



Welcome to the 1st issue of CANdo magazine – a combination of CAN and the Cart Bulletin.

It is very much a Community magazine so you can contribute by forwarding your news to frank@culross.co.uk – business, community, sporting or humorous - we want to hear from you.

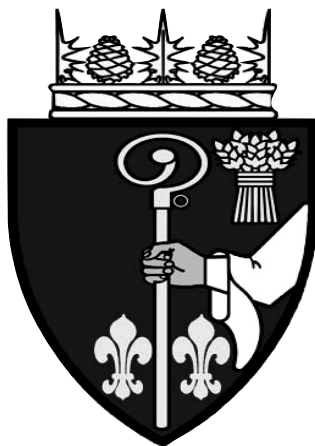
The intention is to deliver through every letterbox in Coupar Angus and area though initially they will be available from the usual outlets.

The magazine will be financed from advertising revenue so we will be in touch with all businesses to discuss their needs:



This won't happen overnight but all support will be gratefully accepted. The rates are on page 15. We hold a lot of artwork from the CAN so let us know your requirements by emailing frank@culross.co.uk

We hope you enjoy the magazine, any suggestions, comments and contributions will be welcome.



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ABBAY CHURCH HALL, UNION STREET

The Abbey Church, as part of its redevelopment plan to improve facilities is putting its hall in Union Street on the market. Readers may well have already seen information about the redevelopment, but in essence a review of the options for the church found that maintaining the hall was uneconomic compared to redeveloping the church to make it multi-purpose so that the one building can be used for community and social activities and not just services. The hall no longer has facilities of the quality most people today would expect in a public building, and what a purchaser will do will depend on their purpose and the economics of that: whether it is made use of as a building, or demolished and the site used, will depend in the end on what is the most realistic option.

The hall was at one time used as a church (after one of the many disputes that litter church history), but merged with the Abbey Church in the 1940s, at which point the building was converted into a hall. It still contains some memorial plaques from its time as a church, and the intention is that, if practicable, these will be removed to be preserved before the hall is sold.

Anyone interested in considering purchase should contact the Church of Scotland central office in Edinburgh (who will be responsible for the sale), or can have further information from the Fabric Convener, John Easson, 01828 628 001.

PLEASE CAN WE HAVE OUR HORSE FAIR BACK?

The Horse Fair was missing this year, and we'd like to get it back up and running again, but to do so needs people willing to get to work now organising for next year. It really does take that long. It takes a lot of letters and phone calls to contact people to take part and sort out permissions and check on umpteen details. Without all that, very little would happen on the day! So if you are interested in helping, please come to a meeting to set up a team to start working on the next Horse Fair.

Next meeting

**Wednesday September 22nd,
7.30pm** - put it in your diary. Venue not arranged yet (well, I did say we're short of organisers...) so look out for a notice in the Community Noticeboards, and at the CART office and the Morning Noon & Night board, or ring 01828 628001 nearer the date to ask.



**New session of weekly
Ceilidh Dance
Classes**

led by
Alan & Tracy Thom
starting **Wednesday**
22nd September
in **St Anne's Hall**
at **7pm -**

all welcome -
for more details ring John
on 01828 627547

**Coupar Angus &
District Heritage
Association**

Friday 3rd September, 7.30pm
Strathmore Bowling Club Hall,
Forfar Road

Mr G. Mudie
Attic Treasures /
Furniture restoration

Coupar Angus Adult Education Association

The autumn term classes resume in September with the following classes being offered.

Tai Chi - Monday 20th September -
7.00 - 8.30pm in Coupar Angus Primary School Hall

Yoga - Tuesday 21st September -
7.00 - 8.30pm upstairs in Coupar Angus Town Hall

Afternoon Art Class - Thursday September 23rd -
1.30 - 3.30pm in the guide hut, School Road
Coupar Angus

Scottish Country Dancing - Thursday September 23rd -
7.00 - 9.00pm in Coupar Angus Primary
School Hall

All of the classes are for 10 weeks with a break in October for the half term holiday and are suitable for all abilities. The fees are £30 Concessions £28 for the 10 classes. Enrolments can be made by post to: C.A.A.E.A. 56, George Street, Coupar Angus, Perthshire, PH13 9DJ, please enclose your name, address, contact number, choice of class and full payment of fees. Cheques should be made payable to: C.A.A.E.A. If you would like more information please tel: Elaine McKinlay - 01828 627040

Coupar Angus Pipe Band



It started in Coupar Angus.....

