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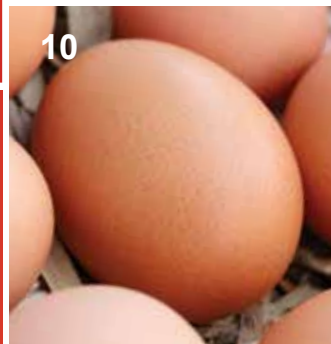
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Editorial

Welcome to the Torry's Vision Summer Edition

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

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

In this edition of the Torry's Vision we have an update from the Aberdeen Harbour on the Ports Project, an updates on the Northern Lights Project and the recent Jubilee celebrations that took place in the Old Torry Community Centre. Also featuring – is the Torry Writers page and an exclusive into the new shop 'Ink Wire' on Menzies Road and lots more!

If you would like to get involved in your community magazine or find out more

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Thanks for reading and enjoy the rest of your magazine.

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The 'Kids' are alright

Aberdeen St Fittick Rotary Club has been working for a number of years with a local charity called Kids Action, which was formed to help orphaned children in Sierra Leone after the civil war there which raged from 1991 to 2002, leaving over 50,000 dead. The movie Blood Diamond starring Leonardo Dicaprio was set against this backdrop.

Initially Kids Action ran a children's home in the capital, Freetown. St Fittick helped in a number of ways such as arranging to send over an old tractor and plough to cultivate land so that the home had a source of food and income. Time has moved on, many of the original children have left the home and now the tractor and plough is being used by the wider community to provide food for an impoverished area.

The club continues to fund the education of the youngsters, using education as a means of progressing out of the circle of poverty in which much of the population still finds itself.

One of the projects the club is currently running involves "kids" of a different type - goats. The club ran a trial project in a remote part of Sierra Leone last year. 43 goats were given to women's groups (it is important that the women run this as women tend to see the longer term benefits). Each goat costs about £25 in the local markets - so £1,000 can do a lot of good. Each goat will produce about 3 pints of milk per day for 10 months thus providing a source of food, nutrition and income for a family. Also, each goat will produce, on average, 3 kids per year. These are passed on to other members of the community

- and so it continues. Eventually, the goats will not only produce a source of food, but also income for the community.

The Club plans to introduce goats to another community this year and has been undertaking a number of activities in order to raise both funds and awareness such as a duck and goat race (the ducks were plastic, the goats were real!). The event was attended by 21-year-old Mariama John, an ex-resident of the children's home who is now a student at Freetown University. Mariama was visiting Aberdeen to raise awareness of the work of both Kids Action and St Fittick Rotary Club.



Port Project

Aberdeen harbour teams up with aberdeen international youth festival to launch the Port Project.

A new project celebrating the Granite City's history as seen through the eyes of its port has been unveiled, marking a partnership between Aberdeen Harbour and the Aberdeen International Youth Festival (AIYF).

The Port Project aims to encourage youth groups to take part in a series of summer workshops, training the participants in a wide range of artistic and performance skills. The organisers have invited both arts and non-arts groups to get involved, with 'taster' sessions available for those who wish to participate.

The groups have already worked towards the AIYF parade in August, where the Port Project participants told the history of Aberdeen through its port, using song, dance and art.

The Port Project has not ended with the parade, as the

longer-term vision includes the continuation of 10 newly-formed youth groups started through Arts Development's 'Cultivate Volunteer Programme'. The groups will help create and develop fresh ideas for the 2013 AIYF parade, ensuring the project's legacy.

Aberdeen Harbour chief executive, Colin Parker said: "As a board we are very pleased to offer our support to the Port Project, as part of the wider Aberdeen International Youth Festival. The harbour has been a vital element of the city's history and will continue to play an equally important part of its future. The people of the North East can be proud of their heritage and the opportunity to recognise the role the harbour has played throughout the ages is most welcome.

"AIYF has been supporting the younger members of our

communities for many years, ensuring opportunities for artistic impression are available to all, and we share its commitment to both celebrating the region's history and providing a strong platform for the future."

Jo Hastie, project manager of the Port Project said: "We want to involve as many different groups in this project so that we can deliver 'first in a lifetime' experiences to the young people of Aberdeen. We are delighted to have Aberdeen Harbour as our headline sponsor and feel that they are a perfect match for this project."

