

# The Garioch Gazette

September 2013 issue



## All The News From TGP Board

The Board is pleased to welcome two new members to The Garioch Partnership.

The Spectrum Singers Group application for funding from Community Initiative Grant Scheme has been approved.

This year's winter date for the members' forum has been set for Monday 2nd December.

Recent membership survey shows that our members are happy with support they receive.



**Fits gan on in Insch?**  
Read all about it on page 6

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TGP Members Update ... **pages 2 - 4**  
**3** featured Groups this month !

Next Edition of **The Garioch Gazette** to be published in December. All copy to the Editor **no later than** Friday 13/12/13.



Are you interested in helping your community? TGP Board is looking for a **new director** and would like to hear from you ... For **more** information, email John Chapman, [chairperson@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:chairperson@gariochpartnership.org.uk)

**THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE GRANT SCHEME** is open to any constituted not-for-profit community group/ or community-run organisation in the Garioch area with an annual turnover of less than £25k.

**Consideration** will be given to projects that show wide community support, or improve the quality of life of local people, are of long-term benefit and make a difference to the community you live in. This could include the start-up costs for a new group, equipment, training for group members, encouraging active participation in a community, marketing costs or improvements to Community Facilities

**The maximum award** will be £750. You will be normally be expected to have matched funding in place or be able to demonstrate how the whole project will be funded unless the grant is for start-up costs for a new group or activity. For further information please visit [www.gariochpartnership.org.uk](http://www.gariochpartnership.org.uk) or alternatively you can contact Anne Simpson at [anne@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:anne@gariochpartnership.org.uk). Watch out below for updates on CIGS awards and projects.

**Get yours in now !!!**

## Grant Success For Garioch Groups!



**Congratulations** to the 1st Skene Boys Brigade, Kiddiwinks and Newmachar Playgroup who have all successfully secured funding for their respective group projects.

Their award cheques were recently presented to them by Anne Simpson, Development Officer, and no doubt they will be very busy over the coming months putting their grant money to good use.

**The Garioch Gazette** hopes to follow up on all of these projects and update its readers with progress reports throughout the course of 2014.

## Garioch Theatre Technical Training Project

**Thanks** to their successful award in February this year, The Garidge Theatre was able use their grant money to fund a technical training project. The project covered the course of the festival and benefitted a number of young people.



Professional technician Roy Fairhead provided training in basic lighting, lighting design and sound with the youngsters having the experience of running a show on their own.

The 2013 Garioch Theatre Festival was based at the Wyness Hall and Garage and proved to be a great success with audience members commenting that the Festival was:

*"very enjoyable" and "always outstanding, a great event to happen in Inverurie"*

**NEWS  
FLASH!**

TGP membership now sits at 45!  
Have you or your organisation joined yet ?





# THE PITSCURRY PROJECT



**Pitcaple Environmental Project** (PEP) exists to provide training and work opportunities for adults with disabilities. It also provides volunteering opportunities for individuals and organisations. It is a sustainable gardening project based on organic principles, environmental best practice and the production and use of renewable energy. We have charitable status. We have recently developed our site at Pitscurry, Whiteford, Pitcaple, to include an Interpretation Centre for Renewable Technologies and The Buzzard Cafe. This has allowed us to create more training and work placements for people with disabilities.



## **What difference do we want to make?**

We want to improve access and conditions on the PEP site for service users and visitors

We want to support adults with disabilities

We want to reduce social exclusion and marginalisation of adults with disabilities

We want to provide access to work experience and training for adults with disabilities

We want to equip adults with disabilities with the skills to achieve paid employment

**In order to promote our work** and gain support for our project we frequently make presentations and host site visits for individuals, businesses, groups and organisations. If you would like to find out more please contact Kay Diack by emailing [diackkay@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:diackkay@yahoo.co.uk). Otherwise feel free to pop into The Buzzard Café, open Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm. **Hope to see you there!**





## FLY CUP CATERING

### Creating Opportunities

**The Management team** of Fly Cup Catering are delighted to introduce their new Business Manager, Denise Belshaw. Denise began working for the charity at the end of July based at their catering premises and coffee shop on Burghmuir Circle (behind the Morrisons Supermarket).

Denise tells us ....

