

Lottery Win for Coupar Angus

Great news from the Heritage Lottery Fund, who on the 10th November announced an award of £859,000 in grant aid towards the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI). CART assisted Perth & Kinross Council in the preparation of bids for the THI that focuses on the restoration of properties in the town centre.

The Project proposes restoring the external façade of the Royal Hotel, the old Co-op building and the Lodging House, as well as smaller restoration projects on other buildings within the designated area. Perthshire Housing Association has already started on the Co-op building where contractors are stripping out the old interior.

The award from the Heritage Lottery Fund is the first part of a funding bid for over £2m. and we should have more

news on this further funding early in the New Year. Under the scheme it is proposed to provide grant assistance to building owners and occupiers for building repairs and the restoration of architectural detail.

The next stage in the project is to appoint a Project Officer, who is likely to have an architectural or planning background. All being well the Project Officer should be in post by March.

Information on the funding bid can be viewed at the CART Office and enquires should be directed to John McCrone at Perth & Kinross Council, Tel 01738 475385.

Further information on the Project will be given in the January edition of the Bulletin.

Dates for your diary in December

Friday 1st	The Farmer's Wife, by Helen Gardiner, talk for the Heritage Association. Tel. 626244 for more information.
Saturday 2nd	Strathmore Arts Workshop, Town Hall 10 - 12, see page 4.
Sunday 3rd	Christmas Lights Switch on & Community Market, see page 4.
Monday 11th	Community Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 7.30pm



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Have you heard about the Disability Information Service in Perthshire (DISIP)?

It's a one stop shop for people needing disability related contact details. The aim of DISIP is to help the disabled and impaired, of all ages, to live life on their terms by the provision of accurate, free, current and relevant disability related information. We hold extensive local and national information enabling us to respond to queries across all aspects of disability.

DISIP now has three members of staff and 30 Volunteers, trained to give disability related information and to research disability related topics on behalf of clients. In the past three years it has been able to offer help or support to over three thousand disabled people, their families or carers.

We offer a customised personal service to address individual requirements, and identify where our customers can get the specific support and services they require.

The service was founded in 2001 by local people who experienced difficulties trying to obtain the sort of information that DISIP now provides.

The funding in the first year was by Perth & Kinross Council, and thereafter by Lloyds TSB and the Community Fund.

These are some of the issues covered by the DISIP in recent months:-

- Benefits - DLA, Carers Allowance, Incapacity Benefit.
- Community Care - equipment; wheelchairs, personal equipment, ramps, etc.
- Blue Badge - parking, accessible transport.
- Housing adaptations - renting, access to premises, grants.
- Personal - counseling, health and support.
- Education - training, schools and research.
- Holidays - accommodation, transport and travel insurance.

We have recently employed a Development Co-ordinator to help increase awareness of our service throughout Perth & Kinross and are currently attending as many flu jab clinics as possible, in order to make people aware of the service we are providing.

If you would like to contact DISIP about disability related issues, volunteering or general support, then please call 01738 440099.

Preparations are underway for next year's Coupar Angus Horse Fair on March 17. We would love to hear from you if you would like to take part in the parade, or rent a stall for the farmer's market on the same day. Also we need as many stewards as possible to ensure that everyone enjoys themselves safely. If you would like to be a steward, please contact Michael Gallagher on 627124 or Ann Campbell on 627587.

Fabulous Family Ceilidh

The family ceilidh organised by PoP on the 10th November in the Town Hall was a sell out success with all the tickets being sold out prior to the evening. With live music, a full dance floor, spontaneous entertainment by young fiddlers and a supper for the dancers to refuel, young and old alike had a marvellous time, whether dancing or just watching.

The group would like to thank everyone who attended and supported the evening and helped make it a success and raised £277 which will be used towards environmental im-

provements for the town.

Such was the success of the evening that due to feedback the group are planning a Valentine's ceilidh for February. Such was the popularity of the November ceilidh that anyone wishing to attend is advised to buy their tickets early to avoid disappointment. Again children under 12 will be admitted free with adults charged £5. Please look out for more information in next month's Bulletin and for posters throughout the town.



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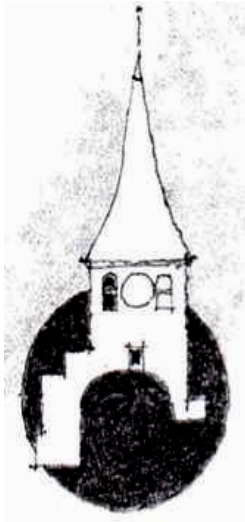
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National Tree Dressing Day

Strathmore Arts Festival are holding a free Art Workshop in the Town Hall on Saturday 2nd December between 10 am and 12 noon, as part of National Tree Dressing Day.

Tree Dressing Day aims to encourage the celebration of trees in towns and cities; in the street, village green in fact anywhere in the public domain. It highlights are responsibility for looking after trees and reminds us of their enormous cultural and environmental importance. The tree dressing is

based on many old customs form all over the world and at different times of the year.

During the workshop decorations will be made which will then be hung to decorate the trees on the corner of Blairgowrie Road and Union Street, and will remain there for the winter for everyone to see.

Everyone is welcome; Adults and Children. Further information is available from Rona McKinnon on 628865 or John Corrigan on 01250 874234.

Fireworks Display Success

All who attended the Firework display and Bonfire last month in Larghan Park will no doubt agree that the evening was a huge success. The organisers would like to thank all those who attended for the donations collected in support of the event. Once outstanding costs for this year event were deducted, a sizable £212.46 was left which will be used as a contribution towards next year's display.

Many thanks are extended to John Kettles and the staff of Blast Design for coming up with the idea and putting on a great display.

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Strathmore & The Glens Christmas Market and Christmas Lights

The festive community market takes place on Sunday 3rd December between 12 noon and 4pm at George Square, Coupar Angus. The Market will be followed by a Yuletide celebration to mark the switching on of the Christmas Lights.

Organised by the Coupar Angus Illuminators celebrations will include a march by from the Coupar Angus Burgh Pipe Band, Carols by the Primary School children and Mince Pies and Mulled Wine being served, at around 4.30pm.