Tillydrone. We are currently planning a meeting for residents, which we hope will take place in February. We have been contacted on several occasions by community members raising a variety of issues, and we feel that now is an appropriate time to hold a meeting. We are inviting representatives from various departments within Aberdeen City Council, including housing, maintenance, roads, mental health, and the dog warden. We also hope to have representation from Police Scotland and our three ACC Ward Councillors in attendance.

We are also considering setting up a Winter Provision Volunteer Group. The recent bad weather was chaotic due to the grit bins not being filled up prior to the winter months.

In addition, we are always looking for new members to join us. We discuss various items on our agenda and any issues raised by residents and other community members. We meet on the second Tuesday of every second month at St George's Community Centre, and members of the public are welcome to attend.

If you would like further information, please email us: secretary.tillydrone@hotmail.com

Tilly Tattle

Join the Tilly Tattle volunteer team – we're looking for writers, editors, researchers, photographers, proof-readers and more.

No experience required. Free training and development opportunities available.

Your community, your news!


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Each edition of the Tilly Tattle is put together by brilliant volunteers from the Tilly Community, with all content for the magazine decided by the team. We'd love to have you join the team so please get in touch!

A large crowd of people is gathered on a city street, likely during a festival. In the background, a large sailing ship with many masts and rigging is docked. Modern city buildings are visible in the distance. The scene is bright and sunny.

Aberdeen's Festival Fever:

A Year-Round Celebration



The Granite City is known for its rich history, stunning architecture, and vibrant cultural scene. Throughout this year, the city comes alive with a diverse array of festivals, offering something for everyone. From music, and light shows to crime writing and traditional celebrations, Aberdeen's festival calendar is packed with exciting events. Here's a glimpse into some of the upcoming highlights.

***Ales and Good Times:
Aberdeen Beer Festival***
(April 12, 2025)

Raise a glass to the Aberdeen Beer Festival, a celebration of all thing's beer. With a wide selection of local and international brews, live music, and delicious food, this festival is a treat for beer enthusiasts and anyone looking for a good time. The festival takes place at Aberdeen Music Hall on the 12th of April 2025 at both 12:30 and 6:30. Tickets for both times can be bought on the Aberdeen Performing Arts website.

***A Celebration of Tradition:
Scottish Traditional Boat Festival***
(June 27-29, 2025)

Head down to the charming harbour of Portsoy for the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival. This popular event showcases the region's maritime heritage with a flotilla of historic boats, demonstrations of traditional crafts, and lively music and dance performances. The festival will take place on Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 24th of June. Tickets can be bought from the festival's website.

Aberdeen Highland Games
(15th June)

On 15th June 2025, Aberdeen will host their Highland Games at Hazlehead Park. A staple summer event, which starts at 10am and will

include a day of fun for all the family. You can expect traditional Highland game events, stalls and activities as well as entertainment from professional performers.

There will be more information relating to ticket prices released on Aberdeen City Government's website closer to the time and if you are interested in applying to set up a trade or charity stall at the event, this can also be done via the website.

***A City in Celebration:
Granite City Festival***
(June 28, 2025)

The Granite City Festival is a highlight of Aberdeen's summer calendar. This vibrant event brings the community together with live music, street food, family-friendly activities, and a buzzing atmosphere. The music festival takes place at Hazelhead Park spanning the entire weekend. Tickets for the festival can be purchased on the website through upfront payments or a payment plan.

The Tall Ships Races
(19th July)

After 28 years, the Tall Ships Races returns to Aberdeen to become the largest free family event being held in Europe. This four-day festival will start on the 19th July with 50 tall ships from all around the world

arriving in Aberdeen Harbour. There will be an opening ceremony celebrating the fleet's arrival, over 1000 sailors will come together for a parade, there will be live music and entertainment and visitors will be able to board the tall ships for the first three days before they set sail.

In addition to these highlights, Aberdeen also hosts a variety of other festivals throughout the year, including:

Aberdeen Comedy Festival
(September 22-28, 2025)

Get ready for laughs with a lineup of top comedians.

Aberdeen Fringe Festival
(October 24, 2025)

Showcasing a diverse range of performances, from theatre to music and comedy.

With such a diverse and exciting lineup of festivals, Aberdeen offers a year-round celebration of culture, arts, and community.



Discover Aberdeen Without Spending a Penny: Free Activities in the Granite City

Embrace the Outdoors

Aberdeen Beach: Miles of golden sand await you at Aberdeen Beach. Stroll along the promenade, build sandcastles, or watch for dolphins in the summer months. The beach is also home to the free Queens Links, offering a place for picnics and games.

Hazlehead Park: This expansive park, gifted to the city by Robert the Bruce, is a haven for nature lovers. Explore the walking trails, admire the flower gardens, and let the kids loose in the playground.

