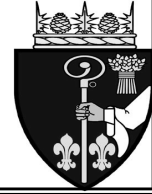




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Good News for Larghan Park

As reported in the January edition of the Bulletin CART has been working with Perth & Kinross Council Parks Development team and The Friends of Larghan Park on funding bids to implement the Larghan Park Regeneration Plan.

Shortly after Christmas we received great news – The Gannochy Trust has awarded a grant of £40,000 towards the capital costs of the project. This is a big step in closing the funding gap between PKC's project budget and overall costs. Further funding bids are in the pipeline.

The Gannochy Trust was founded in 1937 and supports a wide range of causes, including arts, social welfare, education and environment, but particularly projects related to sport and young people. Gannochy welcomes applications from all over Scotland but

shows a preference for charities in Perthshire. The Trust's money derives from the personal fortune of Arthur Bell of Bell's Whisky, who lived in Perth.

Thank you, The Gannochy Trust, for this generous donation towards making Coupar Angus a nicer place!

Dates for you diary in February

Friday 1st - Heritage Association meeting, 7.30pm, ToCH Hall, Trades Lane, Non-members welcome (£2), teas & coffees provided. Talk by David Eaton, "Marking the Dead" - Gravestones, their symbols & epitaphs.

Community Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Town Hall from 7pm every 2nd Monday of the month.

A Free Fun Day for all the Family

COUPAR ANGUS

HORSE FAIR

In the town centre 11am to 3pm approx

SATURDAY 15 MARCH

PARADE: 11.45AM

Coupar Angus Pipe Band: Clydesdale Horses:
Vintage Vehicles

CO-OP to TOWN HALL: To take part
ring 01828 628569

MARKET CRAFT FAIR

Strathmore & the Glens Market, High Street.
Local craft workers fair, Town Hall.

Local produce, art & crafts: 10am to 4pm
approx: Stalls 01828 628001

HORSE DISPLAY

Breeds display: Horse Boot Sale, Harness &
Equipment display, On the Common

COMMUNITY GROUPS ENTERTAINMENTS

Abbey Church Hall, Union Street

FAMILY CEILIDH

Live Music: Caller: 7.30pm Town Hall: £5
under 12s free

Details subject to final confirmation



TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE

Retained/ Volunteer Fire fighters Angus and Perthshire Area Earn £5,000 - £7,000

This is an estimate figure and depends on each station
(figures based on average retained earnings for 2006/07)

We are particularly keen to receive applications from people in Montrose, Brechin, Kirriemuir, Auchterarder, Comrie, Dunkeld, Kinross, Blairgowrie, Alyth, Kinloch Rannoch, Kirkmichael and Glenshee

Retained/ Volunteer Fire fighters are men and women who live and/ or work in their local community and are paid to attend training nights, community fire safety events, maintenance periods as well as their attendance at emergency incidents. Initial training and continued development opportunities will be provided.

Tayside Fire and Rescue can receive calls to assist the public at any time of the day or night, 24 hours a day 365 days a year and relies on the availability of it's retained and volunteer fire fighters in certain areas to respond to these calls.

We are looking for women and men who:

- Live or work within a few minutes drive of their County Town Fire Station
- Are age 18 or over
- Have the ability to complete the practical tests and interviews
- Are interested in helping their community

For more information contact Community Safety Headquarters, Tayside Fire and Rescue, Macalpine Road, Dundee, DD3 8SA. Tel: 01382 825295
or visit www.taysidefire.gov.uk

For an application please write to the Chief Fire Officer, Tayside Fire and Rescue, Headquarters, Blackness Road, Dundee, DD1 5PA or email enquiries@taysidefire.gov.uk

Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 29th February 2008

Neighbourhood Watch Help Police Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour

The second revised public meeting of East Perthshire Neighbourhood Watch Association (EPNWA) took place in Coupar Angus Town Hall on Tuesday 15th January, and was again well attended.

Representatives from the neighbourhood watch association, along with Police Inspector Paddy Buckley-Jones and Community Policeman Steve Brown, answered many concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in the area, in particular Coupar Angus. Inspector Buckley-Jones advised of increased policing activity ongoing in Coupar Angus and stated it is also important that parents take responsibility for their children & teenagers, some of whom are involved in much of the anti-social behaviour in the town.

A lengthy discussion took place and it was stressed that communication with the police is very important to assist in solving this current situation. The best contact telephone number is 01738 621141 while 999 should still be used in emergencies - please do not hesitate to

report anti-social behaviour or any crime in your area. Don't suffer in silence.

Attendees at the meeting were able to collect the new neighbourhood watch newsletter produced in conjunction with the young people from the Strathmore Centre for Youth Dialogue (SCYD) in Blairgowrie.

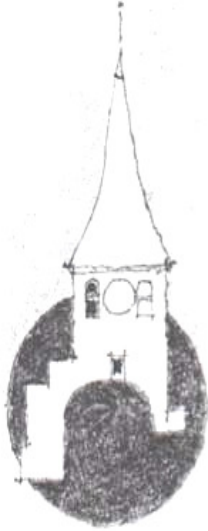
At every meeting leaflets, brochures, signs and general crime prevention material is available to collect. EPNWA encompasses 42 active watches (streets or areas which have NHW members) and there are many benefits of joining or starting up a scheme in your area, including a discount in your house insurance.

Don't sit back and accept problems in your area - contact your community policeman today and ask about neighbourhood watch. Together we can solve crime and anti-social behaviour in your area. The next public meeting will be in Alyth in April, look out for details in the press.



Just a reminder! The deadline for items to be included in each month's Coupar Angus Bulletin is the third Friday of each month, this allows time for the bulletin to be printed and distributed by the first of the following month.

The Bulletin reaches around 1,000 people in the area so is a great way of advertising a new business or getting interest in a project or community group. Any information, which is of interest to the local community can be emailed to CARtrust@btconnect.com or dropped into the office.



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The Heritage Project

The Heritage Project runs on a Thursday night (term time only) from 7-9pm, in the YWCA Hall and is open to boys and girls P7 upwards. The project is progressing well and is regularly attended by 16-18 young people each week.

The young people have undertaken research and field trips with the help of Joe Richards from the Heritage Association who has become some what of a celebrity himself in the minds of the young people involved in the project.

The pace of the project is really starting to pick up now with the help of qualified tutors covering; intensive drama rehearsals, set and prop workshops and stage make-up workshops, in preparation for the final performances which are provisionally set to take place on the 22 and 23 May 2008.

The project is and has been a very exciting time for all involved and the young people are looking forward to delivering a star performance on the history and heritage of Coupar Angus to their families, friends and the wider community.

For more information contact Gail at the YWCA on 01828 628909.

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Joe has done a fantastic job of keeping the young people's interest particularly with his fantastic storytelling abilities, his fun and enthusiasm; on one occasion scaring the life out of them on our visit to the graveyard to learn about the history of grave robbing.

Volunteers sought to get their hands dirty!

With the worst (hopefully) of winter behind us, Pride of Place's current focus is on this year's summer floral display. It is hoped that this year's display will have a greater visual impact and the order for the 1000 plants has already been placed. With this amount of plants to bring on and plant up the group is looking for volunteers to assist

planting. No attendance of meetings is required just those willing to get their hands dirty in early April and May.

Anyone interested is asked to leave their name and contact number with secretary Marion on 670317 who will advise of the planting schedule nearer the time.

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