



Coupar Angus Bulletin

For the residents of Coupar Angus, Ardler and Bendochy

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Putting Coupar Angus on the World Wide Web

Work on developing the Coupar Angus website is underway but we need YOUR HELP!

David Scott, a local web wizard, is project managing the development and has designed the page layout, but the content is very much down to you folks.

Pages in development so far include:

A History of the Town – from its foundation to the present day.

News Page – this will include the latest copy of the Bulletin plus information on big stories, such as preparations for next year's Horse Fair, new developments in the town, etc

What's On – a list of upcoming events – not just next week or next month, but right into next year.

Groups – if you want details of your Group or Society, including contact names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, then let us know. You could also have their own page

– if so then let us have your design/idea ideally along with a couple of digital photos.

Links to other local websites.

Other ideas? – well what about a Local Business Forum – your chance to publicise your products and services.

As well as being an important source of information and news the website also has the potential to be a powerful marketing tool for Coupar Angus throughout the world. So the more content we can post, especially in terms of photographs, both old and new, the better.

Please, please get in touch with your contributions; directly to David on web@coupar-angus.org or handed into the CART office.

Once we have sufficient content then we can start publicising the web address – hopefully by the next issue of the Bulletin.

Dates for you diary in October

Friday 6th - Freemasonry and the Coupar Angus Lodge, talk by Hector Matheson for the Heritage Association.

Saturday 7th - Fireworks Fundraiser Coffee Morning 10 - 12 in ToCH Hall. (Unfortunately the Community Market will not go ahead as planned.)

Monday 9th - Community Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Town Hall @ 7.30pm.

Tuesday 10th - Ceilidh organised by Pride of Place, for more information contact Rona on 628865 or Marion on 670317.

Coupar Angus Firework Display - appeal for sponsors

Coupar Angus will again raise its profile in Eastern Perthshire with the hosting of a firework display and bonfire on **Friday 3rd November**. Due to legislation and health and safety considerations it has not been possible to hold such an event in Coupar Angus for some years however local business **Blast Design Fireworks**, a firework and explosive specialist company based at Mill of Keithick, have the expertise to assist the organisation and staging of a display have stepped forward to work with the community to organise this event. At this stage, the event is subject to raising sufficient funds to stage the evening which will be manned by community volunteers from the Pride of Place and Friends of Larghan park groups, under supervision and following training from **Blast**.

An appeal is being made to local

businesses to support this event; which is another step in raising the profile of Coupar Angus and is also an opportunity to promote business within the town. CART have agreed that all businesses supporting this event will be given space in the next Bulletin for promotional pieces and advertising space will be available on the night of the event for other promotional material.

The organisers would also like to ask community groups working with children and young people to make guys for the bonfire which will be displayed before the event.

Anyone from the community, with fundraising ideas or representing local businesses who wish to donate to this event are asked to contact John Davies, secretary of Friends of Larghan Park for further information, by email on jldavies@rnli.org.uk.

What's at the Y?

As a follow-on from the community survey that was conducted at the time of the Horse Fair last March, the YWCA has taken onboard some of the findings relating to young people.

Firstly, there was the fact that few young people responded. In the past we have been able to get some feedback from young people; a small group of our girls produced a DVD which illustrated their own frustrations about the physical appearance of the town and highlighted some of the issues they are faced with as they grow up. Producing the DVD was a fantastic way for the girls to

be able to express their views and to be clear about the positive and negative aspects of their lives in Coupar Angus.

From the survey there was also the feeling, from those who did respond, that there wasn't a lot for young people to do in the area. We do provide activities for young people along with other organisations in the town and now hope to do more. We have received funding for an exciting project to do more media work, this time animation, to get information from a wider range of girls and boys. This will enable us to engage with the young people in an innovative



Pride of Place continue to grow...

As we head into autumn and summer is officially over, Coupar Angus Pride of Place are not resting on their 'laurels' following a busy summer organising the hanging baskets and floral display throughout the town but are still meeting regularly in the CART office to discuss ongoing projects.

The group although focussing on environmental improvements, such as the ongoing burn improvements at the cross and plans for a daffodil display in the spring, are also organising "Take a Pride" social projects for Coupar Angus residents.

... and a organising fundraising Coffee Morning ...

The group are working with Friends of Larghan Park to organise the bonfire night event, which is subject to funding success. In order for the community to raise funds and contribute to the event a coffee morning organised by PoP will be held on the

7th October in the ToCH hall between 10 and 12 noon. As well as coffee, tea and home bakes there will also be a raffle and a book sale. All donations would be gratefully received contact John Davies to arrange dropping off on 627081.

... and a Christmas Lunch

The group are also working in partnership with the Adam Rennie Trust to organise a free Christmas Lunch at the Red House for the senior citizens of Coupar Angus on the 3rd December, coinciding with the Christmas Lights switch on.

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 lunch, the group are requesting that names are registered with CART in order that the booking number can be confirmed. CART can be contacted on 628569 or please drop into the office.

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way and get first hand views about what they want.

We have also put a bid into the Lottery Heritage Fund to enable us to work with the Heritage Association in offering a project that would give the young people a chance to find out about local history and traditions; to produce plays and supporting literature. This will hopefully reinforce positive relationships between generations within the town and preserve its history in a unique way for future generations. So fingers crossed on that one!!

For more information, to make a donation, or if you are interested in volunteering with any of our groups please contact Gail, Doreen or Shona on 01828 628909. The groups run as follows:

Tuesday Night: Girls Intermediate Group – Dance and personal development.

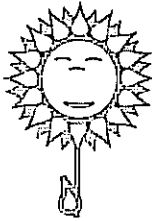
Wed Night: Girls On The Move – Physical activities and personal development.

Thurs Night: Mixed Group – Animation workshops and drop-in.

Pride of Place Group selects winning logo

Pictured are Rona McKinnon, POP, Ms Cameron, Head Teacher and Saranne Davies, POP Treasurer who recently presented Coupar Angus Primary 6 pupil Cody Brown with a certificate acknowledging her winning entry to the Pride of Place Logo competition.

Cody had her picture translated into a logo (below) by John Easson, of 'Press Here' local traditional printing workshop and the logo will be used by the group.



There were 99 entries in total and some which were highly commended were from Rachel Miller P6, Stacy Gray, P6, Callum McKenna P7, Siobhan Gray P7, Siobhan Fair and Kirsty Gray, P3.

Anyone willing to support or get involved with any of the PoP projects is invited to contact Rona on 628865 or Marion on 670317 or would be warmly welcomed at our next meeting on the 3rd October at 7pm in the CART office.

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Hellos and Goodbyes at CART

Graham Young has recently joined CART as the new Project Manager. Graham, whose business background is in travel, has more recently worked in economic development. Graham said, "I am really excited by the opportunity and look forward to working with all members of the community over the coming months".

And sadly we are saying goodbye to Rachel Jackson. As Finance and Administrative Assistant Rachel has kept the wheels turning for the past year. Rachel's enthusiasm and hard work will be sorely missed.