*"I am delighted to be part of the team here at Fly Cup Catering and have been made welcome by everyone, we have had a number of staff on holidays which led to staff shortages and so I have had the opportunity to learn the business from the bottom up, starting with the dishes, packing tray bakes and delivering them to local retailers and also meeting and serving our customers in the Coffee Shop.*



Fly Cup coffee shop offers a warm and welcoming place to meet for a refreshing cup of tea and scone, tray bake or lunch. However, Denise feels that there is one particular group of customers that have been a little neglected and she has taken steps to redress that. This week two of the trainees went along to the in-door bowling alley where they received a cheque from Garioch Charities Shop for £1000.00. Denise explained that the money will be used to furnish Fly Cup Coffee shop with full baby changing and young children equipment, including cutlery, plates, cups and play toys. Commenting Denise told us:-

"There are already quite a few of our customers coming along with their babies and small children, but unfortunately our facilities lack equipment. This grant will enable us to meet a growing need and thus encourage more parents, grandparents and families to come along and enjoy the resource in the knowledge that we can accommodate 'little hands and mouths' and provide some equipment to keep them occupied whilst the adults chat "

The team are currently working on a theme to promote Fly Cup to potential customers dropping off school age children, picking up from nursery or after school. They are looking for a catch phrase to put on posters which will be distributed to nurseries, schools and groups as the place for a Fly Cuppa where little people are welcome. If you have any ideas please let Denise know, there may be a free cuppa in it for you.

If you would like more information on what is on offer at Fly Cup Catering, including pensioners Tuesday, take away breakfast / lunch, buffet catering or our Christmas party times and menu, then please do not hesitate to call Denise directly on 01467 625645, visit the website [www.flycup.org.uk](http://www.flycup.org.uk) or drop an email to [info@flycup.org](mailto:info@flycup.org). And for those of you who do, you can follow the goings on at Twitter @flycuppa.



# Westhill Men's Shed

## Men in Sheds – an old custom with a new twist in Aberdeenshire

**Men's Sheds come to Aberdeenshire in 2013!** What on *earth* does this mean, as men have had sheds in NE Scotland for as long as anyone can remember! Yes that's quite true, but this isn't a garden shed that a husband or Grandad disappears into.

It was identified originally in Australia that pre/retired men, offshore workers, ex servicemen, men out of work, men who have a disability, have 'time' on their hands and become bored. This can lead to isolation and what can be a fulfilling life slowly spirals into one of depression and loneliness. This has been seen in many Western countries.

The Men's Shed is a place where all ages of men can come to work together 'shoulder to shoulder' on making, restoring or repairing something and socialise having a good laugh at the same time. The shed is essentially split into two areas which are a workshop and a social area. Depending on the community and it's needs the internal set up can be different from one shed to the next. Commonly however the workshop has workbenches, woodworking tools (lathes, band saws, drill presses) and a metal working area etc. The social area has comfortable seating, computer access, a pool table, darts board, space for crafts, e.g. model railway making, upholstery, leather work etc. and a kitchen area.

The Sheds are set up by local community steering groups and are run as independent charities by themselves. Funding comes from grants, Shed fundraisers and donations and aim to be free to the users. The first shed in NE Scotland opened its doors in February 2013 in Westhill, Aberdeenshire. With over one thousand people coming through the sheds doors in the first six months and many projects under their belt, the shed is very successful. Jason Schroeder has been working on the Men's Shed agenda in Aberdeenshire for the past four years and has recently joined CVS Aberdeenshire in the newly created role of Men's Shed and Handy Person Scheme Development Worker. He is doing presentations to local groups and professionals all over Aberdeenshire and at local events.

If you have any questions or would like a shed in your area and need support in creating one, please get in touch with Jason.

Telephone : 07964036821 or Email – [jason.schroeder@cvsa.co.uk](mailto:jason.schroeder@cvsa.co.uk)

### **For more info on Men's Sheds in the UK and Scotland :**

UK Men's Shed Association - [www.menssheds.org.uk](http://www.menssheds.org.uk)

Westhill Men's Shed – [www.westhillmensshed.co.uk](http://www.westhillmensshed.co.uk)

Westhill Men's Shed video – [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) 'Westhill Mens Shed promotional 2011'



The Westhill Men's Shed received money from The Garioch Partnership in the form of an award of **£600** in February 2013 to help towards the purchase of tools to get their project started.