I would like some help in tracing my family connections with the Coupar Angus Pipe Band,

My Grandfather, Duncan Alexander Macdonald, on the extreme left of the attached photo, was Pipe Major of the Coupar Angus Pipe Band at the time, and the young drummer immediately in front of him was my Uncle, Alexander Munro Dempster, who died shortly afterwards.

My Grandfather and Grandmother, Betsy Macdonald, lived at 35 Precinct Street until their deaths in 1944 and 1965 respectively and I have many fond memories of Coupar Angus as a child.

I am now compiling my family history and know little about my Grandfather's involvement with the Pipe Band or local life until his death and would be extremely grateful, if through the local newsletter, you may be able to fill in any blanks.

I myself, after attending Coupar Angus Junior Secondary School for a short period during the 1950s, moved abroad with my parents, my father, James Cromb Macdonald, who was born in Alyth, was in the Army. I later went on to attend Queen Victoria School Dunblane, and later still went on to have a successful 25 career in the Army.

Thank You in Advance

Duncan Macdonald

If you can help Mr MacDonald, please contact me at the office on 01828 628569 (just leave a message on the answer phone) or email cartrust@btconnect.com.

DOORS OPEN 2010

Coupar Angus is celebrating Doors Open weekend on the 25th and 26th September with 5 venues open for visitors. Take the chance this weekend to see what is on your door step.

More details visit the website at www.doorsopendays.org.uk.

Coupar Angus & District Heritage Association

Saturday 25th (10.00am-4.00pm)

8 George Street, Coupar Angus

The Heritage Association was established in January 2000 with the aim of raising awareness of the local historic environment. In 2006, a four year project came to fruition when the Association opened premises in George Street.

Building Date: **18th-19th century**

There will be an exhibition of local photographs on display.

'Press Here' Workshop

Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th (10.30am-16.30pm)

The Quarto Press, Beechhill Road, Coupar Angus, PH13 9AZ

Housed within a converted 19th-century workman's cottage, stable and wagon-shed, the 'Press Here' Workshop still uses hand-set lead type for letterpress printing, the method first introduced by Andrew Myllar to Scotland over 500 years ago.

Building Date: **19th century**

Visitors will be able to try part of the printing process. A family day on Sunday will include activities such as paper making.

Bow Cottage

Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th (10.30am-5.00pm)

Bogside Road, Coupar Angus

Join craft specialists Maggie Langelaan and Angela Porchez to learn about historic spinning and weaving techniques at this homely modern cottage set within the grounds of Beech Hill House.

There will be demonstrations throughout the day of all spinning and weaving processes and finished articles will be on sale.

Coupar Angus Parish Church

Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th (1.00pm-5.00pm)

Queen Street, Coupar Angus

This church is built on the site of one of the greatest medieval abbeys in Scotland, a Cistercian monastery founded in the 1160s. Local architect John Carver designed the present church (built 1860) in a gothic style reminiscent of medieval architecture.

Architect: **John Carver**

Building Date: **1860**

The church houses several fascinating remnants from the medieval abbey. In the graveyard are fine historic gravestones, a 19th-century watchtower and the last upstanding fragment of the medieval abbey gatehouse.

Wheelchair access at the east door. Limited roadside parking, alternatively walk from the town centre (approximately 5mins).

St Anne's Episcopal Church

Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th (12.30pm-5.00pm)

Forfar Road, Coupar Angus

This Episcopal Church was built in 1847 by John Hay. There are stained glass windows to view and interesting artefacts to see within, including a carved representation of the last supper.

Architect: **John Hay**

Building Date: **1847**

Recitals of organ music will be played for visitors' enjoyment and an exhibition about the Celtic history of the Church in Scotland will be on display.

Free parking available adjacent.

Young Firefighters on their last night of training at Coupar Angus Fire & Rescue Station



*L to R:
Harris McCulloch, Ross
Kerr, Jemma Reid, Star
Coutts, Ruth Neave,
Fraser Wann, Declan
McNicoll.*

*Instructors: Ff Paul
Grant, CM Kevin McKay,
Ff Donald Brodie.*

MONDAY 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

* Youth drop-in Sessions for Primary School Girls 6pm – 7.30pm and for Secondary School Pupils from 7.30pm – 9pm. At the former YWCA Hall, Union Street

* **Exercise Class with Sophie** 12noon – 1pm, Town Hall, £3.00/session (inc tea/coffee)

* St Anne's Church **Parent & Toddler Group**, 1-3pm Tea/coffee & children's snacks, £1/family

* **New Age Kurling** in the Town Hall, 2-4pm. £1.50 entry, Refreshments served. Contact Anne Campbell 01828 627587 (**NOT on the 13th**)

MONDAY 20th, 27th

Tai Chi Class as part of CA Adult Education Class 7pm-8.30pm in Coupar Angus Primary School. See full details for booking and cost.

