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The New Look at the Abbey Church

The much-anticipated work at the Abbey Church has now been completed, and although there were delays over supply of some materials, there were no major problems. A



pleasing feature of the project was that some three-quarters of the cost was spent with local firms: Gray's of Blairgowrie for the carpeting, Drummond's of Meigle for the heating, and of course McNaughton's of Coupar Angus for the carpentry. The architects Stephen's of Glamis provided a guiding hand through the official hoops, as well as plenty of very helpful technical advice and contacts, and the General Trustees, their

with advice and co-operation. A wonderfully enthusiastic work party of the congregation started the whole process off with clearing the church, and throughout various members contributed to sorting out minor tasks that weren't included in the contracted work to



save costs, rounding off with the cleaning team putting in double shifts to get everything immaculate for the first service. Thank you to everyone involved for helping make the process as trouble-free, and amicable, as possible; the co-operation was outstanding.



For those who haven't yet seen the result, these pictures give some idea of it all, but the impact is hard to capture in just pictures. Comments have included ones on how it makes the church look spacious, gives it a feeling of warmth, and makes it more welcoming and less inhospitable, and indeed there seems to have been an increase in the numbers staying after the service for tea and a chat, and for how long they stay. Hopefully even those who were not in favour of the scheme, for whatever reason, will feel while it has changed the church, it has done so as sympathetically as possible, and nothing has been done just for the sake of it.

And a note about the old pews:

As publicised elsewhere, anyone wishing to purchase of the old pews (£100 for an approximately 8ft length with one end fitted, and another for fitting to whatever length is required) should ring 01828 628001 for details.

GRAND HARVEST FETE

at the Abbey Church, Dundee Road

On Saturday 17 September

We are holding a fete from 10am - 2.30pm in our newly refurbished multi-purpose church.

Stalls include: Books, Toys, Good as New, Baking, Jams and Jellies, Bric-a-Brac, Tombola, Raffle, Face Painting and Homemade Cards.

There will also be Tea, Coffee and Home Baking, Tickets priced £2 for adults and £1 for children.

If you can help in any way or would like further information, see Kathryn Dempsey or call 01828 627331

Adult Ed Classes begin....

The Coupar Angus Adult Education Classes resume once more in September and are all for 10 weeks. The price for each 10 week course is £30 and £28 for concessions payable in full when the class starts. There is a break in October for the school holidays, further details of dates can be found on the booking form, available from the post office and library and some local shops, or contact Elaine McKinlay 01828 627040 - emck3@sky.com if you would like more information. The classes are suitable for all abilities and everyone is most welcome to join any of the classes.

Scottish Country Dancing - Starts Thursday Sept 15th for 10weeks.
7 - 9pm in Coupar Angus Primary School Hall

Afternoon Art - Starts Thursday 15th Sept for 10 weeks.
1.30 - 3.30pm in the Guide Hut School Rd Coupar Angus

Tai Chi - Starts Monday Sept 19th for 10 weeks.
7 -8.30pm in Coupar Angus Primary School Hall

Yoga - Starts Tuesday Sept 20th for 10 weeks.
7.8.30pm upstairs in Coupar Angus Town Hall

Minutes of Council meeting

Attendance: Bob Curran, Steve Cummings, Michael Gallagher, David Carson

Apologies: Ann Campbell,

Minutes of last meeting: Proposed Michael Gallagher, Seconded Steve Cummings

Matters Arising:

- Buses from Blairgowrie to Coupar Angus – A letter has been sent to Perth and Kinross Council requesting the later bus back to Coupar Angus possibly leaving Blairgowrie at 11.20pm. We have also requested that other towns in the Blairgowrie catchment area also have later buses (No Decision until Early Spring)
- Auditor for accounts – The Community Council is looking for someone to audit its accounts.

Community Issues

- Speeding in Causewayend – **Agreed** – Ask for speed bumps at specific places. The first step will be to arrange a meeting with the police and roads department. (B. Curran to deal with)
- Overgrown gardens – The Community Council will Research and prepare general advice on Neighbours/Overgrown Gardens, or other issues. This will deal with contacts and how to complain if initial contact, unsuccessful (Action – Michael)

- Annual administration grant – Perth & Kinross Council, do not seem to have paid in annual CC grant. (Steve Cumming to check up)

Business:

- Closure of Blairgowrie Payments Office – what effect will this have on Coupar Angus? (Bob to research)
- Remembrance Sunday - Community Council will make arrangements for the annual parade from the town centre to the war memorial at the primary school. (M.Gallagher to order a wreath, book pipe band and invite the local minister).
- Citizen of the Year – David will contact Ann Campbell regarding nominations.
- Gardens Competition – the winners were as follows:

Veg. Garden -----
Mrs McGowan, Ardler

Hanging Basket -----
Linda Cameron, Blairgowrie Rd.