# Ward Forums

## putting the community into community planning

**Community planning** is a way of working which makes public services responsive to, and organised around, the needs of communities. Implicit in this is the need to involve communities in the decisions made on public services that affect them. The overall aim of community planning is to provide better public services and to support communities in their endeavours to improve the local quality of life.

The **Garioch Local Community Planning Group** delivers community planning at the local level. It is made up of representatives from the major service providers as well as community and voluntary sector representatives.

### Community Planning Partners:

Major Service Providers	Community/Voluntary Sector
Aberdeenshire Council	Community Councils
Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	The Garioch Partnership
NHS Grampian	Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)
Police Scotland	Aberdeenshire Central and South

The partners work together to ensure that services are delivered to residents effectively and at best value. They also work with the communities of Garioch to ensure that local people and communities are genuinely engaged in the decisions made on public services that affect them. **Community Ward Forums** will comprise part of that engagement process. The forums will be organised on behalf of the **Garioch Local Community Planning Group** by **The Garioch Partnership** as part of its Service Level Agreement with Aberdeenshire Council.

### What are they for?

In the context of Community Planning, the main aims of the forums in Garioch are:

- To ensure that the views of communities and community organisations are fed into the formal community planning process
- To provide an opportunity for ongoing, two way communication between the service providers and the community; forums can be used to raise issues formally or informally
- To ensure that community representatives are kept up to date with new developments that may be of use and relevance to their communities
- To support the development of Community Councils and other community organisations - for example through training sessions on media skills, running meetings and police engagement.

### When is the next forum?

The next round will likely be held in November, details to follow. A survey of participants in the previous Garioch Ward Forums is in the pipeline. This will help set the agenda and format of future sessions.

### How can the community set the agenda?

The forums will be run for the benefit of the communities in Garioch and the Garioch Community Planning Group is very keen to hear what issues and subjects the community wants to be included in the Forums. We will ask for suggestions at the forums but you are also very welcome to email us: [anne@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:anne@gariochpartnership.org.uk) and [douglas.milne@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:douglas.milne@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).

### Where can I get more information?

Information about Community Planning can be found on the Our Aberdeenshire website at: [www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk](http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk) and on the website of Aberdeenshire Council at: <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communityplanning/index.asp>.

# INSCH NEWS

## The Inside Insch Project

A *Doric* Introduction from Nom Wright



Fit's er in Insch? Fit div we wint in Insch, foo div ye find oot fit's gan on?

Jist some o the questions that are bandied aboot on a regular basis.

In February 2013, twa deems came tae Insch, Wilma and Anne, wi the plan tae see fit it wis that we winted and thocht aboot a Coomunity Consultation tae answer the above and see fit it wis that fowk really winted.

So the plan wis hatched under the heidin and direction o' these twa quines, and a tool ca'd Plannin for Real®. We wid start wi' a 3D model o' oor village and get fowk tae help bigit, pittin' on their ane hoose and sic like. Oh and nae forgetting the landmark Dunnydeer hill and the ither ain aside the Station.

Aince it wis built, we wid tak it tae as many places and events in the village as we cood and tae get as muckle input fae the fowk o' Insch. The hale thing is for them tae tak ownership o' their village and its future.

Five hunner fowk came forit an' hid their say, generating twa thoosan' comments on a' kind o' things. The team then hid tae collate and record a' this, and then tae sort it intae some kind o' order afore huddin' a Prioritisation Event far the local fowk, internal and external partners came thagither and discussed the main concerns in each category that resulted in this, the Insch Community Action Plan.

Noo the next stage is tae tak it fae Plannin' for Real tae makin' it real. So it's o'er tae the guid fowk o' Insch tae tak forward and mak Insch the place they wint it tae be.



**The Friends of Insch Hospital** and Community were delighted to be awarded a grant from Aberdeenshire Council's Garioch Area Committee to top up gravel on the paths in the community garden at Insch Hospital. Local volunteers willingly provided the manpower to undertake this large project. Along with some new bark, the garden's appearance has been greatly improved.

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