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FURTHER TREE PLANTING BY ECO GROUP

Recently the eco group were extremely fortunate in receiving a further pack of 105 trees from the Woodland Trust.

These were planted, with the able assistance of Derek Glass, on March 22 this year at another site at the top of Victoria Park, the site having been allocated to us by Angus Council.

The trees planted were Blackthorn, Hazel, Oak, Birch and Rowan, all native broadleaved species which will grow into a flourishing young wood in as little as ten years.

Trees are great for the environment as they provide oxygen, lock up harmful carbon and trap pollutants to give us cleaner air and water.

Another good reason for planting trees is they provide a fantastic habitat for wildlife.



By Jean Glass

Special thanks to Margaret, Jean and her son Derek for their participation in the tree planting, definitely beyond the call of duty.– Editor



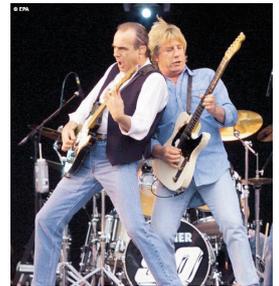
“The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness.” - John Muir

GREEN IS THE WORD

This year's Montrose Music Festival had a focus on green initiatives with a number of eco-friendly commitments in place.

Angus Council provided recycling pods which allowed revellers to separate their plastics, cans and paper from general waste.

The festival, which took place on the weekend of May 23-25, was headlined by Status Quo and also featured The Holy Ghosts, Chris Helme, Boogalusa, Buffalo Soldiers and Lefty and Friends.



The Green Guerillas were there promoting recycling and also ran a make your own seed bomb workshop at the youth festival on the Sunday of the event.

Scottish Eco-Taxis, from Dundee, provided some eco-taxis to ferry revellers around the town.

The Strange Brew Tea Company had their vintage 'Tea Tricycle' in the high street on the Saturday and served up traditional and exotic tea blends.

The tricycle was pedal powered and the water was boiled using a bio-fuel boiler which meant no fossil fuels or generators were required.

Also paper bags were used instead of plastic at the festival merchandise stall and all venues were encouraged to use and properly dispose of plastic glasses. (Source– The Courier)



WELL DONE!

Belated congratulations to the R.C churches of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Arbroath, St. Anne's, Carnoustie, and St. Bride's, Monifieth, on gaining their first Eco Congregation award.

The award came after four years of the three churches working together on environmental issues.

The assessors commended the cluster of parishes for its strong commitment to caring for the environment.

Each church received an award plaque.

Through the Eco Congregation Network system eco congregations and potential eco congregations meet and discuss various issues.

The three R.C eco congregation churches and the Old and Abbey are part of the Angus and Dundee Network and we have learned from each other.

The Angus and Dundee Network will meet in our church in October with the main topic being 'Food'.

More details of this network meeting will be published in a later issue of our newsletter.

By Alex Robertson

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RECYCLING OF PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS

Firstly, the eco group would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who collected plastic bottle tops for us over the years.

Your response from the outset was tremendous.

Many thousands of tops and plastics have been given a new lease of life thanks to all who filled our bin each week.

Now that Angus Council have introduced the new recycling scheme throughout our area the eco group's collection of plastics is now not necessary as they can be deposited in your grey recycling bins.

The tops can either be left on or put in the bins separately.

We are, however, still collecting batteries in the bin provided for these in the gallery.

Thank you again everybody!

By Jean Glass



What species of bird is this? - email editor

BEACH CLEAN AT WEST LINKS

The eco group held a beach clean at the West Links on Sunday 18 May.

They were joined by Mike and Avril Muir and family and youngsters of Fiona O'Connor.

A substantial amount of debris was collected, the main item being fishing gear, including bits of fishing nets and rope. A selection of plastic material was also collected.

All in all it was a very satisfactory time spent on this environmental project.

Thanks to Fiona O'Connor for all her arrangements and for a welcome cuppa!

By Alex Robertson