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Look forward to an exciting March in Coupar Angus

Next month is going to be a very exciting one for the residents of Coupar Angus, Ardler and Bendochy with George Square and surrounding streets being transformed into a lively community fair on Saturday 18th March, themed around the Horse Fair/Market of yesteryear.

As well as being able to enjoy a day of markets, community activities and a parade, the fair launches the opportunity for residents to have their say on the future of Coupar Angus. In the days following the fair, residents will see a household questionnaire through their letterboxes which has been compiled, and will be distributed, by the community. This will be used to document the views of the community as a whole and be the starting point for the community to lead Coupar Angus into the 21st Century.

**COUPAR ANGUS
COMMUNITY
QUESTIONNAIRE**



The Tobooth built by public support and funding in 1762!

Do something to make Coupar Angus a better place to live.
PLEASE FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Don't complain, just complete the Questionnaire!!!!

So who are the mystery bakers?

You may remember that January's edition of the bulletin included a picture of three bakers preparing the traditional Gingerbread Horses and we asked if anyone knew the names of the men in the picture. Many thanks to Florence Smeaton who contacted us just as the bulletin was hot of the

press to let us know the men were; Bunt Smeaton, Tommy Davies and Hutton Robertson; bakers of Dunbars, Athole Street, Coupar Angus.

Remember you have plenty of time to create your own Gingerbread Horse for the competition on the 18th March at the Horse fair.

Dates for you diary		
Wed 1st Feb	Community Questionnaire/Horse fair meeting YWCA	7pm
Fri 3rd Feb	Coupar Angus Heritage Association talk on Tennis and Cricket	7.30pm
Mon 13th Feb	Community Council Meeting at Town Hall	7.30pm

LiveinCouparAngus? Made your New Years resolution to get fit, keep active and have fun.

The YWCA in partnership with Stride for Life, are launching a series of walks for everyone; young and old, all abilities, tastes and genders. These will take place no matter what the weather; through hail, rain or shine, so come prepared to the YWCA Hall, Union Street Coupar Angus at 1pm on a Tuesday, starting on the 7th February, 2006.

These walks will vary in length, nothing too strenuous, honestly! And they will be finished by between 2.30—3pm with fruit

and drinks for everyone to relax and revive themselves afterwards.

Why not come along and meet new people, walk off those Christmas pounds and enjoy yourself while you are doing it!

For more information on the walks contact Ann or Shona on 01828 628909.



Or how about.....

Monday RELAX—CA Primary School Gym
1.30-2.45pm Gentle Keep Fit

Tuesday Motivation to Move Class Blairgowrie Recreation Centre 1pm-1.30pm

Wednesday Stride for Life Walking Group Blairgowrie Town Hall 9-11.30am

Thursday Motivation to Move Class, Blairgowrie Recreation Centre 12.45-1.30pm

Thursday RELAX Burrelton Village Hall
7.30-8.30pm

Friday RELAX CA Primary School Gym
10.00-11.00am

All activities suit all levels of fitness. Call Sophie on 01738 458907 for more information.

What have you changed in 2006?

Did you see are list of community groups in the last edition of the bulletin?

We would love to hear from anyone who has taken up a new hobby or challenge as a result of our community group directory.

A staggering 48 groups are listed in our directory which means there are lot of very enthusiastic community minded volunteers in Coupar Angus organising

activities for you.

We would like to thank all those who are involved in running local community groups and remind anyone that the directory of groups is still available from our office or can be emailed to anyone interested in receiving it.

New job advisers for people on Incapacity Benefit

New measures are being taken in Perthshire to help people with health problems and disabilities overcome problems that can prevent them getting back to work.

Specialist advisers are being introduced to Jobcentre Plus offices to help people who receive incapacity benefit to find lasting work that's suited to their needs.

"These new incapacity benefit personal advisers offer a personalized range of services tailored to people's individual circumstances," says Karen Donaldson, Business Manager, Blairgowrie Jobcentre Plus. "For example, they can help

with finding childcare, travel expenses for work and other financial help available to people. They can also advise on how people may be able to do paid work while receiving benefit."

Carole Ross is the adviser based in Blairgowrie Jobcentre Plus. Carole can also offer specialist advice and programmes, both through the range of services available through Jobcentre Plus and by working closely with local organizations.

Anyone who would like to find out more should call Carole on 01250 733203.

Thanks to the Coupar Angus Fire Brigade

The members of the Illuminator group would like to give their thanks to the members of the Coupar Angus Fire Brigade who took down the Christmas decorations recently.

Did you know? The twelfth night marks the end of the Christian festival and it is unlucky to take down Christmas decorations after the twelfth night.

Confusingly the twelfth night after Christmas actually means the twelfth day, the 6th January. Traditionally it was a day for plays and it is thought that Shakespeare's play, 'Twelfth Night' took its name from the fact that it was performed as part of the celebrations around 1601.

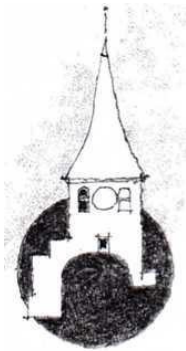
Charity Shop News

2006 sees the continuation of the successful Charity Shop, located at 2 Causewayend, Coupar Angus. (Formally Dan's Stand & Tan) The shop is a great way to support various local charities and pick up a bargain.

In February the Coupar Angus Junior Footballers will be occupying the shop from 13th February to 25th February,

followed by Burrelton Primary School at the start of March from 4th March to 11th March.

The groups involved hope you will be able to pop in and offer your support and if there are any community groups who would be interested in occupying the shop contact Alan at the Red House Hotel.



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Reminder to all Community Groups

If you haven't been able to make it to any of our community meetings at the YWCA you may not be aware that we have funds available to help pay for materials for any community group who would like to contribute to the horse Fair.

The funding should be used to unite the community and existing groups can use the funds to enrich the groups activities and give your members an opportunity to con-

tribute something to the Horse Fair.

Next month's edition of the Bulletin will include a programme of events for the Horse Fair so we can advertise your event for you.

Please contact Rachel or Rona at the CART office (by 23rd February) and let us know the time, venue and details of your event.

Bulletin Update

You may have noticed that the Bulletin is printed on yellow instead of green paper this month. Feedback has shown that this using alternative colours each month will help make people aware of the publication of a new issue.

Many thanks to Michael Gallagher who prints off the Bulletin each month and to John Easson who has assisted with the paper folding. It is only by this help and support from the Community that the Bulletin is able to be published.



Horse Fair



Gingerbread Horse Competition

OPEN
TO
ALL



£50 Prize

Bake and Decorate your own!

Saturday 18th March 2006,
Entries to Marquee, George Square, Coupar Angus
to be judged at 1pm on the day!

For further information call Rona on Tel: 628569