

# WHAT'S ON

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## THEATRE

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**Oklahoma**  
Presented by Robert Gordon's College. Arts Centre, King Street, Aberdeen, 7.30pm from tonight until Thursday.

**Breakneck Comedy Club Snafu Launch**  
Featuring Stu and Garry, Ben Verth, Tommy Mckay, Rick Carranza and Ray Bradshaw. Snafu, 1 Union Street, Aberdeen, doors open 8pm tonight.

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**GIG:** Catch singer Paul O'Brien at Aberdeen Folk Club tomorrow.

**Rhod Gilbert And The Cat That Looked Like Nicholas Lyndhurst**  
The Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen, 8pm Thursday.

**Fundraising Comedy Night**  
Organised by Huntly FC Supporters Club, Huntly FC Social Club, featuring Mark Nelson, former Scottish Comedian of the year, 7.30pm Friday.

**Breakneck Friday Night Comedy Special**  
The Blue Lamp, Gallowgate,

## Squeezing out some of their greatest hits

### REVIEW

**Alison Stenhouse**  
saw Squeeze at The Music Hall, Aberdeen.

**SQUEEZE** took delight in reminding us what a lot of great songs they're responsible for in a storming gig of non-stop favourites. The prolific song-writing duo and band frontmen Glenn Tilbrook and Chris Difford got a heroes' welcome when they appeared in front of their adoring fans. Though they continue to write new work, they realise what most of their audience-of-a-certain-age are paying to hear – and deliver it in spades. From the opening bars of *Black Coffee in Bed*, through *Is That Love?*, past the wonderful creations of *Up The Junction* and *Goodbye Girl*, to brilliant funk-ed-up versions of *Hourglass* and *Tempted*, Tilbrook demonstrated as good a voice as ever, and all five showed what top-class musicians and entertainers they are. After a set of around 20 songs, there was still more to come, with their high-energy encore finishing with the uplifting *Pulling Mussels (From The Shell)*. The tour might be seen as a play to cash in on their most recent release of old hits. But the smiling, satisfied fans who left a packed hall obviously couldn't care less. The audience got an extra helping of classic pop from *The Lightning Seeds* in support – with the charming Ian Broudie and co serving up winners like *Lucky You* and *Pure*, which set the standard for a brilliant night.

**COOL:** Squeeze were on top form at The Music Hall. PICTURE BY ANDY THORN



Aberdeen, featuring Des Clarke, The Wee Man, Gus Lymburn, Asim Ali and Gareth Waugh. The Blue Lamp, Gallowgate, Aberdeen, doors open 8pm Friday.

**Breakneck Comedy Night**  
Featuring Chris Henry, Scott Forbes, David Wandless, Chris Conroy, Andy Todd and Alan Innes. The Blue Lamp, Gallowgate, Aberdeen, 8pm Sunday.

**Al Murray**  
The Pub Landlord – A Barrel of Fun. The Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen, 8pm Sunday.

## MUSIC

**Karen Matheson**  
The Music Hall, Union Street. Aberdeen, 7.30pm tonight.

**Gospel Male Voice Choir**  
Guild Week celebration, Torry St Fittick's Church, Walker Road, Aberdeen, donations welcome, 7.30pm tonight.

**Aberdeen Singing Chorus**  
Present Pop Go The Classics, The Music Hall, Aberdeen, 7.30pm tomorrow.

**Cash for Kids Charity Night**  
The Tunnels, Carnegies Brae,

Aberdeen, 7.30pm tomorrow.

**Verse Metrics**  
Cafe Drummonds, Belmont Street, 8pm tomorrow.

**Paul O'Brien**  
Canadian singer-songwriter. Aberdeen Folk Club, The Blue Lamp, Gallowgate, Aberdeen, 8.30pm tomorrow.

**Biffy Clyro**  
Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre, Bridge of Don, 6.30pm Thursday.

**Jazz Scotland**  
Presents Swedish guitarist, Samuel Hällkvist. The

Blue Lamp, Gallowgate, Aberdeen, 8pm Thursday.

