

ON-SITE

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Keep Up With 'On-Site'

OUR fourth edition of Springfield Properties' monthly 'On Site' round up of company news, people and developments highlights Pinefield progress and staff who are moving up the education ladder.

There's news about colleagues, more about our latest construction projects, new sites, safety matters and topical issues that will mean something to you as part of this growing Moray-based 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 Jane Innes at the Head Office.

Pamper Perfect!

LET'S hear it for the ladies – a Virgin Vie 'pamper night' in aid of Breast Cancer Care on October 11 raised an incredible £1200.

Lots of staff turned out at the Old Station in Elgin to make this event the great success it was.

It attracted a large and free-spending attendance and boosts the fundraising for Breast Cancer Care by director Anne Adam and purchasing manager Sandra O'May in advance of their charity run in the New York Marathon on November 4.

Anne and Sandra are delighted with the generosity of all staff who, made donations, attended and helped – they've asked us to say to all of you 'a big thank you'.

Glassgreen

WORK is under way at Glassgreen Gardens – previously known in Moray Council planner circles as R14. We will be building 70 homes on this site which will pick up construction speed as the close by Linkwood development sells out.

BROADENING OUR HORIZONS!

WE are branching out and heading up with a new Springfield Specialist Division that will concentrate on developing fresh business opportunities for the company.

Grant Edmonstone will head the division and coordinate with all of Springfield's divisions and departments to maximise our wide range of skills. This will broaden our client base who will have access to the considerable expertise within Springfield and bring us into new areas of business opportunity.

Because of our wide expertise we have identified areas where the Specialist Division will create new business.

Based at Pentland House, it will focus on residential work but also tackle specialist commercial applications.

On the private homes front it will service the growing individual design and build market and offer a 'one point of contact' service for clients looking for a bespoke property. They will come to us with their ideas and a budget and be able to tap



Grant Edmonstone who will head up Springfield's new Specialist Division.

into our expertise to help create their dream home.

The service was launched on the back of positive feedback from earlier bespoke private home projects and aims to take all the stress away from clients building their unique property.



Springfield Specialist Division's new logo.

Sky High Party Plans Taking Shape

REMEMBER, remember the **SECOND** of **November!**

Not quite the traditional date for firework fun, but on November 2 the skies over Elgin South will be all lit up as the Springfield Firework Spectacular takes off.

Dunkinty House grounds is the venue for this night to remember and everyone from the workforce and their families are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

But remember too that if you plan to attend we need your RSVP form. If you have still to return it get it off to your site manager or Shona in the office as soon as possible.

It'll be worth it!



Springfield will be lighting up the night sky over Dunkinty House on November 2 - so be sure you let us know you plan to attend our spectacular Firework Display.

In addition to a superb firework display there will be music, hog and beef roasts, burgers and fun for all ages.

Our planning consultant and resident firework expert, Joe Geoghegan, says the display will be one to remember

and is a "must attend" for everyone.

Joe should know, he's been involved in his community firework display for years and recognises a good pyrotechnic show when he sees it.

Be like Joe, make a date – don't miss it!

It's 'GO' for Moravia

SPRINGFIELD'S planning application for a 60-unit flatted development at Pinefield in Elgin has been successful.

Moray Council passed the plans last month and we are on schedule to be on site early next year.

The project now has a name – Moravia. Not just an ancient description for Moray but also the name of a particularly sweet German lager from Saxony!

The development will be for a mix of private and rental homes – mainly two-bedroomed units but with some single bed flats.

The majority of the private apartments will have a balcony feature and some will also have en-suite facilities.

Demand for this development in home-hungry Elgin is expected to be brisk.

Hydrotherapy Splash

CASH continues to roll in for the Moray Hydrotherapy Pool project at Forres.

Chairwoman May Taylor is delighted with the current £223,000 total which means they have covered all costs to provide the pool at Forres – but stresses that funds are still needed to meet projected running costs.

"People are really generous," she said, "but we need to continue raising money."

The next fund-raiser takes place on November 25 at the Houldsworth Institute Hall in Dallas where a Hydrotherapy Christmas Craft Fair is planned.

If you'd like to make a donation contact May on 01309 675337.

Alness Released

A healthy waiting list bodes well for the release of The Paddock at Alness on 27th October. 'On Site' will update you on how things are going next month.

Posting Progress

THE view is changing at the west end of Forres where our 10-flat development is making rapid progress next door to the Royal Mail Sorting Centre. Our construction team has made blistering progress at the site and the buildings will soon be approaching completion.

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COMPETITION...



Sandra O'May and Anne Adam are heading for the New York Marathon – how quickly will the fastest of the twosome run the event?

THERE'S a change to the look of this month's competition.

On November 4 Springfield's charity athletes Anne Adam and Sandra O'May will run the New York Marathon in aid of Breast Cancer Care.

Director Anne and purchasing manager Sandra are determined to complete the gruelling 26-mile route.

So, for this month's 'On-Site' competition guess the time the fastest of our intrepid pair will take to finish.

The nearest guess to their best time will win a £50 Marks & Spencer voucher.

Entries to Jane at Head Office no later than November 2 – and remember to include your name and contact number.

And the Winner is....!

THE Issue 3 Caption Competition for this picture of a giant winged invader (right) was won by architectural technician Chris Bremner with this fine effort: "Aw naw! Nae anither Buckie Gow workin' for Springfield!". We couldn't possibly give Chris "the bird" for this entry as he is one of our large Buckie flock – so we've sent him a £50 M&S voucher instead. Congratulations!



Our Young Golfers Do Well



The Springfield sponsored Strathlene Junior Golf Team who were pipped to the title in the North East Felicity Trophy at Dufftown on October 14.

Despite going down 6-2 to Oldmeldrum in the final their convener, third year quantity surveying apprentice Alexander Mackie, says it was a "great effort". The section's six-player North East Pennant League team had a better result by winning the competition 3-3 on countback.

Dreams DO Come True!



Dave Stewart – achieved his dream.

CONGRATULATIONS to former Springfield brickie Dave Stewart from Elgin for proving that dreams can come true if you are committed enough.

Fifty-year-old Dave has graduated with an MA in Social Work from Robert Gordon University five years after making up his mind that he needed a change of career.

"I'd enjoyed my life as a tradesman but I needed a change." He told 'On Site'. "I had no qualifications from school and decided to drop in on Moray College and see what they had to offer."

The advice they gave him opened a new chapter for Dave.

College staff laid out options and he decided to attempt a course which would lead to qualifications as a support worker. He took to study like a duck to water. A year on he had an HNC in Social Care under his belt and was told it could get him into university.

"I was gobsmacked," he said. "Me at university? No chance I thought. But I made it and like my time at Moray College I enjoyed the learning experience."

To help his finances Dave continued to work with Springfield at weekends and part time with the Scottish Association of Mental Health – links which helped ensure he could finish the tough course.

Now he's back at Springfield as part of our maintenance staff while he waits for a post in social work.

Dave's achieved his dream and his wife Della, sparky son John (19) and daughter Georgia (15) are delighted.

"If there's anyone out there who is thinking about further education I'd say, go for it." He says.

"You don't know what you can achieve until you try. It changed my life."


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