



Gala draws in the crowds!

The procession heads for the show-ground.



Some things are best kept at arms length!



All the fun of the fair!



The Gala Queen Murrin Moyle looking resplendent.



We had a great Gala Day on Saturday 21st. Despite treacherous windy conditions in the morning, the gazebos stayed put, and we were treated to fantastic displays from the Spartans gymnastic team and the birds of prey, courtesy of Elite Falconry. The Royal Party looked fantastic and lots of 'famous people' came along to enjoy the day with us. Thanks to all of you who dressed up, thanks also to the Beavers and Rainbows who had put such a lot of effort into their floats and to all of those who had stalls on the day, including the Scouts, Rainbows and Mother and Toddler group. Additionally, special thanks go to the Guides who worked tirelessly all day to make sure that no-one went hungry or thirsty.



The Gala Committee would like to thank all of you for the support you have given us

throughout the year, and on the day itself. We would also like to thank Uptown Cabs, Fife Council, CISWO (Coal Industry Welfare

Fund), Spar and other local businesses who supported us.

We always need new members. If you would like to join us and share your ideas for next year's Gala or if you have any ideas for fundraising, we are having the A.G.M. on Monday 13th September at 7.15pm in the Community Centre, Carnock. Everyone is welcome, so why not come along - it might be your idea which is adopted as next year's theme!

The next fundraising event on the Gala calendar will be the Ladies Night on Saturday 25th September from 7pm til 11pm, so come along ladies and allow yourselves to be pampered, with a selection of stalls and beauty treatments available. Tickets cost £5, details from Gina Struthers (tel. 01383 851041) or Emma McAuley (tel. 01383 720874 or 07974 383099).

Glorious sunshine ensures a day of music to remember!

The first Carnock day of music on 19th June couldn't have gone much better with bumper crowds enjoying a fantastic day of sunshine and music at the community field. Local bands and bands from further afield entertained whilst the Gala Committee ran a bar, the Inn at Carnock laid on the food and a number of volunteers helped out during the day.

Organisers are now hoping to make this a regular event and if you feel that you can contribute to next years music fest in any way contact Les Johns via the editors contact details.

Headline act Father Jack get the crowd dancing into the night!



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For further information contact Anna on 01383 851468 or
annajohnsyoga@gmail.com or just come along.
Please bring a mat and a blanket for relaxation.

Carnock & Gowkhal Community Council

Schedule of Meetings 2009-2010

Carnock & Gowkhal Community Centre
Camps Road Carnock

Tue 21st September 2010

Tue 19th October 2010

*This meeting will include: the AGM for the year 2009-10
the election of officers for 2010-2011*

Meetings start at 7pm and are typically 60 to 90 minutes long.

Please send agenda items for discussion
by one week prior to the next meeting to:

Andrew Clark, Minutes Secretary
andrewclark@gmx.com 01383 850590

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*C&GCC committee meetings are open to the public.
We invite local residents to attend and raise matters of
concern and bring local issues to the attention of their
community council. Residents may contribute to discussions
of agenda items.*

*As well as local committee members and elected officers,
those present typically include representatives from Fife
councillors and
Fife Council administrative services*

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Not So Delighted

Some residents in Carnock resorted to bringing out the 'big guns' over lighting and power problems recently. The first problem was the loss of some of the street lighting in Main Street. Despite informing Fife Council about the problem, no action seemed forthcoming. Residents asked Councillor William Walker for help in resolving this issue. Others contacted Jim Tolson, MSP and Tom Docherty, MP. Finally, a member of Fife council explained:

'There are currently 25 similar faults within West Fife, all with residents who wish their street to be the highest priority. Problems with Scottish Power have been ongoing for many years for authorities throughout Scotland and representations have been made to the Government's regulatory body to seek a resolution. The reason that the lights are burning 24 hours is because SP have made a temporary repair to provide lights. It is either the lights burn all the time or there are no lights at all. I would suggest that the

residents would prefer the lights to be burning 24 hours until a permanent repair is made.'

We are all hoping that the increased pressure on the authorities will bring about a speedy solution.

Meanwhile, a second Scottish Power problem exists for some. There are approximately 1,500 residences served by the low-power network at Craigluscar who are experiencing short-term transient loss of power. These include some premises to the west of Carnock. These power losses last for a few seconds up to around 10 seconds. Originally the problem was thought to be cows rubbing on a faulty pole stay. Then we were told it was buzzards shorting the lines – there were a number of dead birds found under the power lines. However, despite various attempts to remedy the problems, power cuts continue. These are also affecting the 11 kV high power line. The search for a solution continues. Meantime, if you have a problem, always report it. This will help Scottish Power determine the extent and nature of the fault. Their fault/emergency number is: 0845 27 27 999.



