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KIRK NEWS



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Friends,

As I write this letter for the Spring issue of the Kirk News it is *only just* beginning to show signs of the season. Only two days ago I saw my first snowdrop of 2023, and yesterday the little yellow bloom of aconite under the manse sycamore tree began opening up. Hopefully by the time you read this all manner of bright flowers will be out – bursts of daffodils, smatterings of crocuses, hyacinths and tulips adding to a chorus of colour.

After a long winter these signs of warmth and light to come are like a sigh of relief. It is often easy to forget that, despite our relatively mild climate, we are further north (and therefore get less winter light) than places like Moscow, Calgary, even parts of Alaska! In fact, we are further north in Aberlour than the southernmost tip of Chile is south. That the change in light levels is so noticeable is just one of the factors that ground us in the natural rhythms of the seasons. There is wisdom in leaning into these rhythms, for as much as the advancements of technology and the availability of foodstuffs from around the globe allow us a sense of transcending seasonality, we are humans who have been created and evolved to the rhythms of the seasons.

Of course, it is not just that we are shaped by the seasons. We have also shaped the seasons: and not for the better. With each year, nature's waypoint markers of the year seem thrown off more and more; bulbs spring earlier; weather patterns are more erratic. These signs of the uncomfortable truth that human 'progress' has harmed our planet demand our action: we are told that there is already damage irreparable, but that we might yet salvage some form of sustainability. Some of the opening verses of the bible describe God creating the world and God looking at creation and calling it 'good' – perhaps we need to learn again just how good the earth we've been trusted with truly is.

So as Spring begins to take shape, a season of growth and newness, even hope: what are the things you look forward to of growth in the time to come? What sustains your hope?

I'm aware that for many there are all manner of difficulties being faced, and to talk of hope can sound shallow. While we are coming to the end of winter, the financial challenges of increased cost of living and especially heating have bitten hard, and in ways that will have lasting impact. Through three rounds of funding from the Corra Foundation over the last year, Aberlour Parish Church, with the help of local schools, has been able to administer over £10k in small hardships grants to families who need it most. But these still amount to gestures which are at best sticking-plaster help to those experiencing the sharp edge of an economy which has something more fundamentally disordered going on. We can but hope for better, and for those who struggle to hope, we can all in our words and actions attempt to be signs of hope in our community and our world.

I suppose that is the strength I see in our community, and the potential for hope and solidarity that living in a place where genuine community is still a possibility (in ways that more urban settings struggle with). Building community is a practise of accumulating little acts of hope, and growing resilience, and reaching out to each other for the flourishing of the whole. And that is work for all seasons – from the first bright snowdrop of spring to sustain us through down-pour and gale.

Andrew

PARISH REGISTER

Funerals and memorial services

3rd January 2023	Tilly Hill
5th January 2023	David Nicol
20th January 2023	Harvey Spark
2nd February 2023	Michael Inglis
8th February 2023	Ronald Milne
15th February 2023	Colin McDonald

Singing sessions for primary school age children are held in Aberlour Parish Church on Saturday mornings, fortnightly, from 10-11am. Why not come along and see if your child or children would like to be involved? The sessions are fun and, as well as learning a variety of new songs, the children enjoy musical games and activities aimed at learning skills for singing together in a group as well as providing more general music education.

The next session will be on Saturday 25 Feb and fortnightly thereafter until the spring break when we will have a new timetable.

If you would like any information please contact Deirdre Cavalcante, 07974397304;
Anne Findlay, 07984209122;
or Andrew and Lynsey Kimmitt
(contact details on front cover)

Accessibility Support

The Church of Scotland expects all congregations to have a Disability Officer in order to make sure our church is inclusive. There are many kinds of disabilities which can affect, for example, mobility, hearing, vision and may feel like a barrier to attending church. Some people face different challenges which make coming to church a daunting prospect. Or it may be that children have particular support needs. Some disabilities are long term and others may be of a temporary nature due to illness, mental health issues or life circumstances. Any one of us may need a bit of support at some time in our life.

I have been appointed Disability Officer for Aberlour Parish Church, but it has been agreed that I will use the title of Accessibility Advisor as it acknowledges the wider definition of disability. If you would like to find out more about the way we can offer support to attend church please call me or email and I will arrange to meet you at home, or we can have a coffee and a chat in church, at a time to suit you so that you can see the layout of the church and the adaptations which are in place. It is important too that we hear from the regular congregation if you think that we can do more to cater for differing needs. Please let me know and we will do our best to improve our resources and make our church as accessible as possible. All suggestions are welcome.

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Church Diary



Sunday Services normally take place in both churches:

9.45am in Craigellachie Church &
11.15am in Aberlour Parish Church

The Holy Sacrament of Communion is usually celebrated on the last Sunday of February, May, August & November.