Senior Citizen Container --
Margaret Pennycook, School Rd.

Best garden in CA-----
Margaret Pennycook

Best garden in Ardler-----
Mrs McGowan

Best overall garden-----
Mrs McGowan

Business Garden -----
Balhousie Care Home

Minutes of Council meeting cont.

3 Entries for Business Garden
 5 “ Vegetable Garden
 7 “ Hanging Basket
 5 “ Senior Citizen Container
 All entered for best residential garden.

There are 17 Entries for the under 12 pot plant. Which will be judged, after the school holidays.

- Presentations - Presentations for the Gardens Competition and Citizen of the Year will take place on Monday 19th September in the Lesser Hall. Due to fire safety rules, only 52 people can attend, or 25 if they are to be seated at tables.
- Dance for Wiktoria - Dance for Wiktoria will be held in Red House Hotel on 04 Sept 2011, 7.30pm @ Red House Hotel featuring the “Amazing Elaine Stewart Band” and other surprise guests tickets only £5. The band have given of there time for free this is hugely appreciated. Let us hope, that we sell the 160 capacity tickets and ensure success.
- Community Council elections, 3 November – Agreed – Bendochy will remain as a sub-area with its own elections. Coupar Angus will retain 7 members.

Reports:

- Planning - An application has been submitted for an access road 100m north west of Waulkmill, Precinct Street for Thermafloor PF

- Treasurer – All outstanding bills have been paid. Current balance – main account at 1 July £1026.53, No.2 account £186.60

Correspondence:

- The Community Council has received an invitation to attend a service of celebration on 14th August to mark the completion of Phase 1 of the Abbey Church Development Project. Some members of Community Council will attend. Letter delivered to the manse this morning
- Fire brigade report

A.O.C.B

- Contact with Vion – Forward Coupar Angus plans to contact Vion with a view to building a constructive working relationship with the company. It was agreed that the Community Council would take part in any such discussions.
- Comment regarding future development of the town - Water Levels should be kept in mind in regarding building projects.

Meeting closed 20.15

Next Meeting Monday 12th September



September already!!! This coming month will see the results of the Take a Pride in Perthshire competition awarded. The Take a Pride in Perthshire campaign awards merits to local groups who work at creating local civic pride through environmental improvements and awareness campaigns. Coupar Angus Pride of Place are hoping that they can retain their gold merit, awarded last year to the group for the first time. Judging is based on many aspects of the groups work and year round campaign. This year saw PoP funding and building their poly tunnel shared with the school, tree and bulb planting at Larghan Park, the community litter pick, various fund raising events amongst other activities and involvement in the community.

The summer displays play a very visual role in promoting the efforts of the group and Pride of Place would like to thank the following sponsors of this years display

- ***Alan Bannerman at Red House***
- ***Heather at Norries Hairdresser***
- ***C/A Dental Care***
- ***S&J Davies at 14Marine***
- ***East of Scotland Farmers***
- ***Tower Bakery***
- ***Bill and Margaret Pattullo***
- ***Perthshire Housing Assoc.***
- ***Ian Clark at Underfloor Heating Merchants***
- ***Doctors Williams, Milne and McCorkindale at the Medical Centre***
- ***Edington and Neave***
- ***Smith and Sons Coaches***
- ***Watson + Lyall Bowie***
- ***Ian Rodger, Joiner***
- ***Tam Millar, Blacksmith***
- ***Mr A Barrie***

Coupar Angus Book Club:



3+1 Reasons To Join Us

We are book lovers living in Coupar Angus. We choose a book a month and meet up at 8.00pm at Talbot Hall on the last Wednesday of each month to chat about it. We welcome new members to join our group, give views on books and help us decide on the next book choice.

Reading, for us, is about our take on the book and characters. Therefore, the Coupar Angus Book Club can benefit anyone who joins it.

First, because we discuss about what happened inside the pages exploring the connections between reality and fiction.

Second, because trying books that we might not otherwise have chosen to read, expands our interests and outlook.

Finally, our Book Club is a kind of social forum for Coupar Angus as it provides many opportunities to meet new people from all walks of life.

In this context, Coupar Angus Book Club launches a series of casual sessions focusing on 'learn and participate' in literary events that take place in the area. The first of these sessions will take place on the 28th of September at our monthly meeting. Our guest Edward Small, who teaches Creative Writing at the University of Dundee, will offer us an insight on creative writing and discuss with us how we can benefit from creative reading and writing and how to get involved in the local literary scene.