Martin Danziger, the project's artistic director, added: "We have had a fantastic response so far, with taster sessions held in schools and by youth groups all over the city. Already, the parade is shaping up to be one of the city's entertainment highlights of the year."



Torry Writers

Tales of a Torry Loon

I'm sure it was 1943.

I lived with my mother and sister in Rosemount, Kintore Place.

My mother and I were sitting at the table eating... suddenly there was an awful noise.

A German bomber was being chased by spitfires.

The bullets from the spitfire came through our kitchen window, and my mother threw me under the bed. If it wasn't for her actions I may have been killed.

It was the same bomber that crashed into the old Ice Rink at the Bridge of Dee at the time of the Second World War.

Alan Reid.

A Mother's Grief

No tears could hide my tears that day

No comfort soothe my weary heart

No tender words could ever say

How hard it was for us to part

For you dear child are part of me

A bond that can't be broken

A strand of life that will ever be

In silence often spoken

My memories of your smiling face

Will live with me forever more

That I have known of your sweet grace

I shall forget you never.

(loss of a baby)

Alan Reid.

Sweet Rose

Sweet Rose of you I often dream

Each year you grow with tenderness

Beside that little shady stream

My love for you I must confess

A thing of beauty nature's child

You're all alone in that dear place

With deep repose. So meek and mild

to gaze upon your sun-drenched face

When days grow short and summers gone

I stand beside that flowers and cry

When winter's cold and frosty days return

I watch you fade away and die.

Alan Reid.

NORTHERN LIGHTS:



NORTHERN LIGHTS: A FILM ABOUT SCOTLAND - MADE BY YOU

As part of the Year of Creative Scotland 2012 we have asked members of the public to collaborate with us in the creation of a unique feature-length documentary film. We wanted you to take out your cameras and record your own personal videos about Scotland's past, present and future.

Project submissions were closed in June and Torry submitted a video contribution about people affected by the Second World War. Footage

was gathered together from throughout Scotland and edited into a unique vision of Scotland in the Year 2012.

We in Torry - with the help of SHMU - have filmed some local people who were affected by World War Two. It was a very enlightening and emotional experience for both the film-makers and the participants.

We want this to be part of a larger documentary project and talk to veterans and families who were affected by WW2 as their stories are

important to the history and identity of Torry - we need to catch their experiences before we lose them.

If you want to get involved in the documentary or have information we could use please contact Renée Slater at INKWIRE, 22 Menzies Road, Torry, Aberdeen, AB11 9BA.

Please see:

wearenorthernlights.com/submissions/interviews-from-torry-aberdeen-about-ww2/



QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

June 2nd 2012 - Old Torry Community Centre

What a great time everyone had at our Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration in Old Torry Community Centre. Crown making and an indoor street party with music and crafts were the order of the day. Prior to the event we held knitting and craft sessions on three consecutive Saturday mornings with the aim of making decorations for the indoor street party. Some folk made felted flags, knitted bunting and made pompoms while the wee ones enjoyed making crowns.

We thought that knitting would be a great activity as all ages could take part either by learning or teaching this traditional skill, so we based the project around

this. The 'pièce de resistance' was a knitted Royal Family! The Queen was knitted by a lovely lady - 90 year old Evie - and corgis and footmen were knitted by our very own community centre helper Helen Cook. Charles and Camilla were knitted too! The knitted bunting will be sewn together to make blankets to donate to a good cause.

Craft making continued at the indoor street party where all enjoyed decorated cupcakes and buffet. Our entertainer got the party started with a sing-a-long of wartime songs. The highlight was the judging of the best crown. It was far too difficult to choose a winner as they were all so good. Everyone won a prize!

This event was free to the public and was funded by our successful application to the Aberdeen City Council's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Community Fund. The money helped us provide all the materials, tutors, buffet and entertainment free of charge.

Our wee group of volunteers working away quietly in Old Torry over the last year or so has begun to revitalise the centre offering interesting activities and bringing local folk together. If you would like to join us or find out a bit more, follow us on Facebook or you can contact us on Oldtorry@gmail.com.



