

Well summer is over but there is still plenty going on in Oakley & Comrie. It's AGM time so please support your groups. If you are part of a group, hold a class, have a charity event planned, etc then let us know. This newsletter is delivered free to all households in the villages in February, June and September.

If you have any articles for the next issue please send them to [oakleycomrienews@gmail.com](mailto:oakleycomrienews@gmail.com) or contact [Ann Farrell 852832](tel:01235852832).

## OAKLEY & COMRIE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES GROUP

What a great day for our gala this year! We hope you all enjoyed it and are looking forward to next year. The OCEAG group would like to thank everyone for supporting the gala to make it a great family day promoting positive community spirit. Thanks also to the many volunteers and sponsors who helped make this day possible.

The winners of the sports trophies were Amy Jack and Jordan Dowie. We had bouncy castles, balloons, face painting, Waterballs, Photo Booth and the under 5s quiet area. We enjoyed entertainment from Box Beats Accordion Band, the Dixie Landers, LT dancers, Cobbler the Clown and Katlynd Shields. We had competitions for 5 aside football, Fancy Dress, Best Dressed Shop and Best Decorated Home. There was a chance to relax at the Gala Disco where the draw for the winner of the £100 note was made at 10pm. The lucky winner was Leanne Barrie. Could it be YOU next Year?!

Our next events are a **Race Night** on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, **Fireworks Display** on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November** and **Santa** will be in the Community Garden at Oakley on **Christmas Eve**. See inside for more details of these events.



Next year we hope to have a theme for everyone to use for ideas. Come along to our AGM and help us to decide on the theme.

### OCEAG AGM

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**  
**in The White Gates**

We really need some more volunteers to help at events or we will not be able to keep putting on events like this. You don't have to come along to meetings all the time – just let us know what events/tasks you can help with.

Some typical tasks are:

- Sourcing prizes for raffles etc and selling raffle tickets.
- Sourcing entertainers for events
- Setting up and putting away gazebos, flags & tables
- Manning stalls – the more people we have for this, the less time everyone needs to do it. We just secured funding from Comrie Colliery Fund to buy a candy floss and popcorn machine!
- Street collections, Selling tickets for events
- Helping at Gig at the gates – We received £300 for helping man this event.

Why not have your wee one's birthday party hosted by OCEAG at Oakley Community Centre for £120 (all profit to the group). This includes hall & kitchen hire, bouncy castle, face painting, party games and music.

**Contact Renee Foy 852986 or Ashleigh Dykes 07990762817**  
**Facebook Oakley & Comrie Events and Activities Group**



### OCEAG Fireworks Display

**Saturday 7th November at 7pm**

Join our Torchlight procession to Comrie  
Community Centre from Old Mill Lane at **6pm**

**Tickets £3 from a committee member**

**Includes Soup or Hotdog**  
**Tea/coffee/hot chocolate & Glow stick for kids**



## OAKLEY & COMRIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The community council meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month (except July and December). The community council supports local groups such as Tapioca, the Heritage group and the Community Futures steering group 'We are Oakley and Comrie' as well as this newsletter.

For more information contact [John Bonnar](#) on 850882.

## OAKLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

If you have an idea for a class or activity or to make bookings call [Hazel](#) on 602344.

### Community Centre Management Committee AGM

**Thursday 29th October at 6pm**

Guest Speaker – Saline First Responders will be talking about the new defibrillator bought by the management committee for the community centre. Come along and enjoy some lovely home baking.



## OCEAG Race Night

**Saturday 10th October**

**From 7pm at the Whitegates**

**(Racing starts at 8pm)**

**FREE ENTRY**

**finger buffet & disco**



### OAKLEY COMMUNITY CAMPUS

FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO HIRE WITH PROMOTIONAL RATES TO THE LOCAL RESIDENTS, CLUBS AND GROUPS.