Like us in Facebook: [Coupar Angus Book Club](#)

Parking attendants to enforce restrictions in George Street, Coupar Angus

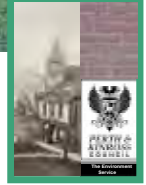
Perth & Kinross Council would like to advise residents of Coupar Angus that parking attendants will be patrolling in the town's George Street from Monday 5th September 2011.

Attendants will be patrolling the street and the surrounding area to enforce parking restrictions. This is in response to complaints raised by local residents.

Any motorist using George Street is encouraged to park responsibly to ease traffic flow and enhance local road safety. This will also help to ensure fair use of parking facilities in Coupar Angus.

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Coupar Angus Conservation Area



Designation of Conservation Areas

The local planning authority is required to determine which towns or villages in its region are of special architectural and/or historic interest. Coupar Angus has been proposed in the Eastern Area Local Plan for Conservation Area extension. The proposal is to include the historic core of the town and the Abbey precinct to the South.

Once a Conservation Area is designated, the local planning authority has a duty to safeguard and enhance the Area. This is done using various mechanisms:

- Defining the character that merits protection, including buildings, spaces and other features;
- Use of appropriate planning management tools for development, demolition and advertising;
- The implementation of enhancement schemes based on a Conservation Area Appraisal;
- Financial assistance, where appropriate, for works of repair and restoration;
- Protection of trees;
- Interpretation schemes and design guidance.



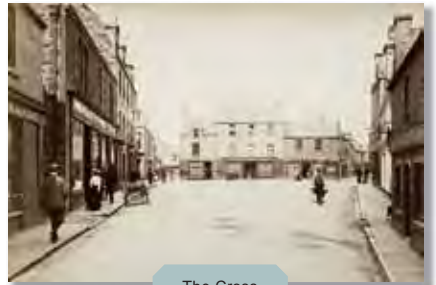
Aerial View of Coupar Angus (left) showing extent of Conservation Area boundary, outlined in red

CACA SERIES 4

The importance of Conservation Areas

Historic areas of towns and villages make a positive contribution to our cultural inheritance, economic well-being and quality of life. Such areas of the built environment represent the familiar and cherished local scene and provide points of reference in a rapidly changing world. A Conservation Area designation will encourage the continuity and stability of these historic areas. Conservation Areas are widely considered to be useful and more than 600 have been designated in Scotland.

Conservation Area designation does not place a ban upon all new development within its boundaries. However, new development will normally only be granted planning permission if it is not going to harm the character or appearance of the Conservation Area. The aim will be to require positive enhancement through good quality design rather than just a neutral effect.



The Cross
 Above: c.1900
 Below: present day



National Voluntary Arts Survey

Are you a member of an arts or crafts group?

Help us to help you...



We know how important the work you do is and we want to make sure the decision makers do, too. That's why we're conducting the National Voluntary Arts Survey and we need your help!



WIN £300 cash for your group or one of three £50 runner-up prizes!

Voluntary Arts Scotland wants to find out the size, range and interests of the arts and crafts sector in Scotland and we want you to get involved!

The more questions you answer, the better chance you have to WIN £300 for your group, plus every entry gets a FREE gift!

You can fill the survey in online at
www.vasotland.org.uk/15542

You can also request a hard copy by emailing
research@vasotland.org.uk or phoning 0131 225 7355

Please submit your entry by 30 September 2011



Voluntary Arts Scotland is an initiative of The Voluntary Arts Network (VAN) which is registered in Scotland as Company No. 139147 and Charity No. SC020345. Voluntary Arts Scotland acknowledges funding from the Big Lottery Fund, National Lottery through Creative Scotland, Legacy Trust UK, Binks Trust, Hugh Fraser Foundation, the Bacher Trust, and the Austin & Hope Pilkington Trust. VAN acknowledges funding from the Arts Councils of England, Northern Ireland and Wales and Creative Scotland.



Volunteer Opportunity

Local Time Bank Broker in Coupar Angus

Voluntary Action Perthshire is the Community Engagement department of Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services (PKAVS). We provide support and development for voluntary organisations, volunteers and volunteering and social enterprise. We also represent the interest of the voluntary sector locally at strategic level.

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Find out more or talk to someone about this opportunity:

Lesley McLaren
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Perthshire
The Gateway
North Methven Street
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Email:
Lesley.McLaren@pkavs.org.uk

Telephone:
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To find out more about
Time Banking as a project
Visit-
www.timebanking.org.uk

PKAVS is a registered Scottish
Charity (SC005561) and a
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Opportunity: Voluntary Action Perthshire are looking for a Local Time Bank Broker for Coupar Angus.

Opportunity Description: You will provide the link between a central Time Bank Co-ordinator and Time Bank Members in the Coupar Angus area.

