



THE KIRRIEMUIR AND THE GLENS PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER - EDITION 1, SUMMER 2006 -

Community planning is about everyone working together to make their area a better place to live. The Angus Community Planning Partnership, led by Angus Council, brings the Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations, Angus College, Angus Rural Partnership, Communities Scotland, NHS Tayside, Scottish Enterprise Tayside, Tayside Fire Brigade, Tayside Police and Volunteer Centre Angus together to improve joint working to provide better services and improve peoples' quality of life. Local area partnerships have been developed in each of the Angus burgh areas, to help bring local organisations together as one way of achieving community input into the community planning process. Each partnership can strengthen and work with local groups to bring forward co-ordinated plans for the area.

The Kirriemuir and The Glens Partnership have been involved in various projects since their establishment and are currently focusing on their top three partnership priorities for the Kirriemuir and The Glens area: the Southmuir Primary School Project - the creation of a community/arts centre for community use at Southmuir Primary School; the Peter Pan Walkway Project - regeneration of the town to encourage tourism and for community use; and supporting the Kirriemuir Youth Project - to improve the facilities and activities available to young people in the Kirriemuir and The Glens area. In this, our first newsletter, we have provided you with some useful information about our Partnership, what's available in your area and forthcoming events. We would also like to invite you to attend our **next meeting on Wednesday 23 August 2006, 7.30pm at Fairlie House, Kirriemuir.**

This is your chance to find out more about what we do and how you too can get involved with your local community and make it an even better place to live!

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COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

Country Connections held a very successful networking/showcase day at the Glenisla Golf Centre, Alyth in March at which the new leaflet was launched. For copies please telephone 01575 560718 or visit one of the six businesses involved in the Country Connections group - Jack Macdonald Photography, Lochside Lodge, Nether Craig Caravan Park, Glenisla Golf Centre or Peel Farm. The leaflet will also be available at tourist offices.

Businesses attending the event included Julie Hermitage with her selection of Coul Toys, Sheila Cameron and Rosie Mcnaught Wilson - alternative therapists from Kirriemuir, Alyth Arts and framers, Mishka design bags, Astute Printers, Jenny Adamson wire sculptures, Linda Sinclair beads and jewelry, Catherine McIntyre with digitally enhanced portraits, Kate Fleming representing the Countryside Festival and the Strathmore Farming Companies home produced meats from Glamis. The Angus Website team were also represented.

GLAMIS CASTLE NEWS

In October 2005 Glamis was awarded the Investors in People Award, following a very busy year which saw the G8 spouses visit the castle - staff were praised for keeping the whole

visit under wraps for so long. The 2006 season has events planned over the summer months and the Castle will remain open until the end of December. Plans are in progress for the winter opening.

Forthcoming Events

12 - 13 August: Grand Scottish Prom Weekend (Tickets on sale from Castle Office)

2 - 3 September: Scotland's Countryside Festival

Sponsored Charity

Each year Glamis sponsors a charity. This year the sponsored charity will be The Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS). For more information on CHAS pick up a leaflet from the castle office. Donation cans are also displayed around the castle. The guides are organising a pantomime to support CHAS which is sure to be fun.



To submit an article for the next newsletter please contact

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KIRRIEMUIR PRIME TIME

Kirriemuir Prime Time - a leisure activities group for the over 50's - aims to 'foster a sharing of interests, hobbies and skills' and many activities are catered for. The walking group set out every Friday from Kirriemuir; the art group meet every Thursday afternoon to draw and paint; the craft group meet every Tuesday afternoon to mainly knit, sew and crochet; the book reading and discussion group meet on the first Wednesday in the month (September- May) to discuss various books and subjects; the music group travel to concerts; the theatre group hope to continue to offer visits to theatres in Dundee, Perth, St. Andrews and Pitlochry; and the monthly 'touring around' group make afternoon visits to local places of interest. Full-day outings are arranged for each month from April-September.

Monthly meetings of Prime Time are held at 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish church hall, Kirriemuir. Annual membership costs £3 and there is a £1 charge for the monthly meeting to cover hall rental and 'tea and biscuits'. Enquiries to Margaret Mair (Secretary), 46 Slade Gardens, Kirriemuir, telephone 01575 572610 or Harry Racionzer (Chairman), 2 Poplar Row, Angle Road, Kirriemuir, telephone 01575 575374.