**Granite City Northern Soul Club**  
Belmont Sports and Social Club, 218 Hardgate, Aberdeen, 8pm to late Saturday.

**Big Acoustic Night Out**  
Folk, country and blues. The Blue Lamp, Gallowgate, Aberdeen, 9pm Saturday.

**Christmas Concert**  
Featuring the Granite City Chorus Woodside Parish Church, Church Street, Aberdeen, 7pm Sunday.

## EVENTS

**Talk**  
Teapots from the city's collection, with curator Kate Gillespie. Art Gallery, Schoolhill, Aberdeen, 12.30pm tomorrow.

**Cultural Talks**  
Holburn West Church, Aberdeen, talk on St Augustine His Life and Significance, 2pm tomorrow.

**Skene Guild Awareness Week Coffee Evening**  
Trinity Church, Westhill, 7pm to 9pm tomorrow.

**Meldrum Toddlers Shopping Evening**  
Oldmeldrum Royal British Legion, 7pm to 9.30pm Thursday.



**CRITTERS:** See the new arrivals at Doonies Farm.

**Christmas Fair**  
Bucksburn Primary School, Bucksburn, 7pm to 9pm Thursday.

**Coffee Morning**  
The Breadmaker, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen. PINK, a coffee morning for women who have been affected by female-related cancers, 10.30am to noon, Friday.

**Christmas Fair**  
Danestone Congregational Church, Bridge of Don, 10am to noon Saturday.

**International Street Market**  
A taste of the continent featuring around 70 stalls. Union Terrace, Aberdeen, open daily 9am to 6pm Friday to Sunday.

**Doonies Farm**  
Coast Road, Nigg, see the latest additions, 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday.

**His Majesty's Tours**  
One-hour tours which lift the curtain on the workings of the theatre, booking essential 10.30am and 11.45am Saturday.

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Scottish rock band from Ayrshire led by Simon Neil known for using complex and interwoven guitar riffs and melodies and whose fourth album Puzzle went gold. A.E.C.C. Bridge of Don, doors open 6.30pm Thursday.



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## OAPs' cash helps pay for therapy

A NORTH-EAST couple have raised £14,000 to help buy a pioneering therapy machine for Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Thanks to the tireless efforts of OAPs Donnie and Marion Macdonald, of Hamewith Court, Alford, the £40,000 machine, which uses pressure and sound to encourage tissue regeneration, can now be bought.

## Paper mill homes bid on display

PLANS for 500 homes in an Aberdeen suburb will go on show this week. The Dandara proposal for an 86-acre site at Stoneywood will be featured at a public consultation at Stoneywood House from 10am until 8pm on Thursday. The plans are for the former Stoneywood Paper Mill site.

## 'Refs are backed into a corner'

## A donation not to be sniffed at

A FARMER is mucking in to help a school Christmas fair. Udney School is to hold the festive event on Friday. And David Smith, of Tillymaud Farm, Udney, is helping raise funds by donating bags of manure as a raffle prize. Parent council chairwoman Jeannie Price said: "It will go down well with gardeners."

# Mum's handbag stolen as she held her baby

## Thief also ran off with nappies

POLICE were today hunting a thief who stole two bags from a mum's car – including one filled with nappies. Nichola McGilvray, 39, was about to take baby Harry to her car when she spotted a man running away clutching her handbag. He had stolen the tan bag and another carrier from the car, parked outside her

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Aberdeen home, as the mum went inside to fetch her five-month-old tot. The HR manager today said: "I had put the buggy in the boot and my handbag and changing bag in the passenger footwell when I went back to get Harry. "I fixed his blanket and picked up his car seat but when I got to the front door I saw this guy running away with my handbag.

partner William Slessor and their other son Finlay, aged five, said police arrived within minutes. "They were brilliant actually – two cars arrived really quickly and there was a dog handler outside the house within about 20 minutes," she said. "I gave the best description I could but he was running away and it all happened really quickly," Nichola added. The thief was between 5ft 10in and 6ft and was wearing a black top with the hood up. The mum added: "It just makes you sick that someone can come and take something of yours away when you have your back turned for 30 seconds."