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Policing

Fife Constabulary is committed to allowing residents to directly influence local policing. We can have our say on local priorities by going to the newly instigated community engagement meetings in our area - see details below. A member of CG&CC will attend, nevertheless all residents are welcome to attend any of the meetings at Oakley Community

Centre. For further information go to:

Southwestfifecommunityteam@fife.pnn.police.uk

If you believe that there are issues to be raised you are encouraged to attend in person or speak to a member of the C&GCC.

Residents should be aware that there have been a number of crimes committed within the villages lately including theft from unlocked garages and car theft / attempted theft. Take care of your property!

Just a quick note to say be aware of ATM (Cash Machines) skimming devices.

St Andrews has been hit over last weekend.

The thieves put a device over the entrance to the card slot which reads the card.

A small camera is also hidden above the machine to read the PIN number. The perpetrators are nearby in a car watching.

ALWAYS hide your PIN with your hand when keying in and be aware if the machine looks different.

Remember, Remember Bonfire Night

**7pm Saturday 6 November
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Exhibition

The Dunfermline Sister Cities Association is currently hosting the "Pictures from Paradise" fine art photographic exhibition at:

Carnegie Birthplace Museum in Dunfermline

It's running this week and for a further four and features the magnificent photographic work of Culross artist David Elwes from a recent Florida. Part of celebrating Fife 2010, this adds to the existing strong link between Dunfermline and Sarasota.

The work has already been widely acclaimed so why not get along there and decide for yourself!

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A warm welcome is extended to everyone to join us on a Sunday morning for worship. Our services are at 10.00am in Oakley and 11.30am in Carnock. There are Sunday Schools running during both services.

Following the retirement of Rev Elizabeth Kenny earlier in the year the Church is currently searching for the right person to be our next minister.

There are a number of special events over the next few months and we would be delighted to welcome all in our Community to these events.

September 19	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
November 14	Remembrance Service (Oakley at 10.45am only)
November 19	Church Ceilidh (Oakley)
November 27	Christmas Fayre (Oakley)
December 19	Carol Service with Town Band

If during the vacancy you have any need to speak to a minister, we have a locum minister working with us and we also have another minister overseeing our church. Please do not hesitate to contact me and I will pass on your details.

On behalf of your local Parish Church we hope you have had a great summer and enjoyed your holidays. The school will be back in full swing and we wish all the teachers and pupils a successful year ahead.

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The community bids farewell to Mrs Fiona Sutherland who died at home on the 8th August 2010. Mrs Sutherland was a well known resident of Carnock residing at 7 West Park for 37 Years.

Fancy a night out? Nobody to look after the children? Help is on hand. Give Ellen a call on 01383 851468 for a trustworthy service and reasonable rates. References available.



Carnock and Gowkhall Community Council News

Pedestrian Lights – Carnock Bridge

After pressure from C&GCC A907 Safety Group, Carnock Primary School Headteacher and CPS Parent-Teacher, Fife Council Traffic Management took another look at these lights to see if improvements were possible to help reduce the near-miss incidents for pedestrians crossing the road.

To help avoid the ambiguity of the multiple light heads visible to vehicle drivers – Fife Council have modified aspects of the operation of these lights over the past few months. They have removed a couple of the green lamps that were visible when other lamps showed red. They

have also turned the ‘blinkers’ to reduce the visibility of the remaining green lamps.

Residents using the crossing will continue to monitor closely whether this improves their safety and fewer drivers going through on red. This is especially important now that the children are back at school.

If you witness any incidents, please report them to one of the community police officers at Oakley, giving as much detail as possible.

C&GCC continue to support other residents in lobbying Fife Council to move the pedestrian lights to the bridge buildout.

PLANNING NOTES

A couple of proposed developments locally have resulted in some debate amongst residents. C&GCC have discussed these at their recent meetings.

School House, Main Street, Carnock

A number of residents have expressed concern that the owners are seeking permission to form a new access on to the A907 here, in close proximity to the traffic lights.

They consider that this will add to the hazards at these lights (already a topic of concern raised with Fife Council). However, it appears FC Transportation do not accept this apprehension. C&GCC submitted an objection and the issue of approval is still under consideration (see <http://planning.fife.gov.uk>). If you have any views on this, talk with FC Planning: Angus Dodds quoting Planning reference: 10/02271/ARC.

Jaws, Paws, and Claws

This thriving, useful local business at Glendale Carnock Road, slightly outside our immediate area near to Lundin Road, but close enough to interest local residents, seems to be causing FC planners some concern.

The owner has applied for retrospective permission to complete the work they had already started. However, FC Transportation are making an issue of ‘an increase in turning manoeuvres at a junction with the sub-standard visibility splays to the detriment of road safety’. It would seem that this view is not shared with most members of our community, a number of whom are customers and find the local shop a convenience. In this instance, talk with FC Planning: David Shankland at Planning reference: 10/01544/FULL. Fife Council, New City House, Elgin Street, Dunfermline.

