

# ON-SITE

SPRINGFIELD NEWSLETTER ISSUE 5 DEC 2007

## Let 'On-Site' Know...

THIS, our fifth edition of Springfield Properties' monthly 'On Site' round up of company news, people and developments highlights our Bonfire Night success and the company's planned move to Southfield.

As usual there's news about colleagues, details about our construction projects, new sites, charitable success and topical issues that will mean something to you as part of our growing company.

And remember, if you hear of something you think could be of interest to the newsletter, departments or divisions we want to hear from you!

Contact 'On-Site' by calling our marketing manager Jane Innes at the Head Office or drop her a line at Pentland House.

## Southfield Move

PLANS for our Head Office move to new premises at Southfield are progressing well.

Managing director John Main says the new office has passed through Building Warrant and construction is due to start in January.

"I'm confident the new building will be ready by next summer," he says.

The existing 37 Head Office staff expect to up sticks and move to our purpose-built new home in the middle of next year with sales, purchasing, drawing office, administration and accounts enjoying a modern work environment.

The only unknown for now is what the new Head Office will be called – chairman Sandy Adam has yet to decide.

## Poetry Please

SPRINGFIELD recently sponsored the Moray's Magic Poetry Competition that attracted more than 20 local primary schools whose rhyming pupils contributed over 500 poems. A booklet with the winning and commended poems is available at Elgin Library.



Anne and Sandra pounding up Fifth Avenue past New York's Central Park at mile 23 as they head towards the finish at 26.2 miles.

**MONTHS of preparation and training paid off for Springfield's New York Marathon duo last month when director Anne Adam and purchasing manager Sandra O'May completed their 26.2 mile assault on the world's most famous athletic fund-raiser.**

The pair completed the slog in 5 hours 18 minutes and 9 seconds and as of today have raised more than £8000 for Breast Cancer Care.

But with the charity open until the end of January there's plenty of opportunity to boost that figure even further – so if you have still to contribute there's time in hand!

Contact Sandra on 01343 552550 and she'll gladly tell you how.

"It was a fantastic experience," said Sandra. "We both felt OK at the end – we were so high on emotion that it took us a week to come back down.

"The crowds encouraged us all the way shouting out the names on our shirts and keeping us going. Weather conditions were perfect with the air temperature around 56 degrees.

"The atmosphere was electric and we'd both encourage anyone thinking about tackling the New York Marathon to have a go."

Anne and Sandra said the support from staff, friends, family and Springfield suppliers has been "incredible" – and the money is still coming in.

More than 100,000 people applied to run in the Marathon on November 4 but less than 40,000 were accepted because of the pressure on organisers.

Capturing the girls on camera at Mile 23 were Anne's husband Sandy and kilted son Scott who joined them for a short distance on their way to the finish line.



Don't look behind you! The nervous expression says it all as Gordon Geddes prepares to abseil for charity off Dunrobin Castle.  
Photo: Shereen MacLennan

## Gordon's Ropework Pays Off!

THE organisers of the CLIC Sargent children's cancer charity have thanked Springfield sub-contractor Gordon Geddes and the many staff who supported his charity abseil at Dunrobin Castle in September.

The intrepid subbie and his Springfield supporters helped CLIC raise an incredible £29,000 with Gordon's effort contributing to a final total that is the charity's best ever abseil result

CLIC fund-raising officer for Northern Scotland, Peter Logie, said: "We had more than 100 helping us with the

abseil on September 22. The support was fantastic and CLIC is very grateful to Gordon and everyone at Springfield who supported him."

The money raised will help support families in the North whose children are undergoing treatment for cancer.

Initially the charity expected to raise around £20,000 – but money has continued to roll in thanks to a high level of support and is now nudging the £30,000 mark.

# Linkwood Sales Success

SALES manager Joyce Napier has every reason to feel pleased – three years after first going on the market Elgin Southside's Linkwood development is still going strong.

As our large housing area nears completion Phase 6 is maintaining the same level of sales success as its earlier phases.

"We released the 26 homes of Phase 6 recently and on the first day we sold eight two-bedroomed apartments at £110,000 each," says Joyce. "That's an excellent result especially as it means 15 homes in Phase 6 have now been sold."