Please note Covid-19 protection measures according to current Scottish Government guidelines will be observed in both church buildings. Full details available on church website, Facebook page & noticeboards.

<https://aberlourparishchurch.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AberlourParishChurch/>

Holy Week in Aberlour:

Wednesday 5th April 7pm - Evening Service, Aberlour Parish Church

Maundy Thursday 6th April 7pm - Eucharist, St Margaret's Church

Good Friday 7th April

2pm *An hour before the cross*, St Margaret's Church

7pm Good Friday Evening Service, Aberlour Parish Church

Easter Sunday 9th April – 9.45am Craigellachie Church

-10am St Margaret's Church

-11.15am Aberlour Parish Church



CONCERT

Aberlour Parish Church

Saturday, 25 March at 7.30pm



A selection of music from
The Band of Crooks (Bassoon ensemble)
Fiddich Winds (Wind quintet)

Admission Free.

Donations, if wished, for church funds.

GLEBE PROJECT

The Aberlour Parish Church is committed to promoting community engagement and helping to promote and improve wellbeing for those living or staying in Aberlour and the surrounding area. As part of this, the church, in consultation with the community, is developing a community garden in the green area known as the Glebe.

The Glebe Garden project seeks the flourishing of every person, irrespective of faith, and the flowering of our local environment. The project will seek to celebrate and promote the natural richness and potential of the site at the Glebe, and to do so in ways that enable the wellbeing of individuals and promotes strong and supportive relationships.

Two community consultations have taken place, one in June 2022 and the second in November 2022. Both events produced a rich tapestry of information which has helped to steer and shape the project.

Although the layout of the Glebe Garden is still to be refined, it is now taking shape, taking on the important points raised in the consultation events. Some of the key areas in the garden will be:



- Growing areas for vegetables
- Mud kitchen/children's areas
- Quiet area for reflection and contemplation
- Walkways through wildflower and orchard areas
- A polytunnel and shed



The Glebe steering group are currently looking at costs for all of the above, plus the costs of utilities (water and electricity), as well as contacting potential suppliers so that orders can be lodged.

The project is very much reliant on the support of the community. All offers of help are very much appreciated; whether you are an experienced gardener, or just have an interest. We would love you to get involved, so please talk to Andrew the minister

PAUL JOHNSON ON BEHALF OF THE GLEBE STEERING GROUP



ABERLOUR BABY & TODDLERS' GROUP



Come along and play at
Aberlour Parish Church
Every Wednesday (term time only)
9.30am—11.30am
£2 per family (includes small snack)

Articles for the summer edition of Kirk News should be submitted to the Editor before 17th April 2023.
Email:
jane871515@outlook.com

Regarding future closure of the church building in Craigellachie

There's a hymn that I remember from Sunday school which includes the words:

*The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people...*

I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together

The profound truth of these words notwithstanding, for many people and in many communities Church buildings are cherished and valued. They are places of memories – both joyful and sad; they are places where people have gathered for generations; they are testaments in stone and mortar to the witness of communities in their worship of God.

You may be aware that the Church of Scotland is in the midst of going through a large national-scale exercise of planning how to best use the resources at its disposal for the future of the church. These include how best to deploy ministers and which buildings are deemed as essential going forward. It is no secret that the Church of Scotland is in a period of numerical and financial decline, even as the faith of its people is remarkably resilient and the heart for service, desire for action in Christian love to community and world is not dimmed. This process of planning for the future therefore will involve a very significant reduction in the number of ministers available to serve Scotland (a process which was happening naturally anyway through higher levels of retirement than recruitment) and also the most significant reduction in Church of Scotland buildings many will have ever seen. These are difficult decisions, and those taking them have not done so lightly nor without significant consideration.

I'll spare you the long and jargon-filled precise details of the processes and decisions which have been made, however among the headlines for our area is that the church building in Craigellachie is scheduled to cease being used as a place of worship for the Church of Scotland. At this moment a precise timeline is not possible to name, nor precisely what the future use of the building might be: these decisions will come in later stages, and in other examples across Scotland can involve interested community groups. While the regional and national bodies of the church have the right to dictate a timeline for closure, the local Kirk Session is considering proactively how to engage constructively with them to ensure the best way to transition well into the next stage, and have suggested that an appropriate timeline to aim for would see the building cease to be used for worship in May 2024. It is Kirk Session's desire not to painfully delay the inevitable for unhelpfully long, but also to give ample opportunity to celebrate and say goodbye to a building which has served the church and the community of Craigellachie well for over 150 years.

This news will be a sadness for some, even if the pragmatism of the step might also be recognised: it is good to be able to name that sadness, even as we determine to make the best of what the future brings. In the next while the Kirk Session are planning a series of events – some of which would have happened in 2020 to celebrate 150 years of the building, and also provide opportunity to mark what the building has meant to so many people over the years.