TUESDAY 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Youth drop-in Session – for Secondary School Pupils from 6-8pm in the former YWCA Hall, Union Street

TUESDAY 21st, 28th

Yoga Class as part of CA Adult Education Class. 7pm-8.30pm in the Town Hall. See full details for booking and cost.

WEDNESDAY 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

* **Karate Sessions** with Ally Whytock in the Town Hall, 6.30pm-8pm £3.50/session

* **Tennis Club Night** from 7pm - 10pm. Members of all abilities are welcome.

THURSDAY 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

* **Exercise Class with Sophie** 12.30-1.15pm in the Town Hall, all welcome just turn up!

* Line Dancing, **Coupar Angus Town Hall, Thursdays 7.30-8.30pm Contact Florence Smeaton, Hall Keeper at Coupar Angus Town Hall, Just turn up on the day.**

THURSDAY 23rd, 30th

* **Afternoon Art Classes**, as part of CA Adult Education Classes, 1.30-3.30pm at *Coupar Angus Primary School Hall*. See full details for booking and costs.

* **Scottish Country Dancing**, as part of CA Adult Education Classes, 7.00-9.00pm at *Coupar Angus Primary School Hall*. See full details for booking and costs.

FRIDAY 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

* **Relax Art & Craft Group** 9.15am - 11.15am, upstairs in the Town Hall. £3.00/session.

* St Anne's Church **Parent & Toddler Group**, 10-12noon Tea/coffee & children's snacks, £1/family

Other Events and Activities

TUESDAY 7th

Coupar Angus Seniors Care Group Meeting 2pm in St. Anne's Church Hall, Forfar Road.

WEDNESDAY 8th

Over 60's Day Out, leaving the Town Hall at 12.30pm. If you would like to join us call Tom on 628342 or Michael on 627124 to book your seat and for details.

THURSDAY 9th

Thursday Friends in the Town Hall 2.30pm. We would be pleased to see everyone then!

FRIDAY 10th

Red House Hotel for **Country & Western Music Club** Evening, at the Red House Hotel, Coupar Angus from 8pm onwards. Music by Nickels and Dimes.

Open Studios Week 11-19th September

MONDAY 13th

- * **CA, A & B Community Council Meeting** in the Town Hall at 7pm
- * **SNP Bingo** starts again this month, 7.30pm eyes down, in the Town Hall

TUESDAY 14th

St. Anne's Church Ecumenical Lunch Club from 12.30pm. Soup and a roll, cheese toastie and tea/coffee £2.00/person

THURSDAY 16th

East Perthshire Neighbourhood Watch Group Meeting, 7- 9pm at the Wolfhill Village Hall.

SATURDAY 18th

Coffee Morning in Town Hall in aid of local SNP Branch. 10am -12.00noon

Doors Open Weekend 25th and 26th September

TUESDAY 21st

- * **Little Fishes**, stories and music for the under 5's in St Anne's Church Hall 10.30-11.30am
- * **Pride of Place Meeting** in the Council Chambers in the Town Hall – 7pm

THURSDAY 30th

Bookbug Rhymetime in the Library in the Town Hall, Coupar Angus 10.30-11am. Free story, song and Rhyme sessions for babies, toddlers and their families.

Open Studios 2010

From the 11th - 19th September, artists and crafts people around Coupar Angus are opening their venues to visitors. www.perthshireopenstudios.com for more details of opening hours and nearby towns, or contact them direct.

Potting Shed Studio, Easter Balgersho, Coupar Angus PH13 9JD

Roz Arno-Button: Tel: 01828 628728

Email: roz.arno@btinternet.com

In nature's seasonal cycle, plants emerge slowly and the passage of time leaves its imprint on the environment. All these processes inspire **Roz's** site specific mixed media paintings created and positioned within her rural environment.

Press Here, Beech Hill Road, Coupar Angus PH13 9AZ

John Easson: Tel: 01828 628001 / 07908 023901

Email: easson@quartopress.fsnet.co.uk

John Easson has been printing by traditional letterpress from hand-set metal and wood type for over 40 years. His work ranges from poetry booklets to experiments with lettering.

