

What did the Community Association do in 2009?

Achievements

1. Organised a public opinion survey about the Local Development Plan and publicised the result.
2. Wrote and submitted a response to Aberdeenshire Council about the Main Issues Report.
3. Set up maintenance of the Wallie Walk.
4. Organised the annual litter pick-up.
5. Organised a visit by 18 people to the twin village of Thun St. Martin.
6. Organised maintenance of the public toilets by the community for another three years.
7. Lodged an objection to the proposed private hydro-electric scheme at the Falls of Dess.

Ongoing activities

Keeping an eye on the Local Development Plan.
Helping Aberdeenshire Council to prepare a new Conservation Plan for the village.
Provision of interactive 30 mph signs for the village.
Ownership of the old pavilion in the Play Park.
Provision of a climbing frame in the Play Park.
Flooding in village hall car park.
Christmas festive display.

Want to hear more?

Come along to the AGM on Wed. 18th Nov. at 7:30 pm in the School Hall. Everybody is welcome.

Twinning News

The most important news about twinning is in the adjacent column of School News. The twinning programme will bring most benefit to the community when plenty of young people get involved.

George Robertson reminds us that next year it is our turn to host our friends from Thun St. Martin and we will need all the help we can get to make it another successful and enjoyable visit.

If you are interested in becoming involved why not come along to the AGM or get in touch with George Robertson tel. 013398 84417.

Look out for future social events in the run up to next summers visit.

School News

Norma Robertson, the headteacher at Kincardine O'Neil school, writes:-

"We are having a St Andrews Day Homecoming **ceilidh** in the hall on **Friday 20th November** which we would like to extend a warm welcome to the whole community. Details of times and ticket prices will be available in the near future- save the date!

Welcome to **two new staff** members starting in our school next week Monday 2nd November - Kate McDuff and Sarah Taylor. We hope they enjoy the experience of working with us.

Also welcome to our new primary one whose family have moved into our area - she is Maya Bell.

I would like to have a **Christmas Fayre** this year and would like to involve the local community to make it a fun, festive and sharing morning. Can you ask if any local talented people would be prepared to help us produce items to sell at this event? In my mind I am thinking of sewing expertise to make decorations or craft expertise to produce cards, tags etc. I am sure your community is packed with hidden talent!

I have made contact with a **teacher in France** to start a link between the two schools. Great news as we are both very enthusiastic about it - her name is Marie Michel and she teaches ages 8-11 years which is a perfect match to our Primary 5-7 class - watch this space!"

School at Thun St. Martin

This photograph was taken on the first visit by a party from Kincardine O'Neil to Thun St. Martin back in 2005. It shows a typical view inside the village school, very roomy and well equipped, plenty going on.



Festive Season

George Robertson has been mulling over some thoughts on winter time in Kincardine O'Neil.....

“ Following the much commented-on floral display in the village throughout the summer, the place is beginning to look a bit colourless as the autumn leaves are swept away in the wind. It has been noted that while other villages have some seasonal decoration for the festive period, Kinker will look a bit dour, especially after our spectacular summer display. The Community Association are in talks with the primary school to see if we can combine our forces and put on a festive display.

Anyone interested in contributing towards this idea should get in touch with any of the community association committee, names available following the AGM.”

Toilets - Happy Ending

The appeal for help with looking after the public toilets has had a good result - five people came forward so each will spend one week in five doing a daily check. More volunteers would be welcome - the more there are the less each one does!

Neighbourhood Merit award for the village

We all thought the floral displays in the village were specially good this summer and so did the KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL organisation because they have awarded Kincardine O'Neil a Neighbourhood Merit Award. These awards are “..... a non-competitive initiative designed to give support and recognition to beginner groups making their area a better place to live”.

Congratulations to all concerned and especially to Sandy Mann who has carried out the bulk of the watering and dead-heading to keep the tubs looking so good through the year. He is already planning for next year, but would appreciate a **helping hand**, so anyone who would like to spend an hour or so of a summer's evening tending the flower tubs is welcome to give him a ring on 84325.



Car Park Flooding

The picture below shows a familiar sight this summer. The water takes about 3 days to drain away which is not a good state of affairs. The Community Association is in correspondence with Aberdeenshire Council about the problem.



Deeside Way

The big question at the moment is why is it taking so long to finish the bit from Potarch to Kincardine O'Neil? There are two hold-ups, one at Potarch where a new bridge is needed and the other at the walled garden at Borrowstone. The latest word from Aberdeenshire Council is that the footbridge will be done this month (Nov.) and the Borrowstone bit in January. Meanwhile praise is due to the designers for the way the path has been laid out, especially the bit alongside the main road just outside the village.

This Newsletter

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