



Spring 2019 issue

Bridge of Don Community Council Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring issue of the Bridge of Don Community Council Newsletter.

Bridge of Don Academy turns 40!

Many of us will have bittersweet memories of the opening of the “new” academy (no need to give its full name then, since at the time it was the only one in the Bridge of Don) since it meant the closing of the old school – on North Donside Road/Ellon Road, for those of you too young to remember! The new academy opened after the summer break in 1979, and gave those of us moving up there a whole modern experience, with purpose-build science areas (although that didn’t stop a classroom evacuation when the smells from a chemistry experiment escaped the fume cupboard), updated gym facilities, a swimming pool and much more space. Still, it was sad to leave the portacabins we used to use for Maths classes, after generations had attended the same school (and had some of the same teachers!). But 40 years on, generations now have the new academy as part of their history, and the school’s published values: *Be Respectful, Be Honest, Be Caring, Be Your Best* are something that all of us in the Bridge of Don can embrace.

Westfield Park update

Despite the sometimes challenging weather conditions, the Friends of Westfield Park have been busy maintaining and tidying the park. Last year, three benches were refurbished—the remaining ones will be tackled soon.

Gorse cutting and tree trimming have been underway, and plans are afoot for new planting. Fairy doors are being installed in the park soon—and if you don’t know what they are (or want any more information on Friends’ activities), visit their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WestfieldParkBOD/>). We’d be delighted if you want to come along to meetings or events!



Dates for the diary

Easter holidays:

Mon 1st – Fri 12th
April

May holidays:

Mon 6th - Tues 7th
May

Next meeting:

7.30pm April 16,
Scotstown Primary
School

Men's Shed

Progress with the Men's Shed – Bridge of Don Marks & Spencer has very kindly chosen it as the community organisation to support this year, so some very welcome funds will be made available. And a new location has been agreed subject to planning, so that members have somewhere permanent to meet. New members are always welcome – if you're not sure what it's all about, have a look at the Scottish Men's Shed website (<https://scottishmsa.org.uk/>). And if you're interested, please contact the Bridge of Don branch on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BridgeofDonMensShed/>

Community News

A couple of updates: although it seems a long time since Christmas, the Community Council just wanted to provide an update about the Christmas lights (or lack of) on the Bridge of Don. This was due to an electrical fault, which has affected the bridge lights. The council knows about it, and we'll be chasing to make sure it's all fixed for this year! On a more positive festive note, after Aberdeen Council found itself unable to fund crackers for Aberdeen primary school Christmas lunches, the Community Council stepped in and bought and delivered (thanks to one very hardworking member and her postie!) 1600 crackers to all Bridge of Don primaries so that they didn't have to go without.

A consultation on the Aberdeen Local Development Plan (which is updated every five years) is now under way and will run until 13 May 2019. Comments can be submitted during this period via the consultation hub Citizen Space or by post or email. Details, including consultation sessions, can be found on the Aberdeen council website at www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/aldp2022

British Legion

If you're not familiar with us, Royal British Legion Scotland is an organisation which formed after the Great War from the amalgamation of various ex-service charities. Since then it has been raising funds and assisting ex- service personnel who need our help. We also promote Remembrance and assist Poppy Scotland. The local Legion club, (the only one left in Aberdeen), is situated in the Bridge Of Don at 23 Balgownie Road. It is a members club. You are welcome to join; you do not have to be ex-service.

The club rooms are used by various groups for activities such as functions, line dancing, and bingo. There are snooker tables dart boards and bar billiards. The function rooms can be booked by members contacting the club on 01224 704717 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/omblegion

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