You will work closely with the Co-ordinator to:

- Interview potential members to the scheme to establish eligibility, skills and needs.
- Provide the best match for transactions between those wanting services and those providing services.
- Utilise Time Bank software to collate a menu of local opportunities which provide a high range of opportunities for Time Bank Members.
- Maintain an accurate record of all transactions and Time Banking activities in your area



Skills:

- People Skills
- IT literate
- Good knowledge of local community
- Knowledge of volunteering



Restrictions:

- Over 18's only: this role is unsupervised and for Health and Safety reasons it needs to be an adult.
- Applicant must reside in Coupar Angus or immediate area.

Expenses: All expenses will be covered.

Requirement: 10hrs per week. Minimum commitment of 12 Months

Commitment: Flexible

Child Care: No

Disabled Access: No

Disabled Toilets: No





Auld Alyth Wedding Photo Exhibition

Alyth Parish Church
Saturday 24th September
10.30am to 5pm

Sunday 25th September
12.30pm to 5pm

As part of Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust's Doors Open Day, Alyth Parish Church is pleased to announce an exhibition of Alyth wedding photographs spanning the last century.

Built in 1839 the church has Gothic and Romanesque features and contains fine stained glass windows, an 8th/9th century Pictish stone, and an exceptionally high pulpit!

Refreshments available. Free admission.

Also on view will be Alyth Family History Project's archive of over 5000 photographs, 6500 burial records, Old Parish Records dated 1623-1854 and much, much more.

Coupar Angus & District Heritage Association



**Doors Open Day
2011**

Tolbooth Steeple

Coupar Angus

Sat 24th September

10am-4pm

**Guided tours every
30 mins**

6 visitors per tour

Admission free

Booking Required

Book at

**Heritage Centre 8 George Street
Coupar Angus**

Phone 01828 626244

[Or email info@couparangusheritage.co.uk](mailto:info@couparangusheritage.co.uk)

In conjunction with Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**MONDAY** 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

* **St Anne's Parent & Toddler group** from 10.30am - 12 noon in the hall behind the church. Everyone welcome £1 a family to include coffee for carers and snacks for children.

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

* **Zumba** 7.30pm in the Town Hall, dance fitness programme, follow Fiona! £3/session

TUESDAY 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

* **Stars Drama Group** – in the Town Hall, 3-5 year olds 2-3pm and for the older group 4-5pm

* **Tiny Tigers** – Meigle and Kettins Taekwondo Club 4.15-4.45pm 4-6 years old, 5pm for the 7-12 years in Kettins Church Hall, Instructor is Rev. Nicola R Frail 01828 640074 **NOT on 6th**

* **Youth drop-in Session**–for Secondary School Pupils from 5-8pm in the YW Hall, Union Street

* **Ippon Karate** in the Town Hall 6.30pm – 8.30pm

WEDNESDAY 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

* **Youth drop-in Sessions** for Primary 5-7 pupils 6pm – 7.30pm at the YW Hall, Union Street

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

* **Ceilidh Classes** with John Munroe- 7pm to 9pm - St Anne's Hall - cost £2.50 each class. All welcome.

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

* **ZUMBA** – 10–11am in the Town Hall, dance fitness programme, follow the teacher! £3/session

* **Exercise Class with Sophie** 12.30-1.15pm in the Town Hall, suitable for all abilities, all welcome just turn up! **NOT on 30th**

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

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

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

* **ZUMBATOMIC** in the Town Hall– **Lil' Starz** 4 – 7 years old at 4.00pm

Big Starz 8-12 years old 5.00pm Call Fiona on 07921180715 for more information.

* **ZUMBA** – 6.30-7.30pm in the Town Hall, dance/fitness class, just follow the teacher! £3/session

SUNDAY 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

* **Ippon Karate** in the Town Hall 10.00am -11.00am

SUNDAY 4th

Coupar Angus Fire Station Open Day at Lamb and Gardiners Garage in Coupar Angus 12 noon – 4pm. See main advert.

Other Events & Clubs**FRIDAY** 2nd

* **CA&D Heritage Association AGM** at Strathmore Bowling Club, 7.30pm. Talk about the Bronze Age in Perthshire with Trevor Cowie, Curator of the Bronze Age Collection at the National Museum of Scotland. Free to Members, Small charge for non members. Refreshments available.

THURSDAY 8th

Thursday Friends Tea Party in the Town Hall from 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing new faces and welcoming back our regulars.

FRIDAY 9th

Red House Hotel for **Coupar Angus Country & Western Music Club** Evening with Live music, at the Red House Hotel, Coupar Angus from 8pm onwards. Music by Carson City. **CHARITY NIGHT**

MONDAY 12th

* **Community Council Meeting**, 7pm in Coupar Angus Town Hall

TUESDAY 13th

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

THURSDAY 15th

* Afternoon Art Classes (CA Adult Education Assoc.) at the Guide Hut, School Road, Coupar Angus from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. £30.00 for 10 weeks, Concessions £28 Call Elaine on 01828 627040.

