



Coupar Angus Bulletin

For the residents of Coupar Angus, Ardler and Bendochy

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Remember Remember the 3rd of November!!

This 3rd November sees the first free community bonfire and professional firework display in Coupar Angus.

The event staged by local company Blast Design, will be held in Larghan Park, Forfar Road and will commence with the bonfire, complete with guy made by Coupar Angus Primary School Eco Club, at 7pm with the firework display commencing at 7.15pm. Refreshments will be available and a collection, with a suggested £1 donation, in aid of funding the event will be taken.

The event, part funded through grateful donations from local businesses and part from last months community coffee morning, promises to be spectacular and the organisers are hoping for a large

attendance and a clear evening for all to enjoy the display. Grateful thanks are extended to the following businesses have generously supported this event; at the time of going to print the list includes;

Blast Design
East of Scotland Farmers
Grampian Country Foods
Red House Hotel
Scotmid
Athole Bakery
Cullross the printers
Coupar Angus Repair Centre
Ron Stephen Strathmore Studio
Davidson's the Chemist
Kowloon Chinese Carryout
Johnson Ventilation
Tom Kenyon-Slaney
Lamb & Gardner

Dates for your diary in November

- Friday 3rd** - Bonfire Night and Firework display Larghan Park from 7pm.
Friday 3rd - Heritage Association talk on Arthurstone by Ron Ross
Monday 6th - Community Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Town Hall @ 7.30pm.
Friday 10th - Family Ceilidh in the Town Hall organised by PoP from 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Thursday 16th Primary School In Service Days
& Friday 17th
Friday 24th - School Bingo Tea in the Town Hall @ 7.30pm.

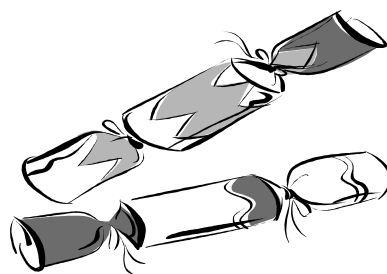
Senior's Christmas Lunch

As reported in last month's Bulletin names are now being taken for a seniors' Christmas Lunch, funded by the Adam Rennie Trust, at the Red House Hotel on the 3rd December.

If you are a previous guest of the ToCH and would like to attend the lunch or know of someone who would benefit from this social occasion, can you please register names with the CART office in order for numbers to be finalized.

We have had a good number of names already but it would be nice to see more people coming along, the CART office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 - 3pm.

If for any reason you have difficulty coming along to the office please telephone 01828 628569, you don't have to come along in person, the contact address and telephone number just needs to be given at the time.



Pride of Place Update

Since last month's Bulletin the Pride of Place group have been, as ever very busy. The start of the month saw the group, with the Friends of Larghan Park, holding a coffee morning to raise funds for this month's Firework display. A total of £170 was raised and thanks are extended to all who attended.

The group have also been helping Coupar Angus primary school staff who are creating an outdoor classroom for the children. The space, next to the gym annexe, will (weather permitting!!), be a great asset for the school.

The group have also been planning next spring's displays with the planting of daffodil bulbs. Many thanks

are extended to Mr Lyburn, of South Gask Farm and Mr Jewell, Coupar Angus whose donations to this project will ensure a stunning display for Coupar Angus next year and also to Ross Yeaman who, by ploughing the area, saving the group maybe not sweat but blood and tears!!!

And finally, with summer officially over and the hanging baskets taken down the group would like to thank all those who supported the Pride of Place floral initiative this summer. The baskets and tubs were greatly appreciated by all residents and visitors alike and it is hoped that residents and businesses will build on this display next year.

Sirrolli Update

27th September saw the project steering group hand over to the new Executive Committee. Nick Cole as Chairman, Douglas Davidson as Vice-Chair, Simon McCaig as Treasurer, and Michael Gallagher as Secretary.

The next step is to find and train the Enterprise Facilitator. Once the Facilitator is in post and the training completed the Introduction process

can begin, and it will be at this point that the Project will be truly running.

The Panel consists of about 70 people who have completed the 2 day training and further opportunities will become available in due course.