KIRRIEMUIR AND DISTRICT TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Kirriemuir and Volvic in France celebrate 30 years of Town Twinning this year. Members of Kirriemuir Rotary Club made the initial investigations and it was agreed to "Twin" with Volvic in the Auvergne Region of France. A group came from Volvic in March 1976, and a Kirriemuir group journeyed to France in July to sign the Charter. This can now be seen in the Gateway to the Glens Museum in Kirriemuir.

Many social and cultural exchanges have since taken place, the latest being a visit by Webster's High pupils to Volvic in June, and a return visit by the French pupils later. Several of the initial members still remain in contact. One guest who came as a pupil is now a manager in the Volvic Water Factory, and he has paid a visit to the Strathmore Mineral Water Factory in Forfar.

Information can be obtained from "seapath" <seapath@ntworld.com or penman@nsworld.com.

DOORSTOPPERS
SAY NO TO DOORSTEP CALLERS

DOORSTOPPERS
is coming to Your Area

What is it? It is an initiative lead by Trading Standards and Tayside Police and supported by over 20 voluntary and statutory agencies including Help the Aged, Neighbourhood Watch, Social Work and Housing.

What's it about? It aims to raise awareness of doorstep crime and help citizens to say no to unwanted callers e.g. aggressive sales men.

What is Doorstep crime? This can be distraction theft, impersonation of police or council staff, it can include shoddy work done by "tarmacers" and similar "door to door" sellers or it may be unwanted and sometimes "pushy" salesmen.

How does it affect you? Many residents in Angus will have receive a mail shot including a door sticker to put in their door or window saying "we do not buy from doorstep sellers". If you have not received a pack contact your local Access Office or get a copy of the sticker from your local library or Police Station.

Anything else? From 20th June 2006 NO COLD CALLING AREAS have

been set up in Angus based on Neighbourhood Watch areas.

For further information contact Trading Standards on 01241 435600 or your local crime reduction officer, 01307 303937.

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DETERMINING PRIORITIES FOR THE ANGUS GLENS

The Angus Glens Seminar was held on Thursday 23rd March 2006 at the Royal Jubilee Arms Hotel, Dykehead, Kirriemuir. More than sixty officers from partner organisations, local workers, representatives from local businesses and from community and voluntary organisations came together to discuss local issues.

Agenda items included local community planning in Angus, the draft Angus Rural Strategy, Kirriemuir and The Glens Partnership, the role of the voluntary sector in rural community development, and links with and activities involving other communities in the Cairngorms National Park Authority area.

A full report and details of how to get involved will be available shortly. For more information contact Fiona Duffy, Rural Partnership Development Officer

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LIKE PETER PAN – ANGUS GLIDING CLUB IS A FIRST FOR FLIGHT

Last year has seen continued development with three adult first solos. Of its five junior members, one flew solo on his sixteenth birthday. Some members obtained another single-seat glider and the club a reserve winch. Restoration of our classic KA6 nears completion and work begins on creating additional workshop facilities for the engineering minded volunteers.

The highlight of the year was probably the interclub group day

whereupon the local TVR Club visited for a glorious day's sunshine, flying and barbeque provided by the gliding club in the Strathmore valley.

If your work colleagues, club or community group fancy participating in such an event give Bob Johnston a call on 01307 467676 or alternatively see our web site for more information at www.angusglidingclub.ukf.net if you want to email. The club is open to new members so if you are generally physically fit and are interested, give Bob a call or if you are looking for that unusual birthday present we can provide a Gift Voucher which includes a month's temporary membership and free instructional flight for only £25.



THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND IN ANGUS

The National Trust for Scotland have made some changes to the properties in Kirriemuir. At No.9, the Birthplace of James M Barrie, a room has been devoted to Barrie while in No.11 there is now the Peter Pan room where visitors can "fly" to Neverland, dress up in costumes, play with puppets or admire newly restored costumes from early Peter Pan productions.

Your visit to Barrie's Birthplace then leads you up the hill to enjoy the views to be seen from the Camera Obscura in the cricket pavilion. The Camera Obscura has, until recently, been totally weather dependent but now visitors can enjoy the views in wet weather thanks to a new DVD which our guides will happily show. On your way up you can walk through Kirriemuir cemetery and visit the Barrie family grave and down the road is the Angus Folk Museum.

You can be sure of a warm welcome at any of the National Trust for Scotland properties. The tourist information office has details of opening times. You can also contact Barrie's Birthplace on 01575 572646 and the Angus Folk Museum on 01307 840288.