* Scottish Country Dancing (CA Adult Education Assoc.) at Coupar Angus Primary School Hall 7pm – 9pm. £30.00 for 10 weeks, Concessions £28 Call Elaine on 01828 627040.

SATURDAY 17th

* **GRAND HARVEST FETE**, Abbey Church, Dundee Road from 10am - 2.30pm in our newly refurbished multi-purpose church. Stalls include: Books, Toys, Good as New, Baking, Jams and Jellies, Bric-a-Brac, Tombola, Raffle, Face Painting and Homemade Cards, Tea, Coffee and Home Baking, Tickets priced £2 for adults and £1 for children. If you can help in any way or would like further information, see Kathryn Dempsey or call 01828 627331.

MONDAY 19th

* **Tai Chi Sessions** (CA Adult Education Assoc.) at Coupar Angus Primary School from 7pm-8.30pm. £30.00 for 10 weeks, Concessions £28 Call Elaine on 01828 627040.

TUESDAY 20th

Yoga Classes (CA Adult Education Assoc.) at Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm – 8.30pm. £30.00 for 10 weeks, Concessions £28 Call Elaine on 01828 627040.

THURSDAY 22nd

Afternoon Art Classes (CA Adult Education Assoc.) at the Guide Hut, School Road, Coupar Angus from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. £30.00 for 10 weeks, Concessions £28 Call Elaine on 01828 627040.

*******DOORS OPEN FESTIVAL*******

* **St Anne's** will be open along with several other buildings for the Doors Open weekend 24th/25th Sep when the church will also be celebrating Harvest.

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th September – see main article.

MONDAY 26th

* **Tai Chi Sessions** (CA Adult Education Assoc.) at Coupar Angus Primary School from 7pm-8.30pm. £30.00 for 10 sessions, Call Elaine McKinlay on 01828 627040.

TUESDAY 27th

* **Little Fishes Buggy Club** will meet on Tuesday 27th Sep in St Anne's Hall at 9.45am - everyone welcome to activities and story time for the under fives.

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

* **Yoga Classes** (CA Adult Education Assoc.) at Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm – 8.30pm. £30.00 for 10 weeks, Concessions £28 Call Elaine on 01828 627040.

WEDNESDAY 28th

Coupar Angus Book Club 8pm in the Talbot Hall - with guest speaker Edward Small from Dundee University speaking on Creative Writing.

THURSDAY 29th

Afternoon Art Classes (CA Adult Education Assoc.) at the Guide Hut, School Road, Coupar Angus from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. £30.00 for 10 weeks, Concessions £28 Call Elaine on 01828 627040.



DOORS OPEN WEEKEND

Saturday 24th only

Heritage Centre, 8 George Street, Coupar Angus, [PH13 9DH](#) 10am – 4pm

The CAD 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

Historic Spinning and Weaving Demonstrations 10am – 4.30pm

Bow Cottage, Bogside Road, Coupar Angus, [PH13 9AY](#)

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.

The Masonic Hall, Gray Street, Coupar Angus

This is a rare opportunity to see inside the red rubble Masonic Lodge, one of the oldest buildings in Coupar Angus. The lodge has its roots in the Guild of Masons, in 1842 there were 50 masons to trade in the town. Free Masons were wealthy and educated men who joined various lodges and brought with them a great deal of prestige.

Open Saturday 10am – 3pm



Tolbooth Steeple, Queens Street, Coupar Angus, [PH13 9AS](#)

Saturday 24th (10.00am-4.00pm, half hourly tours)

The Tolbooth Steeple was built in 1762 by public subscription and was the meeting place for the town committee and courtroom for the Justice of the Peace, with the lower portion of the steeple used as a gaol.

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The building is 6 storeys high with a tall roof with a roof slated with a fish scale pattern. It houses the town clock, and those who climb the steep staircase are rewarded with fine views over Coupar Angus. Building Date: **1762**

Pre-booking essential – please contact Coupar Angus and District Heritage Association (01828) 626244



Open Saturday and Sunday

Abbaye Church, Queen Street, Coupar Angus, PH13 9AZ

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 5 mins). **Saturday 24th (10.30am-5pm) – Sunday 25th (1pm-5pm)** Sunday church service at 11.15am.



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. Visitors will be able to try part of the printing

DOORS OPEN WEEKEND

process. A family day on Sunday will include activities such as paper making.
 Building Date: **19th century**

No unaccompanied children. Guided tours, demonstrations and activities.
 Located at Beech Hill Road. Limited street parking at site or park in town centre.