Brief History of Saint Fittick

“Saint Fittick was shipwrecked at the Bay Of Nigg around AD 650. He came to convert the local pictis to Christianity. He found a spring and drank of its waters. We know of it now as Saint Fittick’s Well.

I don’t think there was a church as so, he probably preached in the open air.. The first spoken of church was in 1198 but Alexander II chartered Nigg to Abbots of Arbroath.

In Arbroath Abbey in 1495 James IV created Torry as a Bourough of Barony.

It wasn’t till 1829 when John Smith built Nigg Kirk took over the work of the Mither Kirk.

The bell which was struck in 1759 and the Gallion which hung from the roof now reside in Torry Saint Fittick’s Church on Walker Road..”

Alan Reid



Inkwire

Grand opeing of new Torry business thanks to Retail Rocks Scheme.

Inkwire is a new business in Aberdeen’s Torry area and is owned by local resident Renée Slater. It has been set up as part of Aberdeen City Council Retail Rocks initiative to reclaim & re-open long closed shop premises.

It offers paper, IT training, printing and eventually printer cartridges. There will be the prospect to hire space for meetings too. It also has a social responsibility within the local area.

The idea is to allow private tutors, community members and

charitable organisations to have access to the equipment.

There are 3 PCs on the premises plus an iMac. There is printing and design. I will also help those requiring basic IT skills.

If you would like further information or would like to visit the property please contact Renée on 07550 077056 or drop in weekdays 10.30am - 4.30pm (except Thursdays)



North East Scotland Credit Union:

a community credit union in action –

There has never been a better time to get involved in your local community credit union. In these uncertain financial times Nescu is a safe-haven for your money and a place to begin a savings account.

Nescu in a nutshell:

It is a financial co-operative wholly owned and operated by its members for their benefit. In simplistic terms Nescu members all save small amounts of money into one large pot of money, which is then lent out to members at a low rate of interest. The interest from all loan repayments is then put back into Nescu funds and helps pay for the administration of Nescu; at the end of the financial year (September) any profit, after expenses, is then shared amongst the members in the form of a dividend. There is no interest paid on adult savings only the dividend.

This is the really boring bit, but necessary:

All monies are protected through the FSA compensation scheme up to the value of £50,000 per member - as the maximum you are legally allowed to save with a credit union is £10,000 you can see that your savings are always protected. Nescu also offers a death benefit scheme that pays up to £2,000 on top of your savings to your nominated beneficiary.

So why a credit union:

Well it is easy to join and if you need help filling in forms our staff are only too pleased to assist. It is local and keeps all money in the local system (no fat cat directors taking a share of the

profits) which helps to sustain local businesses because you will tend to spend your money locally.

You have to save with Nescu for eight weeks before being entitled to apply for a loan – this shows Nescu that you are committed to saving, planning for the future by saving and that you can afford regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. The minimum saving we ask you to commit to is £1.00 per week – the price of a can of juice!

All loans are granted after careful consideration - you must fill in a loan application form with an income and expenditure table and Nescu may ask you to come in for an interview, especially if it is your first loan. The maximum you can borrow is three times your savings as Nescu does not believe in indebting people beyond their means. Loans for holidays and Christmas are expected to be paid within 10 months to allow you to continue saving for another couple of months before applying for next year's loan. You can also save and take out your own funds then simply start saving for the following year immediately.

We also offer a Junior Savers scheme whereby the kids can join, either at their local school if we have a collection point set-up or through a local collection point or the main office. Please see our website at www.nescu.co.uk for lots more information and downloadable forms.

If you feel you would like more information then why not give us a call on 01224 899-688 and arrange to speak to us or to receive an application pack.

We are now at 7 Finnan Place, Aberdeen, AB11 8RG and would be delighted to welcome you as a member.