Footdee (Fittie): Wander through this charming fishing village with its colourful cottages and unique character. It's a great place to experience the city's maritime heritage and take some memorable photos.

Donmouth Local Nature Reserve: Observe seals at play in their natural habitat at the Donmouth Local Nature Reserve, where the River Don meets the sea.

Delve into History and Culture

Aberdeen Maritime Museum: Discover Aberdeen's seafaring past at this fascinating museum. Explore exhibits on shipbuilding, fishing, and the North Sea oil industry, including a massive model of an oil platform.

Aberdeen, the "Granite City," is a captivating blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. While some attractions come with a price tag, there's plenty to see and do without opening your wallet. Here's a guide to exploring Aberdeen on a budget.

Tolbooth Museum: Step back in time at the Tolbooth Museum, housed in a 17th-century prison. As you explore the historic cells, learn about crime and punishment through the ages.

Aberdeen Art Gallery: Immerse yourself in art at the Aberdeen Art Gallery, which boasts a diverse collection spanning centuries. Admire works by Scottish artists and international masters.

Old Aberdeen: Take a walk through the historic heart of Aberdeen, with its cobbled streets, medieval buildings, and the impressive St. Machar's Cathedral.

Other Free Experiences

Sculpture Trail: Discover public art as you follow the Aberdeen Sculpture Trail. Encounter statues of historical figures and contemporary creations dotted throughout the city center.

University of Aberdeen's Zoology Museum: Get up close with animal skeletons and specimens from around the world at this free museum, perfect for families with children.

Cruickshank Botanic Garden: Explore a diverse collection of plants from around the world at this tranquil garden, located next to the Zoology Museum.



WALLACE TOWER UPDATE

The Tillydrone Community Development Trust is delighted that ownership of the Wallace Tower has been transferred to us through a Community Asset Transfer, and funding is in place to complete the first phase of work to renovate and develop the building. We take our custodianship of this historic and much-loved building very seriously, and working with our architects from Tinto Architecture and our principal contractor, Chap Construction, some amazing progress has been made over the winter to bring the building back to life for the community of Tillydrone as well as the wider city.

The ground floor extension brings an exciting modern look to the building. It will house a new café, and is shaping up to be a warm, bright, and inviting space. Windows will overlook the river and park, and glazed doors will lead to a patio seating area. In the main building the stone walls and flagstone floors are being painstakingly restored, and the colours and textures for the interiors will be in keeping with these original features, with inspiration from the natural environment and history of the surrounding area. The round tower space nearest to Seaton Park will become part of the café servery area, while the opposite tower space houses the stairs to the upper floors.

This phase will also see the restoration of all the windows and doors, as well as the heritage features on the outside of the building. We are currently fundraising for phase 2 which will see community and office space in the 1st and 2nd floors.

We have been asked about disabled access, and the ground floor has been designed to be wheelchair accessible, with an accessible entrance through the main doors of the extension. Unfortunately, it is impossible to fit a lift due to the age and size of the building, so access to the upper floors will be restricted to the original staircase.

The café will be offered to a local business on a long-term lease, and we hope to find an exciting and innovative operator who shares our charitable values and our vision for the Wallace Tower to be an attractive and popular destination for locals and visitors to the area.

It's exciting to see our vision for the Wallace Tower taking shape after over a decade of work from many residents, volunteers and supporters! We hope to see you in the Tower soon, and you can find out more by following our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/TillydroneCommunityDevelopmentTrust)

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NEWS FROM TILLYDRONE LIBRARY

We've had a really exciting festive period here in Tillydrone Library and we're very excited for 2025! In December we started a new Board Game Club which meets every Saturday morning between 10.30am to 12pm. Games are provided but anyone who wants to come along is welcome to bring their own games to play.

Our monthly Bookbug sessions are still ongoing and have been extremely popular. Bookbug sessions are free, fun and friendly sessions for children aged between 0-5 years old and their parents and carers. Each session consists of a number of songs and rhymes to engage your little ones as well as a story for you both to enjoy. These sessions are a great opportunity for families to meet other local families, learn new things and to introduce your little one to the library. Currently our sessions are drop in so there's no need to book in advance!

Here at Tillydrone Library, we are still offering free toothpaste and toothbrushes in conjunction with ChildSmile and there are free period products available for collection from the library for anyone who may need them.

