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CART - A New Chapter

The Trustees of Coupar Angus Regeneration Trust welcomed their new Project Officer, Jill Davies, at their Annual General Meeting recently. Originally from Blairgowrie, Jill came home after years in Wales where she worked in a similar town regeneration project.

Perth and Kinross Council and European funding through Leader Rural Tayside will enable CART to assist local groups with training and other services to regenerate the town.

"Coupar Angus and the surrounding area will benefit from this initiative aimed at revitalising the local community and economy through supporting local people in local groups." Chairperson Councillor Alan Grant said today. "The community have always been successful in making things happen in the town, a great example being the Horsefair. With this support, the £200,000 Town Centre Regeneration Fund plans and the THI,

Coupar Angus has a brighter future. Jill will be based in the Royal Bank Building office but will also be visiting community groups in the area.

Next month also sees the 4th anniversary of the Coupar Angus Bulletin, with the following edition; in December, being the 50th publication. The community newspaper was started in November 2005 after the Community Questionnaire identified a need for a community newsletter and was developed as a way of promoting the regeneration initiatives and reinforcing community spirit.

If you have any notable anniversary to celebrate next month please let us know for our next edition and we can celebrate it together. For information on Coupar Angus Regeneration Trust please visit the website at www.coupar-angus.org, contact the Union Street office on 01828 628569 or email us at CARtrust@btconnect.com.

Dates for your diary in October

- *Community Council Meeting, Monday 14th October from 7pm at the Coupar Angus Town Hall.*
- *Coupar Angus & District Heritage Association Meeting, Friday 2nd October at 7.30pm, "Old Parishes", Talk by Mary Reid at the Strathmore Bowling Club, Forfar Road, Coupar Angus.*

Loving Larghan Victory Park?

The official opening of the redeveloped park took place on the 6th of June, as everyone will know, and was very well supported by the community. The contractors, JKF Ltd., have done a first class job and the results are splendid.

One of the most pleasing aspects has been seeing so many families using the new equipment. This was one of the main purposes of the work and it is always great to see an objective being achieved.

There is really only one downside to mention but this is very serious. The new toilet unit is being abused by some people and this is totally unacceptable. There has been damage to the doors, attempts have been to wedge them open thus rendering the unit inoperative, and signage has also been damaged. Worse still, on one occasion Council staff had to remove human excrement, yes, shit, from the walls of the units. Can you imagine what that job was like?

Such acts of mindless vandalism are always puzzling. Those who commit these crimes, for that is what they are, don't even have the "satisfaction" of seeing the effects since if they hung around they'd be caught and punished. Their motivation is totally obscure.

CART would ask everyone who uses the park or anyone passing by to please keep an eye out for this kind of thing and report it to the Police and the Area Supervisor of the Environment Service as

soon as possible. If you see something untoward happening then please dial 999 as soon as you can. Otherwise the Police can be contacted on their new non-emergency number which is 0845 600 5705 and the Council's Area Supervisor can be called on 01250 873265.

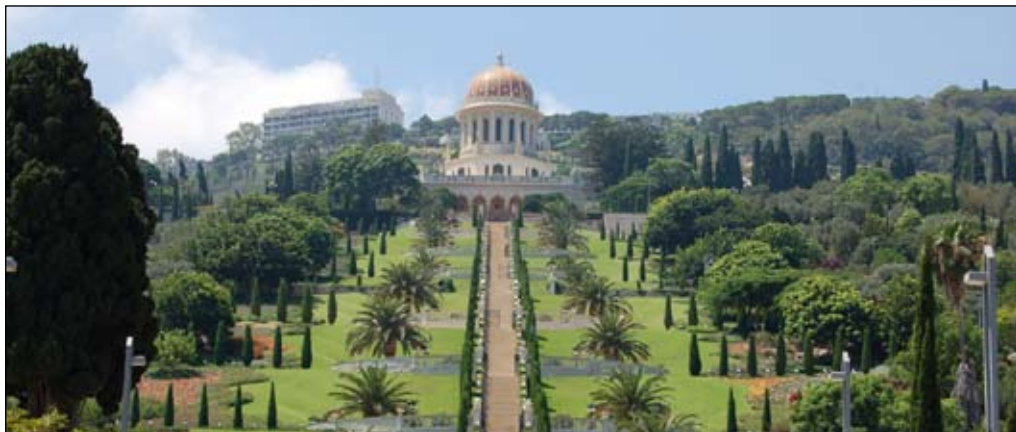
Anything like this costs money, of course, and guess who pays? Yes indeed, we all do, so it is in our interests to do what we can to prevent such criminal behaviour and report it as soon as possible.

Further, regarding the toilets, their opening hours will alter as the darker evenings begin and usage of the park decreases. From the 25th of September they will open at 8.00am and close at 8.00pm. From the 23rd of October, just before summer time ends and the clocks go back, they will close at 4.30pm to coincide with the operating hours of the area depot since, if they malfunction thereafter, there will be no staff on duty to repair or adjust them.

Finally on this topic, CART is delighted to report that the park has won a Green Flag for its play area. The Green Flag organisation is a national body which assesses play areas and classifies them. Their judgement of Larghan is that it is first class and merits this award. The new flagpole has been erected in the park and the flag will be flying there when this issue of the Bulletin is published.