Brunty Beads, Brunty Mill, Burrelton PH13 9NH

Tel: 01828 670629 / 07789 816340

Email: pam@bruntybeads.co.uk

www.bruntybeads.co.uk

Funky beaded jewellery. Demonstrations given and for £10-£15 charge, client can make their own necklace from self-chosen beads.

Tea/coffee and homebaking available.

Times open: M-F 10am-3pm / S 10am-6pm

Val Barr, Myrtle Bank, Off Station Road, Woodside, Burrelton PH13 9NL

Tel: 01828 670751 / 07899 677588

Email: valerie.barr@btinternet.com

www.valbarrartist.com

I am a wildlife artist, working mainly with pencil to produce detailed and accurate studies. My work ranges from all Scottish wildlife to wolves and tigers, (not so common in Perthshire !) and everything in between. I also undertake Commission work, specialising in dogs and horses. Greetings card and limited edition Giclee prints also available.

Pride of Place

Pride of Place representatives will attend the Take a Pride in Perthshire Award Ceremony on Monday 6th September, in the Salutation Hotel, Perth and learn if our community has managed to retain the prestigious Gold Award we won last year. In the meantime, the Group would like to thank the following organisations, businesses, “Friends of the Group” and individuals who have sponsored the summer displays and have given invaluable support in the lead up to the competition.

Bob Clark, Electrician,

Edington & Neave, Roofers and Plasterers

Bill Pattullo, Painter & Decorator

Coupar Angus and District Heritage Association

Perthshire Housing Association

Vion Foods

Coupar Angus Gala Committee

Bill McNaughton, Joiner and Funeral Director

A Bannerman, Red House Hotel

Heather Duncan, Norries Hairdressers

A&A Morrison, Butchers

Williams, Milne & McCorkindale Practice at Medical Centre

Smith & Son Coaches

East of Scotland Farmers

Ian Clark, Underfloor Heating Merchants

Ian Rodger, Joiner

14 Marine, Consultants

St Anne’s Lunch Club

Ken McGregor Snr

Tait Jackson

Jenny Ross and Mary Gres

Lyburn Bulbs

Perth & Kinross Council

Coupar Angus Dental Care

Cricket

The 2010 season is almost past and it has been rather like the weather; a bit up and down, although more games have been completed than last season, when July and August were washed out.

The club has been mid table in division one of the Strathmore & Perthshire Cricket Union and with good results in July and August, Coupar will finish in the top half of the league.

There have been some highlights during the short season; the first being the introduction of several youngsters and notably Alan Neave, who at thirteen has bowled regularly well in key games, while Fraser Wann is another introduction and this bodes well for the future existence of the club. The victory at Kinross in May was the top performance, especially as they look certain to win the league. The majority of the seven victories have been down to the superb batting of opener Warren Sutherland, who is a stand out for the club, averaging just under 100 runs per game.

The players at the Cricket Club really appreciate the effort by Perth & Kinross Council to maintain the grass to a high standard, while those who brave the elements and secure a safe passage to the games are greatly appreciated as well.

As the club approaches the end of another relatively successful season, it is interesting to note that it is 150 years since cricket was first played in Coupar Angus. The first games were played on the common in 1860, when Meigle House and Strathmore contested a game and Blairgowrie took on a local side in the same year.

Whilst researching sport in the town club historian Gordon Croll found out that an Aberdeen side took on Coupar Angus at football in 1903 and they went on to become Aberdeen Football Club and this is recorded on their club web site.



Next season will mark sixty years of cricket at Larghan Park, as the facility was funded and constructed by the club and officially opened in May 1951 and we should remember those who were responsible for all of that.

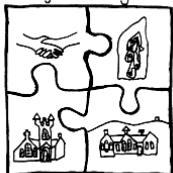
The effort required of the current players will have to be done without active office bearers and it is fascinating to read the old

minute books, which contain details of the actions and thoughts of many individuals who were passionate about cricket, including Provost Davidson and the old Town Council of the day, which granted permission for the top end of Larghan Park to be devoted to cricket for as long as there is a club in the town. The push for next season will be to encourage more

- youngsters to take up the game, while the cricket development officer for Perth & Kinross
- is very enthusiastic and seems keen to get in to the schools.
- Details of practices will be publicised in advance of next season, but will be held on
- Wednesday evenings from May until late August.
- There are several youngsters who are not quite ready for league cricket, however they will
- have some games in September for the Coupar Occasions side, which Grant Carnegie has
- been developing, so it is to be hoped that cricket will continue to flourish in the town for
- many more years to come.