#### Areas Available

2 x Sports Halls  
Dining Area  
Lounge  
Meeting Room  
7 a side Grass Pitch

For More Information on prices and a booking pack, please don't hesitate to contact [Inverkeithing High Community Use](mailto:inverkeithing@fife.gov.uk).

Email: [communityuse.inverkeithing@fife.gov.uk](mailto:communityuse.inverkeithing@fife.gov.uk)  
Tel: 01383 602 349  
Address: Hillend Road, Inverkeithing, KY11 1PL

Oakley Community Campus  
Inverkeithing Primary School  
Stanton Wood  
Oakley  
KY11 9RL



## WE ARE OAKLEY AND COMRIE

The 'We are Oakley and Comrie' steering group are due to meet on at **5pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January in the School Campus** to make plans for the Parents Evening Event in March. Both schools are taking part in a 'We are Oakley and Comrie' project where the pupils will try to learn about the community around us and will present it at the event.

*Mums and Dads – our family.*

*Grandparents.*

*Things my Grandparents did.*

*People who help us.*

*People who work here.*

*Our Mining History.*

*Mapping the area.*

The children are would love for people from the community to help them with this project so if you have a story to tell about these subjects please get in touch with the school NOW (you don't need to have a child at the school to help).

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## WEST FIFE WOODLAND GROUP



Our group was formed in 2006 with intention of carrying out restoration work to the former Valleyfield Estate once owned by Sir Robert Preston. The same year saw the group doing the first Snowdrop Festival in Valleyfield Woods. Next year, 2016, will mark the tenth anniversary of the group doing these festivals. The guided walks are free to all members of the public, where our guides will give expert talk on the local history of the Valleyfield Estate and the surrounding area.

Over the years our group has grown with the tasks we carry out, from putting new path networks in Valleyfield Woods and now the former Blairhall Bings which we will be extending to Balgownie Woods.

The group has two major projects on the go at this moment. The first is a new Orchard in Valleyfield Woods on a piece of land which was formally the kitchen garden of the Valleyfield Estate, early next year should see the first planting of 100 fruit trees in the orchard.

The second project should be completed in September this year, which is the pathway from Blairhall Bings to Balgownie Woods. This path opens up access to one of west Fifes largest natural wetland areas.

The group meets at 9.30am every Monday at Shiresmill Therapy Riding Centre to carry out designated tasks. The work carried out will vary depending times of the year and projects being undertaking. The group are always welcoming new members who willing to give up a few hours of their time.

If anyone would like to see more of what our group is doing you could join our Facebook page West Fife Woodlands.

Ronnie Collins, Vice Chairman.



## 116TH FIFE SCOUT GROUP

All the Sections have now restarted after the Summer Break, the Leaders returning after their well-earned rest.

The Beaver Colony which is continuing to grow has some exciting activities planned for this term and next; a joint outing with the Cub Pack to the Fire Station and a sleepover in the Hall. The Cub Pack which has increased its numbers as the Beavers moved up to the Pack at the start of the new term.

The Scouts have had their first camp of the new session. This term they are looking into Community Challenges and Faiths and Beliefs.

The Explorer Unit has already started with a bang with an adventure day sailing experience with the Sea Scouts at Limekilns. They are also looking at some joint activities with the Scouts, such as camping.

On 27<sup>th</sup> September the whole Group will be taking part in the Dunfermline District Scout Sports at the Pitreavie Sports Stadium. This will be a family fun day and it is hoped many parents and friends will come along to support and cheer on the youngsters.

## COMRIE COMMUNITY CENTRE



### Bloomin' Lovely Gardening Competition

Comrie's first gardening competition was very successful with 17 entrants competing for Best Flower Garden, Best Patio Garden, Best Hanging Baskets and Best Planters. The standard was very high stated our judge Sheila Travers from Saline Horticultural Society who found it difficult to separate the winners. We held our trophy night at the Centre with a Cheese and Wine Evening and the prizes were presented by Cllr Bobby Clelland. Comrie Toddlers also deserved a special trophy and medals for all the children who helped plant Wildflower Planters outside the Centre. We are now looking forward to planting more bulbs and winter flowers to help give our village some colour through the winter months. We are always looking for volunteers who can help us and give us more inspiration for future plantings. Contact **Marilyn** on **07879 888654**.