# Firework Fun For All

**MORE than 300** turned out to enjoy our firework spectacular at Dunkinty House on November 2.

It was a colourful night to remember with plenty of fun and food to take everyone's minds off the chill evening.

The event was a great success with a fabulous firework display delighting all ages while a hog roast was snaffled in no time the children enjoyed glo necklaces and tucked in to sweets and soft drinks.

# Christmas Wish

OUR Moray Hydrotherapy Pool fundraisers are hoping they will be able to 'splash out' at Christmas with good news about planning approval for their Forbes-based project.

As they wait for the long-awaited planning permission that will finally signal a start on the project at Forbes Academy we are ready to begin work on our side of the charity – providing the building as Springfield's donation for this wonderful dream.

With £223,000 "in the bank" to run the facility once it is built the chairwoman of Moray Hydrotherapy Trust, May Taylor, says a pre-Christmas planning go-ahead would make a superb Festive Season gift.

# Bye Bye Dave

BEST wishes to Dave Stewart who has secured a post caring for vulnerable adults in the community after many years of hard study to achieve an MA in Social Work. Dave (50) leaves Springfield this month.

# SPRINGFIELD'S **ON-SITE** SPRINGFIELD NEWSLETTER ISSUE 5 DEC 2007 **COMPETITION...**



COME on then – let's be having an "electrifying" caption to run with this shocking photograph of an unfortunate power company technician having to connect up one of our sites to the National Grid while the heavens open and surround his high-voltage office with water. The best caption will win you a Marks & Spencer voucher valued at £50.

Entries to Jane at Head Office –complete with your name and contact number.

## And the Winner is....!

**Marathon Man...** LAST month's competition to guess how long it would take our New York Marathon pair Sandra O'May and Anne Adam to complete the 26.2 mile course brought a rash of suggestions. The closest was Kenny Shand who came within a nat's whisker of the actual time of 5 hours 18 minutes and 9 seconds with his commendable 5 hours and 12 minutes. His near miss brings Kenny a pleasant pre-Christmas £50 M&S voucher.



# Much Easier On Line

The screenshot shows the Springfield website interface. At the top, it says 'Springfield' with a house icon and 'Your home... Your choice...'. Below this are several featured properties with images and brief descriptions. On the left, there are sections for 'New release!' featuring 'The Paddock Alness' and 'Quick move' featuring '2 bedroom terraced at Craggins Court, Craiglithon'. On the right, there is a map of Scotland with a red dot indicating a location. The bottom of the page has 'VIEW DEVELOPMENT' buttons for the featured properties.

THE popular Springfield Web Site has been expanded and updated to make it even easier for users to access the information they need about the company, our sites, homes, staff and vacancies.

Easy to navigate the new-look site has many more features and carries a lot more information than the old one.

It means anyone looking for information on Springfield's operations has a full raft of useful facts at their fingertips from house availability to who's who in the company, the location of sites, our development plans and job opportunities. Check it out for yourself. **Log on to [www.springfield.co.uk](http://www.springfield.co.uk)**

# A Study In Commitment



Architectural technician Bruce Thomson has started a degree at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen.

**A BRILLIANT start to his professional career is continuing for architectural technician Bruce Thomson who finished his academic training at Inverness College in November with a top prize before starting a degree course at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen.**

Bruce is one of our six-strong Drawing Office team all of whom are products of Buckie High School's technical department.

The Portgordon loon joined us as an architectural apprentice nearly three years ago and ended his time at Inverness College by winning the British Institute of Architectural Technicians' Cup for Drafting Techniques.

Bruce, described as his line manager Neil Grant as "dedicated and committed to the company – and a good golfer", approached managing director John Main and asked if it would be possible to extend his professional training. John readily agreed.

Now Bruce travels to Aberdeen every Monday and Tuesday morning studying for a demanding degree in Construction and Design Management which will take him another four of five years to complete.

# Paddock Gallop!

WITHIN days of our 35-home Alness development going on release on October 27 customers had snapped up six properties.

The company is delighted with sales progress on our first foray in the Highlands and it looks as if The Paddock will soon be sold out.

Part of the appeal of this attractive Springfield location is that it stands in a rural area of Alness yet is only minutes from the town centre.

Sales manager Joyce Napier is delighted with progress.

"To sell six so quickly is great and there is still a high level of interest," she said.