We have also begun holding Memories Scotland events once a month in Tillydrone Library. These sessions are completely free and focus on a variety of themes regarding the history of Aberdeen. Booking is available for these sessions and we would urge anyone interested to book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Old Aberdeen Library, based on the ground floor of The Sir Duncan Rice Library has continued to grow, with us even receiving a visit from Her Majesty the Queen in January. This library is open to all when the Sir Duncan Rice Library is open. While the Old Aberdeen Library is a unstaffed service point, you can borrow and return your books there,

browse our shelves and collect reservations. The Old Aberdeen Library has also been host to a number of events lately and we will be starting a children's book group in the coming months for children aged between 9yrs-12yrs. If your child is interesting in joining please talk to a member of staff in Tillydrone library.

Library membership is free and you can use your library card in any of our libraries across the city to borrow books, DVDs, use PCs, access online resources to download audiobooks and eBooks as well as finding out about topics such as business information, family history and much more.

For queries or for help with any of our services, please contact:

Tillydrone Library, Tillydrone Community Campus, 52 Hayton Road, Aberdeen, AB24 2UY. Telephone 01224 489439 or email us at TillydroneLibrary@aberdeencity.gov.uk

St George's Community Centre

St George's Community Centre SCIO may seem like a recent addition to some of you, but our journey began nearly five years ago, at the onset of the first lockdown during the Pandemic. It all started with Tillydrone Community Council using the building to store, sort, and distribute care packages for vulnerable members of our community. We were then offered the previous St George's Church Building for community use. Sensing an opportunity to fill a void, we visited other community centres, sought advice from various sources (ACVO was a tremendous help), and consulted with our community. Following discussions with fellow groups and several applications, we moved into St George's in 2024.

During our first month, we replaced carpet tiles and freshened up the paint to create a pleasant and welcoming environment for our community to also call home. Each Board Member, volunteer, and I are all Tillydrone residents, most of us having lived here for most, if not all, of our lives. This intimate knowledge of our community's challenges is complemented by our appreciation

of the lovely, kind, and amazing people who live here.

Our centre now hosts a variety of activities, including a Pensioners Lunch Club, Bingo, History Club, Craft Club, Yoga, Chair-Based Exercise, Cooking Classes, and more. We also provide fun physical activities like Zumba and Poundfit classes, and we are collaborating with other groups to further expand our offerings. Additionally, we offer a warm space two evenings per week with hot drinks and snacks.

Looking ahead, we're excited to introduce new activities such as a Men's Group, Quiz Night, Nature Club, and Walking Group. A School of Dance has also recently started, and we are frequently adding more activities to our program. We aim to restart our Parent's and Toddlers group – please contact us if you're interested!

We will be offering a range of classes where participants can earn qualifications upon completion. Parents of young children can take advantage of our creche services, allowing them to participate with the confidence that their children are

being cared for in the next room. Our Clothes Exchange Program provides necessities for young babies and children, so please reach out if you need assistance. We are also thrilled to partner with the wonderful ladies from the Tilly Community Flat to provide food parcels. We have also received several inquiries about renting our hall for birthday parties and are currently drafting a birthday party package.

Our primary goal is to meet your needs and preferences. If there's a class you'd like to see, or if you have suggestions on how we can better support our community, please let us know.

We'd also like to thank Anna & Billy Kidd who ran the former Tillydrone Community Centre who have kindly donated some items including a quilt, made by locals almost 30 years ago, which now proudly hangs in our Grandholm Hall.

St George's Community Centre, or St G's as we fondly call it, is your community centre. Come along and enjoy your new space.





New Funding

We were delighted to receive funding from ACVO's Mental Health and Communities Fund. This will allow us to continue delivering our Community Wellbeing Programme providing meaningful activities with shmu but also expanding to deliver these across our communities, such as Tillydrone

We will continue to deliver our CashBack for Communities funded project Engage, a personal and skills development course for those 18 - 25 with barriers to engagement. Courses are designed to support young individuals to learn new skills, build confidence and overall improve mental wellbeing.

For more information or to register interest, please contact info@shmu.org.uk

Digital media

shmuTRAIN have launched a brand-new Digital Media Course.

This course is for those aged 16 and over, not in education, employment or formal training and supports those to learn the skills for a role in social media marketing or to simply learn great new skills.

Participants learn the basics of filmmaking, radio, photography, websites, Canva design and more.

The group have got stuck in straight away and have already been having a great time learning portrait photography.

We also cannot wait to launch more of our training courses in early February. Stay tuned to find out what they get up to.



Where to find us?

We get up to so much exciting things at shmu, it's so hard to choose what to keep you up to date with in Cumming North! There is a way you can keep up with it all.

Follow us on our social platforms, Instagram and Facebook. Find out when we have upcoming courses, volunteering opportunities and get all our fabulous content from videos to podcasts and more!

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Stage to Page

A Razzle-Dazzling Return: Chicago Sets Aberdeen Ablaze

Chicago's return to His Majesty's Theatre in Aberdeen was nothing short of a triumph. This production crackles with an energy that's both timeless and utterly contemporary, proving why this musical remains a beloved classic.