Open Saturday and Sunday 10.00am – 4.30pm.

St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, 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. Recitals of organ music will be played for visitor’s enjoyment, an art exhibition will be on display and Harvest Festival Celebrations will be underway.

Refreshments available.

Saturday 10.30am- 5.00pm and Sunday 12.30pm – 5pm.

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 email: info@couparangusheritage.co.uk*

Your chance to shape your community

Community Councils are groups of people who give time to, and have a genuine interest in, the well-being of their community. Their chief role is representative; to consult the local community and to make known to the local authority and other public bodies the views of local people on all matters affecting them.

The local authority, in return, has a duty to consult community councils on how local services are delivered and other issues affecting their neighbourhoods. Community councils have the right to be consulted on any planning applications in their areas and are also kept informed about licensing applications.

For the first time, Perth & Kinross Council will administer elections for the 53 community councils across the Perth and Kinross area. This follows approval of a new scheme of establishment for community councils. The elections, which will be by postal vote, will take place where the number of valid nominations to stand as a member of a community council exceeds the maximum number of members allowed for that community council. The deadline for voting is 5pm on Thursday 3 November 2011 and the results will be announced the following day, Friday 4 November 2011.

If you are interested in standing for your local community council, nomination forms will be available from Perth & Kinross Council's website www.pkc.gov.uk from 15 September 2011. The deadline for nominations is 29 September 2011. All nominations must be accompanied by 50 word statement of support.

Perth & Kinross Council encourages residents to become involved in their local community councils. Community councils are the most local community based tier of elected representation and it is their duty to represent the views of their communities and to act to ensure their wellbeing.

For further information and advice including the scheme for the establishment of community councils please visit the Perth & Kinross Council website. Alternatively, contact Perth & Kinross Council's Community Council Liaison Office by emailing communitycouncils@pkc.gov.uk or phoning 01738 475004.

EAST PERTHSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

The public had an opportunity to discuss community issues with Inspector Ged Fitzpatrick and East Perthshire Neighbourhood Watch Association (EPNWA) at the Association's latest meeting in Meigle Church Hall on Thursday 11th August. Topics discussed included speeding, parking, anti-social behaviour, doorstep sellers and community wardens.

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Behind it lies a simple idea, and a central value shared by millions of people around the country: getting together with your neighbours to take action to cut local crime. Members' involvement can be as little or as much as they wish. Joining a 'watch' (streets or areas which have NHW members) helps and reassures those who live in fear of crime. It also encourages neighbourliness and closer communities, and often cuts crime and the opportunities for crime.

EPNWA encompasses nearly 60 active watches and there are many benefits of joining or starting up a scheme in your area, including a discount in your house insurance. Don't sit back and accept problems in your area. Together we can solve crime and anti-social behaviour in your area and strengthen your area's strength of community. EPNWA operates an informal neighbourhood watch, with no lengthy meetings, AGMs, or other formalities. Joining this organisation is very easy by contacting Tayside Police, Community Safety on 0300 111 2222. The next public meeting will be in The Old Red Cross Hall, Lower Mill Street, Blairgowrie on Tuesday 6th September at 7pm. All welcome.

BICYCLES

Bicycles can be easily stolen if not secured properly and are sometimes transported to another part of the country and sold on.

The more expensive bicycles are a real target for thieves and, if they have access to a van, thieves can steal a number of bicycles in one day.

Please remember the following advice :

- Buy a good quality bike lock and use it. Look for a 'Sold Secure' approved lock or ask for a recommendation from your local bike shop.
- When leaving your bike unattended in the street, secure it to a solid item of street furniture such as railing or post.
- Secure any removable parts, such as the wheels, or consider taking them with you.

Security mark or engrave your bike. Tayside Police operate a Cycle Passport marking scheme where for a small charge a bike can be security marked, photographed and the details recorded on a national database.

[source: www.tayside.police.uk]

SAT NAVS

Portable satellite navigation equipment is becoming very popular with motorists – but it's also becoming very popular with criminals.

If you have a portable system then keep it safe by taking it, together with any cradles and suction pads with you when leaving the car. Remember to also wipe away any suction pad marks on the windscreen or dashboard - thieves will look out for these. Don't simply put your sat-nav under the seat or in the glove box, these are the first places that a thief will look.

You can also help by following these tips :

- Use a UV pen to mark your equipment with your postcode and house number or your vehicle registration number – anything that can help the police identify your property if we find it in the possession of someone else.
- Make a note of the make, model and serial number of your equipment and keep that information in a safe place at home – not in the car.

[source: www.tayside.police.uk]

GET SAFE ONLINE

Get Safe Online is a joint initiative between the government, the National Hi-Tech Crime Unit (part of the National Crime Squad) and private sector sponsors from the worlds of technology, retail and finance.

