

# The Auld Toon News

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## Old Aberdeen Post Office Closes Despite Vigorous Campaign

The arguments for keeping the Post Office in Old Aberdeen were many: it is a unique site with unique circumstances, sitting within the City's prime Conservation Area in the heart of the old town; it is beside one of the UK's oldest universities serving both international and local community; it had been trading since the early 1800s.

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## Unlikely Alliance gains strength

In our May Issue we reported on the meeting at St Machar School organised by the Council as part of their public consultation over the siting of the Third Don bridge. Since then there has been the report to the Environment and Infrastructure committee which failed to mention the overwhelming feeling of that meeting to focus planning and resources on the Haudagain roundabout.

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## Things Hot Up as University Proposes New Heating Plant

Readers of the Evening Express will be aware that the University have submitted plans for a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant to be situated on the north west corner of the Bedford Road yard between Meston Walk and Hermitage Avenue. The initial controversy centred round the height of the chimney.

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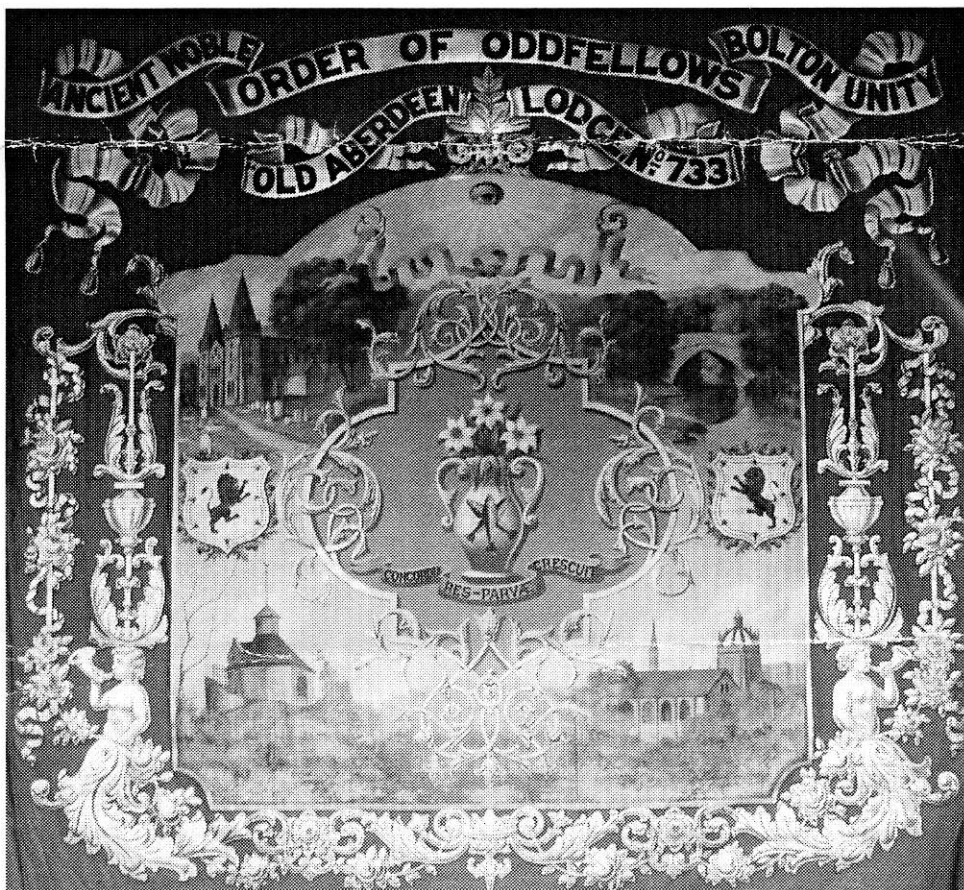
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## Moving Times

[x] On the 6th November 1787 the Masonic Lodge of Old Aberdeen decided to contribute £25 towards the building of a new Town House in the City of Old Aberdeen. They were able to meet there both rent and rate free in perpetuity. However, in 2001 the now Old Town House was leased for 150 years to Aberdeen University. On the 7th August the masons moved out of the Town

House and across to Dunbar Street into their new Lodge, a former stables building dating from around 1700. With the support of the Old Aberdeen Community Council, the University has now secured a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to renovate the building; it will host the student reception and offer other community facilities; the Town House will be the ideal place for the monthly community council meetings.



## A Banner that shows Old Aberdeen

When the masons started to clear out their old lodge, they found a massive banner left there by the now dissolved lodge of the Old Fellows. The front of the banner

shows the Odd Fellows' emblems, the back shows the landmarks of Old Aberdeen (clockwise from top left): St. Machar Cathedral, the Brig o'Balgownie, King's College and the medieval tower. The banner will be displayed at the Maritime Museum.