VACANCY for MINUTE CLERK

Meigle Primary School



Parent Council

The Parent Council meets every six weeks in the school and looks at increasing parental involvement, representing the views of the parents and supporting the School in its work with the pupils. We currently have a vacancy for a Minute Clerk who would be responsible for compiling the agenda, and taking the minutes at each of the meetings. Meetings last approximately 2 hours and are held on weekday evenings. There are normally 8 meetings per year, including the AGM.

Access to a computer and good typing skills are essential. This position would suit any age from a 6th year school student, to a retired person.

If you would like further information, or would like to apply for this position, please contact Wendy Sinclair, Chairperson (01828 640516) or Rona Mitchell, Secretary (01828 640080).

Community Council Garden Competition Winners

- Rose Garden:** *Mrs McGowan, Ardler*
- Mixed Flower Garden:** *Mrs McGowan*
- Vegetables Garden:** *Mrs McGowan*
- Senior Citizen Border:** *Mrs McGowan*
- Sweet Peas:** *Marie Bee*
- Unusual Garden:** *Linda Cameron*
- Best Containers:** *Margaret Pennycook*
- Child's Pot Plant:** *Conor Hughes*
- Sunflower:** *Ryan Dick*

We would like to thank all who entered and invite you to a Bit of a Do on Monday 20th September at 7.00pm in the Town Hall.

Congratulations also to Sheila & Alan Legge on being Coupar Angus's Citizens of the Year. Well deserved, they do lots of fund-raising for different organisations in the town and are weel kent faces in the Charity Shop.

ADVICE AND SECURITY TIPS ON BOGUS TELEPHONE CALLERS

Police are advising the public to be aware of cold calling by persons offering 'free' alarm or security systems. Sales people telephone the person in a cold call, informing them that they are carrying out government research/ have won or been chosen to receive a free alarm in accordance with Home Office / Government or a local Police scheme. In some cases these callers will quote crime statistics in the area which is clearly an attempt to gain the homeowner's trust and also to raise fear by exaggerating crime in the area. They may claim that police no longer respond to house alarms and that housebreakings and crime in their area had risen. Tayside Police do not cold call persons to promote alarms. Do not engage in further dialogue and hang up as they are not bona fide companies.

Be aware of companies offering 'free alarms'. The company sales person will arrange for a representative to attend and it is at this point the sales pitch begins to sell your free alarm. Nothing is FREE. They can be in the house for several hours until they get a sale. People are then pressurised and once a signature is received, the 'free' alarm system turns out to be a finance contract; with periods ranging from 2 – 20 years. Previous prices quoted for alarm maintenance can be from £2,000 – £20,000, with some victims also parting with deposits by cash, cheque or credit card. The deposits and contracts are for payment for the alarm system; therefore it is not free after all and the companies maybe committing fraud. Please remember under law you have a seven day cooling period on contracts carried out by any cold caller to your house. Reputable companies will not use cold calling techniques.

Sadly it is often our most vulnerable groups who are targeted by these individuals. A lot of the elderly victims do not have the support of a family who would advise them against dealing with such companies, and are therefore falling prey to parting with large amounts of money.

A recent local scam came to light from a member of our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in that an 'alleged representative' of BT, informed the householder they were disconnecting their telephone line because of an unpaid bill. They then demanded immediate payment of a sum of money or the telephone line would be disconnected and it would cost even more to re-connect the line at a later date. The householder knowing this to be some form of scam declined to pay any money. The cold caller re iterated with the householder that they were from BT and informed the householder to hang up and that they would then disconnect their line and they would then be unable to use their phone. Householder hung up and when they tried to call a friend their phone line was dead. The caller then immediately telephoned the householder back and asked for payment to be made with a credit card. The householder then hung up as they knew it to be some scam and a 1471 revealed a fictitious number.

The cutting off of the telephone line is simple, the caller stays on the line with the mute button activated and you can't dial out but they can hear your attempts to dial a number. Your telephone will not operate as the person who initiates the call is the one who terminates it. When you stop trying to call your friend, the caller cuts off and immediately calls you back which may convince some people they are who they purport to be and they then ask for payment together with your credit card details to do with them what they like.

If you are worried about unsolicited calls or would like further advice please contact Perth & Kinross Trading Standards on 01738 476476

Tayside Police - 0300 111 2222

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111

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It would be helpful to have your contact details

Organisation

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