## Comrie Community Centre Management Committee AGM

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

### Comrie Crafts

The Craft Group offers a wide variety of crafts, related projects being as diverse from card making to glass painting. New members are always welcome. The group meets on alternative Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings at the Comrie Community Centre, For further information contact **Margaret** on **01383 852314**.

### Play Park update

The committee dealing with the new play park have already secured some funding and hopefully more will be secured over the coming months. Volunteers to help fundraise are needed and there will be a bag packing event at Asda in the future, and there is hope of having a Halloween disco at the Centre. For more information contact **Vicky** on **07920005334**.

### Pilates Class

There is a new Pilates class at Comrie Centre every Tuesday evening from 8.30 to 9.30pm. For more info contact **Vicky** **07920005334**.

### Glass Fusion Classes

Classes run on a Monday evening from 7 to 9pm and on a Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm cost is only £5 for the two hours. If you would like to try a session for the first time come along to any of the classes where you will be made most welcome or contact **07879 888654** for more info.

### Art Class

Comrie Community Centre Art Club opened its doors at 7pm on 24th June attracting a good number of people interested in taking up Art as a pastime.

The range of expertise in the group goes from absolute beginners to members who have had some experience of drawing and painting to accomplished artists who along with their own projects help mentor other members of the club.

More members would be welcome to come along on a Wednesday evening or a Monday morning to try their hand at drawing, sketching, watercolour, acrylic or oil painting. You can just turn up to the day or the evening session or phone the **Centre** on **07879 888654** for info. Dates for this class alternate with the Craft group days.