For information see www.strathmoreglens.org

Come and Enjoy a Family Ceilidh

Coupar Angus Pride of Place have organised a Family Ceilidh for Friday 10th November in Coupar Angus Town Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. This event coincides with the group having to place orders for next years display and all proceeds will be used to support the floral display in 2007 throughout the town.

The "bring your own bottle" Ceilidh will run from 7.30 until 10.30pm with tickets being sold at £5 each, children under 12 being admitted free. Soft drinks will be available for

thirsty dancers with a sandwich and stovie supper served at 9pm. Tickets will be available at the door on the night or from Florence, Caretaker at the Town Hall.

This Ceilidh is intended as a community social event so please don't be put off by not knowing the steps. A caller will be on hand to talk everyone through and if well supported there is every chance that this could become a regular social event for the community.

Come along and enjoy the fun!

Skills for School Leavers

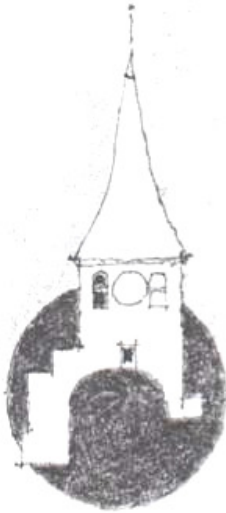
Blairgowrie High School aims to develop an extended learning community and a curriculum that is linked with local business needs, including the land based, tourism and ICT industries.

To help with this the Council is undertaking a survey of local businesses in the Eastern Perthshire Area to determine employer skills need and help the High School to

develop the learning and training programmes.

This project will make a positive impact on the future prospects of young people in the area as well as the continuing prosperity of local businesses.

For more information contact the Economic Development Unit of Perth and Kinross Council on 01738 477944.



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**Usual office hours
Tues, Wed & Thurs
9 - 3pm**

Blairgowrie & East Perthshire Walking Festival

On Wednesday evening the 2006 Festival drew to a close with its dramatic and entertaining finale; the Ceteran Barbecue at the Altamount Hotel. Almost 100 people took part in this BEPTA sponsored event which closes the festival in a spectacular and appropriate fashion. Laurence Blair-Oliphant and the Ardblair Warriors gave a demonstration of clothing and weaponry as used by the dreaded Ceterans. There was a surprise for some as this year's plaid demonstrators were not any of the walkers as planned but the organisers Bob Ellis and Nick Cole.

The barbecue was at the end of almost 600 walk spaces available over 5 days. With over 230 participants, over half of whom came from out-with PH and DD postcodes, it was even more successful than previously and most of the walkers, as in previous years promised to come back for more! Not only the wonderful scenery and excellent weather, but the evening's entertainments from the ceilidh, mountain presentations, quiz and games night all made an extremely enjoyable and memorable event. Hosting the event at the Royal Hotel was another change from previous years and is part of trying to share the benefits around the community. This proved to be a very successful venue with everything on hand making administration far simpler.

New this year were the historical tours of the main towns. These proved to be very popular and offered something for the locals who were amazed at the amount of fascinating history in such a small area. All of these tours were presented by volunteers who had an expert knowledge of their localities, and assisted by leaders from the Stride for Life and Next Steps walking groups. For those of a more serious intent there were walks ranging from Moderate to Very Strenuous, taking in some of the most spectacular viewing points from Ben Vrackie in the north to the Glen Shee hills and Cat Law in the east to areas across the Sidlaws. Once again a group of hardy souls braved the entire Ceteran Trail over 5 days of walking and staying at hotels across Strathardle, Glen Shee, Glen Isla and Alyth. Apart from a few showers the weather stayed excellent and everyone went away yet again with many happy memories with friends made from previous visits to new ones this time. It all goes to show that East Perthshire has lots to offer to its visitors as well as the local population.

Work is already underway on next year's festival, with outline planning for 2008 as well. New walks and activities are planned as well some of the old favourites. The biggest problem and happiest to be wrestled with is how to cope with an increase in participation of the same order as experienced from last year.

For more information check out www.strathmoreglens.org