From the first note of "All That Jazz," the audience is transported to the sultry, seductive world of Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly. The choreography is sharp, the costumes are dazzling, and the performances are simply sensational.

Faye Brookes shines as Roxie, capturing her naivety and ambition with captivating charm. Djalenga Scott is a force of nature as Velma, her voice and presence commanding the stage. Their duets are electric, their rivalry palpable.

The supporting cast is equally impressive. Brenda Edwards brings her powerhouse vocals to Mama Morton, while Kevin Clifton's smooth-talking Billy Flynn oozes charisma. The ensemble work is outstanding,

with each dancer bringing their own flair to the iconic Fosse-inspired choreography.

The minimalist set design allows the performances to take centre stage, while the live orchestra provides a rich and vibrant backdrop. The show's pacing is perfect, with each number flowing seamlessly into the next.

Chicago is more than just a musical; it's a cultural phenomenon. This production captures everything that makes the show so special, from its catchy score to its witty script to its timeless themes of fame, fortune, and justice.

Whether you're a die-hard fan or a newcomer to the world of Chicago, this production is not to be missed. It's a razzle-dazzling night at the theatre that will leave you breathless.

The Scottish Ballet's *Nutcracker* was a dazzling spectacle that captured the magic of the festive season. From the opulent Christmas Eve

party to the enchanting Land of Sweets, the production was a feast for the eyes.

The dancers were exceptional, their grace and athleticism brought the story to life. The Sugar Plum Fairy was a vision of elegance, and the Nutcracker Prince was a dashing hero. The sets and costumes were equally impressive, creating a world of wonder and enchantment.

Tchaikovsky's timeless score was played beautifully by the Scottish Ballet Orchestra, adding to the overall magical atmosphere. This production of *The Nutcracker* is a must-see for ballet lovers and families alike. It's a perfect way to celebrate the start of a new year and experience the joy of this classic ballet.

This stunning and captivating performance brought a beautiful and timeless classic to life. This performance was truly enjoyed and loved by a diverse audience of all ages.

Community Contacts

Aberdeen City Council Helpline - 0800 0304 713

ALCOHOL

Alcoholics Anonymous - 0800 9177 650

Drinkline - 0300 123 1110

CRIME

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111

DRUGS

Alcohol and Drugs Action Helpline

01224 594700 or 07927192706

Narcotics Anonymous

0300 999 1212

DENTIST

Emergency - G-Dens - 111

DOCTORS

NHS 24 Emergency - 111

POLICE

Non-Emergency - 101

ELECTRICITY

If you have a power-cut - 105

GAS

Gas Emergency - 0800 111 999

WATER

Scottish Water Emergency - 0800 0778 778

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Emergency Repairs - 03000 200 292

Family Planning - 0345 337 9900

Mental Health Aberdeen - 01224 573892

Breathing Space - 0800 838 587

Samaritans - Need to talk

01224 574 488 or 116 123

SOCIAL WORK

Adult Protection - 0800 731 5520

Joint Child Protection Team

01224 306877 or 0800 731 5520

Aberdeen Carers Support Service - 01224 914036

Age Scotland - 0800 1244 222

CFINE 01224 596156

Financial Advice at CFINE 01224 531386

Pathways 01224 682 939

Citizens Advice 01224 586255

St Machar Credit Union 01224 276994

Penumbra First Response 0800 234 3695

ABZWorks

abzworks.co.uk

01224 070200

Oldmachar Medical Practice

0345-337-0510

Old Aberdeen Medical Practice

01224 486702

Tillydrone Clinic

01224 276723

Tillydrone Library

01224 489539

Woodside Medical Group

01224 492828

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SUPPORT

Domestic Abuse is not acceptable. It is not your fault and you are not alone. Domestic Abuse is when you are hurt, bullied or frightened by:
Your husband or wife. Your boyfriend or girlfriend
Your current or ex-partner

Their behaviour can be; controlling, physical, sexual, financial or emotional.

Help and support

There are services available to support you, and they are still open. You do not have to wait for an emergency to get help. Tell someone you trust or contact:

National Domestic Abuse Helpline Free and confidential advice. Open to all. 24 hours a day. Telephone: 0800 027 1234. Website: sdfmh.org.uk

Grampian Women's Aid

Telephone: 01224 593381. Website: grampian-womens-aid.com

Rape Crisis Grampian Telephone: 01224 590932. Website: rapecrisisgrampian.co.uk

LGBT Domestic Abuse Helpline

Telephone: 0300 999 5428 or email info@galop.org.uk

Men's Advice Line

Telephone: 0808 801 0327