BRANCHING OUT!

A number of residents have approached C&GCC asking if they can ask Fife Council to cut the grass and hedges. Consequently, C&GCC took up this issue with Ian Jones, Lead Officer, Roads Management (South Fife) in Transportation Services at the Milesmark depot.

Poor Visibility a Road Danger

Firstly, the contractors responsible for the once-per-year cutting of grass verges were very much behind schedule this year. This meant that some of the road junctions had reduced visibility for drivers. Now that they have cut the verges, things have improved. If you continue to experience problem areas, let Fife Council know. Ian Jones tells us that FC are responsible for cutting the first two metres back from the road edge: after that, it is the responsibility of the adjacent land owner. But how many land owners know or care about that, we wonder?

Who Cuts the Hedges?

Most of the hedges are the responsibility of the land owner. However, as a one-off task this summer, Fife Council did cut back the beeches alongside Carnock Road at Queens Haugh. The original hedging was never cut. The beeches had grown into small trees and were overhanging the A907, interfering with cars and buses. The hedging lies outside the boundary of adja-

cent gardens, so the owners there feel no responsibility for them. Possibly the original developer had some obligation but some of those businesses no longer exist. So who has the ongoing responsibility now?

C&GCC and Fife Council are discussing this issue. Ian Jones did make an inspection of Carnock Road, between Carnock and Gowkhall recently, since pedestrians were having to walk in the road to avoid the sharp hawthorn and rose hedging there. Some of the hedges alongside Gowkhall were of concern, too. We will let you know how things might improve in the near future and years ahead.

Please Cut Back Your Hedge

This is the request from the many pedestrians walking our footpaths and pavements. It particularly concerns those with children who walk along Main Street, Carnock. By the end of the summer, pedestrians walking around overgrown, overhanging hedges are forced dangerously close to the traffic.

***Be a good neighbour.
Keep your hedge well trimmed.
Be proud of your garden.***



Carnock & Gowkhal Community Council Elections for 2010-13

Thursday 14th October 2010

<i>Event and related Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Statutory timescale</i>
Publication of Notice of Election	Fri 03-Sep-2010	Not later than the 41 days before the day of election
Return of election nomination papers	Thu 16-Sep-2010	Not later than 4pm 28 days before the day of election
Return of statements from persons nominated for election	Tue 21-Sep-2010	Not later than 4pm on the 23 days before the day of election
C&G Community Council Meeting	Tue 21-Sep-2010	Ordinary meeting
Return of Notice of Withdrawal of nomination	Fri 24-Sep-2010	Not later than 4 pm 20 days before the day of election
Notice in case of uncontested election or Notice of Poll in the event of a contested election	Fri 08-Oct-2010	Not later than the sixth day before the day of election
Statutory retiral of ordinary council members 2009-10: officers remain	Wed 13-Oct-2010	
Polling	Thu 14-Oct-2010	
Carnock & Gowkhal Community Council Meeting: AGM for 2009-10	Tue 19-Oct-2010	AGM
Statutory retiral of officers 2009-10		
Carnock & Gowkhal Community Council Inaugural Meeting: 2010-13 Session - Election of Officers for 2010-11 year	Tue 19-Oct-2010	As soon as possible after 14-Oct-2010: certainly no later than Sunday 14th November 2010

We invite residents to put themselves forward for election to Carnock & Gowkhal Community Council for the 2010-13 session.

Please request a Nomination Form and Notes to Candidates from one of the C&GCC officers, or from Fife Council in Glenrothes or online at www.fifedirect.org.uk.

Return completed Nomination forms to Election Services Unit, Fife Council, 3rd Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes KY7 5LT no later than 4pm Thursday 16 September 2010.

All currently serving Community Councillors retire at midnight 13 October 2010 - with the exception of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. They continue in office until, but not including the inaugural meeting of the 2010-13 session.

Candidates may optionally provide a short statement in support of their candidature. A form for this, which the candidate MUST sign, accompanies the nomination paper. Your statement should not exceed 50 words: Fife Council will circulate it with the ballot paper in the event of a poll. Candidates should return the signed statement with the nomination paper by no later than Thursday 16th September 2010.

Fife Council will hold a postal ballot on Thursday 14th October 2010 if the number of nominations for our area exceeds 10, the number of vacancies permitted for our Community Council.

The inaugural meeting of the Community Council 2010-13 session will be at 8pm Tue 19 October 2010, whether an election is required or not. This follows the C&GCC AGM, which starts at 7pm.

If you require any further information, please contact C&GCC, or Linda Purdie on 08451 55 55 55 ext 442175 (linda.purdie@fife.gov.uk) or Bill Welsh on 08451 55 55 55 ext 442176 (william.welsh@fife.gov.uk)



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