## MESSY CHURCH

Thursday 8th October,

12<sup>th</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December

3.15-5pm at Oakley Church Hall

**Come along for some fun with food,  
Games, music, craft & stories**

**All ages welcome but please bring an adult**

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN ON CHRISTMAS EVE



4pm-6.30pm

**Come visit Santa in his Grotto at Oakley  
Community Centre Community Garden.**

**FREE entry & refreshments**

## WEEKLY CLASSES

MONDAY		
9.15am-11.15am	Ochilview Creche 03451 550000 X 493164	Oakley CC
10.00am-12.00pm	Craft Group/Art Class (alternate weeks)	Comrie CC
10.30am-11.30am	Angina Class (NHS referral)	Oakley CC
12.45pm-2.45pm	Ochilview Creche	Oakley CC
1.30pm-5.00pm	Oakley Library	Oakley Campus
5.00pm-6.00pm	Karate	Oakley CC
6.00pm-7.00pm	Fit Kids p1-7	Oakley CC
6.30pm-8.00pm	Brownies/ Guides	Blairhall CC
7.00pm-9.00pm	Fused Glass	Comrie CC
7.00pm-8.30pm	Intermediate Club (P6 – S2)	Oakley CC
TUESDAY		
9.15am-11.15am	Ochilview Creche	Oakley CC
10.00am-12.30pm	Oakley Library	Oakley Campus
10.15am-12.15pm	WEA group	Oakley CC
1.30pm-5.00pm	Oakley Library	Oakley Campus
1.30pm-2.30pm	Mini Kickers	Oakley CC
2.00pm-3.00pm	Citizens Advice & Rights Fife	Oakley CC
WEDNESDAY		
9.15am-11.15am	Ochilview Creche	Oakley CC
9.30am-11.00am	Comrie Toddlers	Comrie CC
10.30am-11.30am	Mini Kickers	Oakley CC
12.45pm-2.45pm	Ochilview Creche	Oakley CC
5.00pm-6.30pm	Junior Youth Club (age 8 – P7)	Oakley CC
7.00pm-8.30pm	Intermediate Club (P6 – S2)	Oakley CC
7.00pm-9.00pm	Craft Group/Art Class (alternate weeks)	Comrie CC
THURSDAY		
9.15am-11.15am	Ochilview Creche	Oakley CC
12.45pm-2.45pm	Ochilview Creche	Oakley CC
12.00pm-1.00pm	Big Fun Fitness	Oakley CC
1.30pm-7.00pm	Oakley Library	Oakley Campus
2.00pm-4.00pm	Fused Glass	Comrie CC
6.30pm-8.00pm	Cubs	Carnock CC
7.00pm-8.00pm	Big Fun Fitness (Circuit Training)	Oakley CC
7.30pm-9.00pm	Scouts	Carnock CC
7.30pm-9.30pm	Explorers	Carnock CC
FRIDAY		
9.15am-11.15am	Ochilview Creche	Oakley CC
10.30am-11.30am	Pulmonary Rehab (NHS referral)	Oakley CC
1.00pm-2.30pm	Comrie Toddlers	Comrie CC
5.00pm-7.00pm	Family Night(accompanied by an adult)	Oakley CC
6.00pm-7.30pm	Beavers	Carnock CC
7.00pm-9.00pm	Friday Football with Police Scotland (age 12-17)	Oakley CC Astro turf
SATURDAY		
10.00am-12.30pm	Oakley Library	Oakley Campus
SUNDAY		
9.30am	Sunday Service - Church of the Holy Name (RC)	
10.00am	Sunday Service - Carnock & Oakley Parish Church at Oakley	
11.30am	Sunday Service - Carnock & Oakley Parish Church at Carnock	

### Oakley Health Centre

8am-6pm Monday-Friday Dr Boggan & Dr Halford - Tel 850293

Dr Mathie, Dr Whittome & Dr Henderson Inzievar Medical Practice - Tel 850212

### West Fife & Coastal Villages Police

In an emergency always dial 999.

For non-urgent crime, you can contact your local police office by telephoning 101.



the coalfields  
regeneration trust

We Are Oakley & Comrie – Community Futures Steering Group - [oakleycomrienews@gmail.com](mailto:oakleycomrienews@gmail.com)

## DATES TO REMEMBER THIS YEAR

### October

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup>** Credit Union Information – Valleyfield CC

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** OCEAG Race Night – White Gates

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm** Community Council Meeting – Oakley CC

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm** OCEAG AGM – White Gates

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm** Oakley Community Centre AGM

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** Comrie Community Centre AGM

### November

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm** OCEAG Fireworks Display – Comrie CC

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm** Community Council Meeting – Oakley CC

**Thu 19<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm** Oakley Community Centre Mtg

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm** OCEAG Christmas Sale – Oakley CC

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm** - Craft Christmas Fair – Comrie CC

### December

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 11-1pm** Holy Name School Christmas Fayre

**Christmas Eve 4-6.30pm** Santa's Grotto – Oakley CC

If you are planning events throughout the year in Oakley and Comrie we would love you to add them to our Village Diary.

Have a great New Year everyone!

**Looking for low cost  
loans? Want to save?**



**New Credit Union starting up for West Fife Villages. Friendly, affordable and local- run by local people for local people!**

**New Credit Union-find out more  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
1.00pm – 3.00pm  
Valleyfield Centre**

For information contact Aileen Aitken  
03451 555555 ext 401805 or [Aileen.Aitken@fife.gov.uk](mailto:Aileen.Aitken@fife.gov.uk)

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- ... is a not-for-profit community co-operative that promotes **thrift and sensible borrowing**
- ... encourages people to save for a rainy day
- ... offers ethical and affordable loans to **ALL members**
- ... gives members the option to have a benefit paid **directly into their account**
- ... is a member of the **Financial Services Compensation Scheme – so savings are always 100% safe**



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