Millions of UK internet users are putting themselves at risk of attack from internet criminals because they do not understand the threats to them and their computers while they are online or the ways to protect themselves against

these threats.

The 'Get Safe Online' campaign aims to tackle this problem by raising public awareness of these issues and provide solutions.

The campaign's website - www.getsafeonline.org - is a one stop shop for reliable, up-to-date information about online safety, giving home users and small businesses the advice they need to use the Internet safely.

[source: www.tayside.police.uk]

Do we have your contact details on file for Police Alerts or EPNWA info?

Check with Adeline Casey. Your details are not shared with third parties.

WELCOME: East Perthshire Neighbourhood Watch Association is still going strong in your area. Get in touch on the non-emergency Police number 0300 111 2222 to find out how to join, or start up a watch.

If you are already signed up, think about the sort of information you would like to see in the next newsletter, or discussed at public meetings, and contact any of the association members below. Your input is vital to keep the association alive.

<i>Irene Robertson</i> , Chair	Tel: 01828 633045	Email: chair@epnwa.org.uk
<i>Adeline Casey</i> , Secretary	Tel: 01250 874685	Email: secretary@epnwa.org.uk
<i>David Rhind</i> , Treasurer	Tel: 01250 874006	Email: treasurer@epnwa.org.uk

Your local street contact is.....

Telephone number.....

OUR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Since October 2007, EPNWA has been holding open-forum public meetings in local towns. Rotating between Alyth, Blairgowrie, Coupar Angus, Kettins, Kirkmichael, Meigle, Wolfhill, and Woodside/Burrelton, the meetings are an opportunity to air views to Inspector Ged Fitzpatrick and local Neighbourhood

Watch Representatives. The meetings are informal with no agenda, name register, or minute taking, and attendees can arrive and leave as they wish.

A wide range of subjects is discussed, and the latest newsletter as well as community safety information is available to collect at each meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday

6th September 2011

BLAIRGOWRIE

7pm

Blairgowrie Christian Fellowship
(The Old Red Cross Hall)
34, Lower Mill Street

When telephoning Police on 0300 111 2222

the list of options are:

1. Lost & Found Property
2. Custody Queries
3. Advice or information, or transfer to specific department or officer
4. Police attendance required
5. Keeping children safe, or Sex offender disclosure

stay on the line after the options to be transferred to a member of staff

INSPECTOR GED FITZPATRICK



I joined Tayside police in 1990 at which time I was posted to the Blairgowrie section in Western Division. As such I have very fond memories of my early years in the force and it is with a touch of nostalgia that I return here 20 years later.

I thereafter transferred to central Division where I carried out variety of duties including

beat duties in various areas throughout Dundee. In 1995 I transferred to a Support Group where my main duties involved working in plain-clothes within the stolen vehicle section.

I returned to beat duties in Dundee in 2000 and in 2002 I was promoted to uniform sergeant where I was posted to Eastern Division (Angus) and where I was stationed in Brechin/Montrose.

In 2003 I returned to Dundee where I continued to carry out the role of Uniform sergeant in the Maryfield area. In 2004 I transferred to Central Division CID where for the next three years I dealt with both volume and serious crime across the whole division.

In 2007 I transferred to Headquarters Crime Division (which became the Force Information and Intelligence Division) where I dealt with Intelligence matters covering the whole of the force area.

Neighbourhood Watch plays an important role in local policing and I look forward to further strengthening the relationship between Tayside Police and EPNWA.

Ged Fitzpatrick
Section Inspector

CARAVANS

Thieves often target caravans for spare parts or to sell on elsewhere. By their nature, caravans are more difficult to secure than your home or car.

There are, however, measures you can take to help prevent your caravan becoming a target :

- When not in use consider storing it within a lockable shed or garage or in a dedicated caravan storage facility. There are companies which offer such a service. Do not necessarily go for the best price and visit each site to establish which will be most secure for your caravan.
- If parking your caravan in your driveway

try to position it within a well lit spot and within reach of your light sensor should you have one. Security posts can also be built into your driveway.

- Consider fitting an alarm to your caravan. Some alarms are specifically designed to activate when tipping or towing is detected.
- Ensure that the 17 digit VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) is etched into all the windows.
- Wheel clamps can also be effective but ensure that they are properly fitted to prevent the wheel from being deflated and the clamp removed.