Garden Lending Scheme

Is your garden getting too much for you?



Is your garden getting too much for you? Well not many are on this scale, but even so we can help.

Earlier this year we appealed to the residents of Coupar Angus and surrounding area for anyone who would like an allotment.

We were lucky enough to have over a dozen people show an interest. Now we are looking for local people who have a garden with a little extra space for

growing vegetables, which they can set aside for others to use in a Garden Lending Scheme. It's a great way for you to enjoy your garden without all the hard work!!

So if you have, or you know someone who has, a garden they would like to lend out, please contact Jill Davies in the CART office on 01828 628569 (Monday, Thursday or Friday) or email on CARtrust@btconnect.com.

25 Years of Bingo Nights

Newtyle, Kettins & Sidlaw SNP Branch have recently discovered that they have been holding Bingo on the second Monday of the month, in Coupar Angus Town Hall for 25 years.

They would like to invite players young and old to their October Bingo on Monday 12th October at 7.30pm, to

celebrate. There will be a Snowball prize of £50.

Ann Campbell said, "We hope to see all our usual players plus hopefully more friends."



Join Burrelton & Woodside Playgroup

Burrelton Playgroup are looking for children to join them! The group meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in Burrelton Village Hall where children aged 2 to 5 years can attend a playgroup run by PKC Playstart.

Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10-11.30, for smaller children and babies. This provides an opportunity for smaller children and babies to play together and for mothers to have a chat and a coffee.

Children can attend any or all sessions, subject to availability, and parents are not required to stay with the children. The group also run an informal Mother and Toddlers group in Woodside Church

All are made most welcome. For more information and an application form please contact Gill on 07591695594

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Heritage Centre opening hours:

Sunday and Monday closed

Tuesday and Wednesday: 2pm-4pm

Thursday and Friday: 11am-1pm

Saturday: 10.30am-2pm

Annual membership Adults £5
Children free.

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Monthly meetings are held on Fridays at 7.30pm. The meetings in 2009 will be held at The Strathmore Bowling Club, Forfar Road, Coupar Angus.

Admission: Members free Non Members are welcome
(£2 inc refreshments and biscuits)

PROGRAMME 2009

October 2nd: "Old Parishes" by Mary Reid

November 13th: " Jute Industry – Verdant Works" by Mary Archibald

December 4th: "Our Neighbours at Abernyste" by Mary Young

POLICE NEWS: Community PC Steve Brown

Road Safety

Tayside Police throughout the year regularly carry out road safety initiatives to dissuade and detect road users who continually flout road traffic law due to their poor manner of driving. A number of motorists are still speeding, using their mobile phones whilst driving with others not wearing their seat belts despite all the media focus on road safety.

Now with schools back for the autumn term with new starts in primary one, it is incomprehensible that any parent, or anyone else for that matter, would fail to heed all common sense and safety advice, as well as the law, and fail to properly restrain themselves and/or their children.

It is so easy to put a seat belt on. Seat belts do save lives. Simply holding a child in your arms is not an option when travelling in a car. In the event of a collision or even sudden braking, the consequences are often dreadful. We have all seen the television adverts about unrestrained passengers and car drivers being propelled forward into fellow passengers.

Drivers should be aware that they are personally responsible for ensuring that a child under 14-years-old is suitably restrained. Children up to the age of three in the front of the vehicle must be placed in a correct child seat.

Children older than three, but less than 135cm (approx 4'5" tall), or under 12 years of age (whichever they reach first), must use a correct child restraint, such as a booster seat and an adult seatbelt. If one is not available they can conditionally use an adult seat belt in the rear.

It is important to ensure that all child car seats are fitted correctly and are of an appropriate size and type for the child. The advice is simple, put on your seat belt, slow down and don't become a casualty or a statistic.

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Non Emergency 0300 111 2222

Emergency 999

Seasonal Flu Vaccinations available at the Coupar Angus Medical Centre

Available to patients 65yrs or over by the 31st March 2009 and patients under the age of 65yrs who have one or more of the following medical conditions: Asthma, Respiratory Problems e.g. Emphysema, Diabetes, Heart Problems e.g. Angina, Renal or Liver dysfunction or Immune deficiency. **It is important to note that this is for seasonal Flu and the vaccine will not specifically target H1N1 "Swine Flu".**

More information about the swine flu vaccine will be available soon.

Please contact the practice for more information on 01828 627312



A New Heart for Coupar Angus Town Centre

The heart of town could be transformed by a £200,000 grant from the Town Centre Regeneration Fund, intended to revitalise town centres throughout the country, Perth and Kinross Council reported recently.

The Cross and High Street in Coupar Angus could be redesigned to include moving the bus stop and creating pavement areas suitable for café seating by Easter 2010. The Cross could play host to markets and public events, if plans go ahead.

"We are eager to speak to local residents about what they would like to see in their town centre before finalising plans." said Douglas Cook, Landscape Architect for the project. Comments have been

received from local businesses and the Community Council.

Opportunities to view plans include exhibitions at the town library on Tuesday 13th and 20th October, 5-7pm where residents will be able to speak to Council staff. Additional dates were being confirmed as we went to print.

Each resident will receive a letter in early October with the proposed plans asking for their feedback by late October. For more information about proposed dates for the exhibitions, please visit the CART website at www.coupar-angus.org.




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