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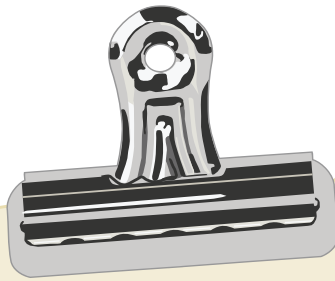
OPENING HOURS ARE:

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Tuesday - 1:00pm-2:00pm

Friday -11:00am-1:00pm

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Reduced Calorie Mayonnaise

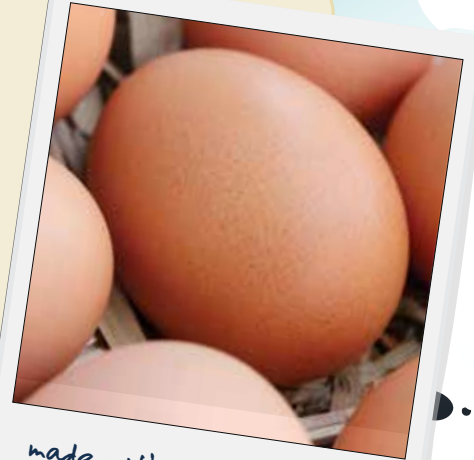
- Water
- Soya oil
- Fresh egg yolk 7.5% (pasteurised)
- Modified starch
- Spirit vinegar
- Sugar
- Mustard
- Red wine vinegar
- Salt
- Citric acid
- Stabiliser - carob gum
- Spices
- Preservative - potassium sorbate
- Natural flavouring

Method

Combine all the ingredients together and blend in a mixer till smooth. Keep refrigerated till use.

Per 15ml

Energy - 43kcal
 Protein - 0.25g
 Fat - 4.05g
 Carbohydrate - 1.35g



made with fresh egg yolk

Questions

1. Which club is named after a bird that rises from the flames?
2. Which two universities have boat races on the Dee?
3. Where is the Chain Bridge?
4. What's unusual about the tree beside the Dee?
5. Where is Jake's Café?
6. Where is the Salvation Army?
7. Which bakery sits on Menzies Road?
8. Where is Craig Place?
9. Which charity shop lies on Victoria Road?
10. Where is the Police Station?

Quiz

Young Visions Needed!

COULD THIS BE YOUR PAGE?

To all young artists, musicians, photographers, writers in Torry we need young people in Torry with vision!!

Could you design a page? Write about life? Take photos? Draw or Paint? Play music or write about music?

Why not get involved with the Torry Vision...the voice of the people in Torry!

If you are between 14- 25 and are interested in helping to create a youth page in Torry Visions – please contact Mary Clare at SHMU on (01224) 515013 or you can email her on maryclare@shmu.org.uk

Aberdeen Against Austerity

Aberdeen Against Austerity (AAA) was formed by a group of local people angered by government attacks on our public services at a time when tax-avoidance by corporations and mega rich individuals is losing the exchequer an estimated £95billion each year. Over the last 2 years AAA has engaged in many direct protests against tax-dodging companies and unscrupulous banks.

Recently AAA has been holding events which aim to combat the effects of government cutbacks more directly. The first Skillshare day took place in April at the TUC Social Club and included a variety of workshops aimed at getting protest campaigns off the ground and in the news. The second Skillshare on June 9th was called 'Doing it Oneself'. There were workshops on clothes alteration, crochet, how to put on an internet radio show and much, much more.

Both events were followed by food and a movie and attendance at the entire day (including food) cost only what participants were able to donate.

If you have a skill you could share with others, or would like a Skillshare day at your local community centre, then please get in touch.

Other AAA projects include an on-going series of talks, discussions and film nights covering a wide variety of social, political and environmental issues. These are roughly every second Friday night from 7-10pm upstairs at the Blue Lamp pub on the Gallowgate. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Please see our Facebook page for up to date information by search for Aberdeen Against Austerity or email us at aberdeenagainstausterity@riseup.net



St Fittick's Parish Church

Parent & Toddler Group

At Torry St Fittick's Parish Church on Walker Road (next to primary school) we run a parent and toddler group on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 11.30am. This group is for pre-school age. The cost is £1 per session for first child and 50p for additional child. Tea/coffee for parents and snack for children included.

On a Tuesday and Thursday we have a small community café run by volunteers. It is open from 9.30am to 2.30pm. We serve hot and cold drinks, home-made soup, freshly made sandwiches, toasties and paninis, scones and tray bakes.



YRP VIENNA VISIT

On the morning of the 24th of June six Young People from the Youth Radio Project (YRP) at SHMU set off for their journey to Vienna. We travelled to Austria via two planes from Aberdeen and on the first day in Vienna we visited a castle on the outskirts of the historic city. In the first two days we met young people from Vienna, Italy, Romania and Poland, took part in lots of team building activities and got to know each other. On day three we were put into the media groups in which we would be working for the next few days. Later on in the evening some young people started a jam and rap session that was recorded for the media projects.