By Gavin Roberts crime reporter



**SHOCKED:** Nichola McGilvray with baby Harry and son Finlay Slessor.

**ANOTHER YEAR (12A)**  
Ruth Sheen, Jim Broadbent, Lesley Manville. Director Mike Leigh's tale of a kindly, well-adjusted couple coping with their dysfunctional friends is a beautifully observed portrait of modern life. At Cineworld Union Square/The Belmont. ★★★★★

**BURKE & HARE (15)**  
Simon Pegg, Andy Serkis. The murderous pair help the infirm meet their maker a tad earlier than expected in their play to sell bodies for medical science. At Cineworld Union Square/Vue. ★★

## AT A GLANCE GUIDE TO THE MOVIES ...

**DESPICABLE ME (U)**  
Steve Carell, Julie Andrews (voices). An underworld kingpin uses an orphan trio as part of his masterplan. At both Cineworlds/Vue. ★★★★★

**DUE DATE (15)**  
Robert Downey jun, Juliette Lewis, Jamie Foxx. A classic road-trip buddy-movie in which Peter Highman (Downey) has to get home in time for the birth of his child. At both Cineworlds/Vue. ★★★★★

**HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 1 (12A)**  
Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, pictured, Ralph Fiennes, Tom Felton. The final chapter of JK Rowling's best-selling fantasy saga follows Harry (Radcliffe), Ron (Grint) and Hermione (Watson) as they face the renewed threat from

Voldemort (Fiennes) and the Death Eaters. At both Cineworlds/Vue/The Belmont. ★★★★★

**JACKASS 3D (18)**  
Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Steve-O, Chris Pontius, Ryan Dunn, Wee Man. The daredevil pals attempt another bewildering array of more daft pratfalls. At both Cineworlds. ★★★★★

**LET ME IN (15)**  
Kodi Smit-McPhee, Chloe Moretz. A bullied 12-year-old boy makes friends with a young vampire in this chilling remake of Let The Right One In. At Cineworld Union Square. ★★★★★

**MY AFTERNOONS WITH MARGUERITE (15)**  
Gerard Depardieu, Gisele Casadesu. Touching depiction of an illiterate adult and

an elderly lady from a retirement home. At The Belmont. ★★★★★

**PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 2 (15)**  
Katie Featherston. A family fits CCTV after experiencing break-ins and find something sinister. At Cineworld Union Square IVue. ★★★★★

**RED (12A)**  
Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren. A band of retired secret agents go on the run from a mysterious death squad. At Cineworld Beach/Vue. ★★★★★

**SAW 3-D (18)**  
Tobin Bell. Devious serial killer Jigsaw's legacy lives on. At Cineworld Union Square. ★★★★★

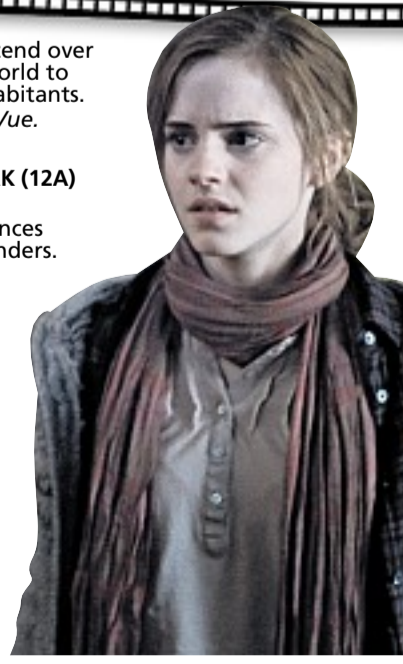
**SKYLINE (12A)**  
Eric Balfour, Donald Faison.

Alien spacecraft descend over major cities of the world to pulverise Earth's inhabitants. At both Cineworlds/Vue. ★★★★★

**THE SOCIAL NETWORK (12A)**  
Jesse Eisenberg. Charting the experiences of the Facebook founders. At Cineworld Union Square. ★★★★★

**WE ARE WHAT WE ARE (15)**  
Adrian Aguirre. When the patriarch of the family passes away, the teenage children must take responsibility – even more daunting when you happen to be cannibals. At The Belmont. ★★★★★

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## Bid to put jail railway on record

ARCHAEOLOGISTS are hoping to create a photographic record of a former North-east prison railway yard. They fear all evidence of the convict railway system will disappear as parts of Peterhead prison are demolished. The railway connected a quarry to the site of the south breakwater pier.

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