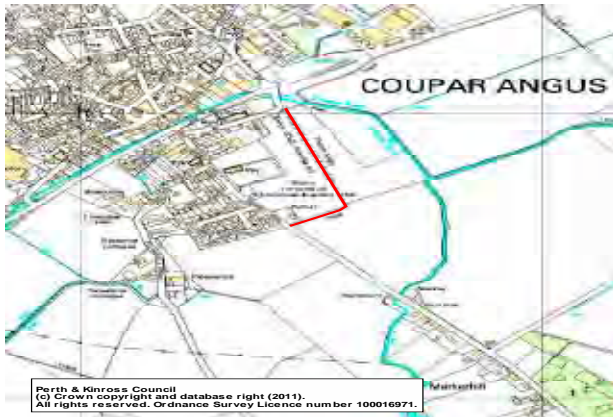
Lock the coupling head into a cover with a hitchlock. [source: www.tayside.police.uk]

OPEN PATHS INITIATIVE

The historic Town of Coupar Angus lies amid farming land and has grown up alongside the Coupar Burn and River Isla. Although most people now use roads to get around, there is a path & track network which can be used for passing through the area around the town at a gentler pace. Due to the nature of our land these paths are generally easy and give great views over river and farmland. Some of them are well known and still used but most are now overgrown and in need of attention.

A well promoted and good quality path network is a great asset for any community, great for locals to help them keep fit and healthy and a great way for visitors to get know our area. Coupar Angus Regeneration Trust is now looking for help with our – **Open Paths Initiative**.

CART is working with the Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust (PKCT) & the Council (PKC) to liaise with landowners and attract funding for the project. Although we have some ideas we want to hear from **you** to make sure we work on the best project possible. Here are our plans



To be Upgraded:

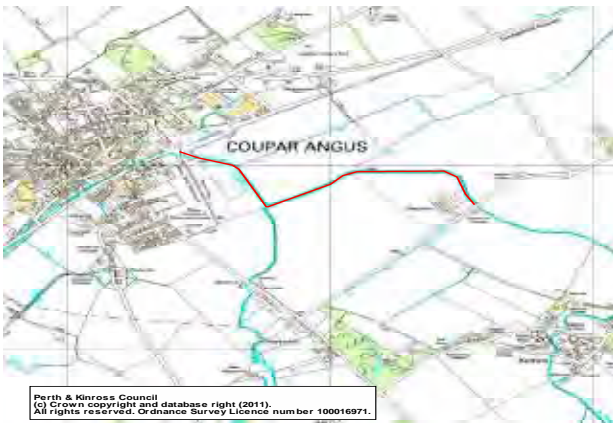
Thorn Alley is a Historic Path, inside a scheduled monument.

How often do you use the path?

Would you use it more often if it had a better surface?

What would encourage you to use it more?

We hope to improve this path to a standard suitable for all abilities and use it to tell the story of the Abbey.



GREENBURN PATH is a right of way and links with Kettins and provides a circular route when used with other paths and quiet roads.

It is currently overgrown and collapsing into the burn in places.

Would you use the path if it is restored?

Old Railway Line Path

Part of the old railway line from the junction with the Greenburn Path and running east following the wall alongside the Balhousie Care Home, East of Scotland Farmers and passing Meadowside Farm to connect with the road at the railway bridge. This route is currently very overgrown but could provide an easy and pleasant path. Using the road to get back to Larghan Park a nice circular route miles could be created

Other Paths which could be signed and promoted could include:

Kemphill Path Distance 2.3 miles

Starting from Butterybank Road head down towards the main road to Blairgowrie, turn left. Head left again under the old railway line and basically follow the track past Kemphill Farm until you reach the road, head left again back to Butterybank Road.

Larghan Walk Distance Approx. 3 miles

Starting from Larghan Park, the walk is basically a circular route round the back roads back to Coupar Angus – be careful of traffic.

Coupar Angus River Walk Distance 2.6 miles

Starting from the Town Hall, head up towards the primary school, turn right and head straight along the road onto a farm track. Follow this down towards the river. You will have to climb over a fence on the left to head back towards Coupar Angus – Keep your distance if cows are in the field. Head over the road and turn left, follow the track up towards Butterybank Road – if it's been wet it will be *muddy* so use the road instead. Make your way from there back to the Town Hall.

Are there any other paths that you would like to see promoted?

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR FAVOURITE PATH

On Saturday 24th September in the New Abbey Church from 10.30am – 3pm, I (Jill) will be there with a range of maps and comment sheets. Please come and let me know which paths you use now and/or would like to use. Also tell me about any other paths you may know about. We are particularly interested in the history of the paths so please come along and share your stories.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

During October we would like small parties of volunteers to walk the paths and point out any issues which need addressed. We also want to make notes of points of interest along the way so we can put together a path leaflet. This will be used to encourage others to enjoy the paths.

Next year we will need to keep our paths cut back and tidy, so volunteers for this will be essential! Please sign up at the event above or phone Jill on 01828 628569 or drop in at the CART office, 12 Union Street, Coupar Angus or email me at cartrust@btconnect.com.



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