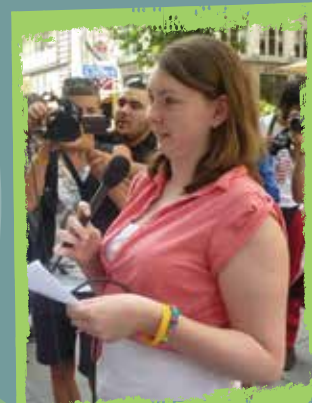
During the morning the following day we discussed questions we were going to ask the public of Austria on the main theme of the project, which was stereotypes of young people. We then had a visit to the Viennese parliament where we recorded interviews for the media projects with **Tanja Wehsely**, who is the chairwomen of the Youth Centres in Vienna.

There were trips to a TV studio, radio studio and community newspaper, where everyone

participated in a recording at the TV and radio studios. On Thursday the group went out into the streets of Vienna to ask the public questions, as part of the lead up to the final media projects the group were to put together at the end of the week. This visit has had a positive impact on me in terms of my confidence; it has also made me think about what I want to do with my life.

The project is EU-funded, with top-up funding from the Fairer Scotland Fund and Aberdeen City Council Youth Activities Grant.

Written by LIAM YEATS



Grampian Symptoms Study

Have you had a sore throat, chest pain or a persistent cough in the last two weeks?

If so, and you're aged over 18, a University of Aberdeen health researcher would like to hear from you.

Alison Thornton is leading the Grampian Symptoms Study, which aims to find out more about how people think about their symptoms and what they do about them.

"We would like to talk to people who have had a sore throat, persistent cough or chest pain in the last two weeks. We are interested in speaking to people whether or not they have sought medical advice," said Alison, who is based at the University's Centre of Academic Primary Care.

"The study involves talking to me about your symptom and filling in two short questionnaires. Everything is kept confidential. It should take no more than an

hour in total and can be done wherever suits the participant – either in their own home, or at the University (Foresterhill campus)."



"It is important that people remember that this is a research study," she added. "I am not qualified to give medical advice, so if people are worried about their symptoms, they should seek medical advice in the usual way".

One person who has already taken part in the study is Mags. She said, "I enjoyed being able

to help. It was a doddle. Alison was very pleasant. She was kind enough to come to my home. It was very easy."

Alison added, "We need around 45 volunteers for the study and are looking to include a wide variety of people – men and women of different ages and from all walks of life."

"Anyone who is interested in getting involved can call me on Aberdeen 437216 or email ajthornton@abdn.ac.uk and I can send them an information pack which tells them more about the study - or they can pick up a pack from Sasha at SHMU."

"This is an opportunity to get involved in some community-based research and we'd love to hear from anyone who thinks they might be able to help."

Quiz Answers

1. The phoenix Club
2. Aberdeen University & Robert Gordons University
3. Over the Dee
4. It grows crab apples
5. Victoria Road
6. Glenbervie Road
7. Aitkens
8. Off Menzies Road
9. PDSA
10. Victoria Road

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Alcohol

Alcoholics Anonymous **0845 769 7555**
Drinkline **0800 917 8282**

Benefits

Benefits Agency Advice Line **0800 587 9135**

Crime

Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**

Drugs

FRANK – National Helpline **0800 776 600**

Dentist

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

Doctors

NHS 24 Emergency **08454 242 424**

Electricity

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

Family Planning

Square 13, Support & Advice **01224 642 711**

Gas

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

Housing

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

Police

Non-Emergency **0845 600 5700**

Samaritans

Need to talk **01224 574 488**

Social Work

Social Work Duty Team **01224 765 220**
Emergency Out-Of-Hours **01224 693 936**

Young Carers

Support & Information Service **01224 625 009**

Water

Scottish Water Emergency **0845 600 8855**

Alkohol

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

Zapomoga

Agencja doradztwa w zapomogach **0800 587 9135**

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Przeciwdziałanie przestępstwom **0800 555 111**

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Planowanie rodziny

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