Finally to say that both I and the Kirk Session of Aberlour Parish Church are determined to make good on the truth of the hymn quoted above: that even without a building, the church will continue as a people of God, and will serve the community of Craigellachie and witness to the love of God in whatever ways might be possible. If you have any questions or would like to talk about this news, please feel free to reach out and contact me: akimmitt@churchofscotland.org.uk or 01340 871909/



Aberlour Parish Church Walking Group

Spring 2023 Walks

Welcome to our 2023 Spring walks! Aberlour Parish Church Walking Group is a friendly group, open to all (members and non-members). Our aim is to combine walking with an opportunity to meet and chat with other walkers, and to introduce walkers to some new areas. Children are welcome, and so are dogs, under adult supervision. Please bring packed lunch for these walks and wear walking boots or strong shoes. Come ready to start the walks at 11am. If you need more information or help with transport please contact Donald (contact details below). Please contact Donald in the week leading up to the walk to confirm that you are coming, to help with planning.

Sat 11th March 2023: Cromdale to Easter Rynaballoch (Circular) (8km / 5m)

Postponed from October 2022. We will park at the Cromdale football pitch car park (NJ 076 286) and walk along the Speyside Way to Easter Pollowick, before crossing the road and walking on the track to Easter Rynaballoch and then to Wester Rynaballoch, before returning through the forest, retracing our steps to Cromdale. We might provide some historical context around the “Haughs of Cromdale Battle”.

Sat 8th April 2023: Roseisle Circular (7.5km / 4.5m & 13.2km / 8.2m)

Last visited in February 2019. We will park at the Roseisle Forest Car park (NJ 015 657), and walk on coastal forest tracks to Burghead, before returning to the car park via the old railway and forest tracks. For those who want a bit more, we will continue South to the edge of the Kinloss airfield, returning back to the main car park (an additional 6km). The optional longer route only has a 60m height rise, so this is flat, and on generally good tracks throughout.

Sat 13th May 2023: Christian Aid Walk

As in previous years, we will walk locally in the Spey valley - possibly 15km (9m) but with three distinct sections. Walk it all, or specific sections - your choice. However, the purpose of the walk is to support the work of Christian Aid, and sponsorship forms will be available.

This is under development, with a plan to link up several of the Churches on Speyside.

Sat 10th June 2023: Grantown to Nethybridge (9km / 5.5m).

We will park some cars at Nethybridge, and return to the Anagach Woods Car Park to start the walk. The walk follows the Speyside Way South, crossing the Spey on the pedestrian, General Roy bridge. It continues along the Speyside Way on the South Bank of the Spey past Balliefurth Wood to Nethybridge, before driving back to Anagach to pick up the cars. Another flat walk (78m rise) on good tracks

Donald Grassie

Aberlour Walking Group Convenor

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Traidcraft has sadly had to go into administration in spite of the best efforts of the management and staff to keep it viable. This has been the result of the pandemic, rising costs, and all the factors that have sadly brought an end to many businesses. Thirty jobs in Gateshead at the HQ have been lost, and many Fairtrade producers will lose this opportunity to sell their products.

Over the past 44 years Traidcraft has pioneered fair trade, introducing the wide variety of Fairtrade products we have become familiar with - tea, coffee, chocolate, sugar and many, many more. Traidcraft helped develop the Fairtrade Mark and bring Fairtrade into supermarkets and shops. It has made a significant impact. That legacy remains.

There is the possibility that some interested party will buy the business and efforts are under way in this direction. Meantime, there are other Fairtrade suppliers. Our own Fairtrade shop in Aberlour Church will continue in the meantime while we await developments and explore options. So please keep supporting our shop, and buying Fairtrade wherever and whenever you can.



Guild News

The Guild members have had a good session so far with visits from The Cogwheel Trust, and also Ben Hinnie who told us the history of our lovely church building.

In November Dave Barwick, a volunteer with SCAA (Scottish Charity Air Ambulance), gave a very interesting talk enlightening us on the immensely important work SCAA does. At least two of our members know someone close who has benefitted from the service. Mrs Edith Powley devised a quiz, which Guild members sold locally and raised £190 for SCAA. Mr Barwick is pictured receiving the cheque from Mrs Powley (right) and Mrs



Sheila Willox (Convener).

Snow stopped play for our Christmas Lunch, however most members managed to get along to the Aberlour Hotel to enjoy a lovely meal.

The February meeting was a Guild Open Day with musical entertainment provided by Donald Grassie and friends. Over 50 people attended the meeting and we all had a wonderful afternoon and very much enjoyed the music and company.

The World Day of Prayer Service will take place Aberlour Parish Church on Friday 3rd March, at 2pm. This year the service has been written by Christian women of Taiwan. Please come and join us for this multi faith service ALL ARE WELCOME. Teas will be served after the service

On Saturday 4th March, from 10 – 12 noon, the Guild are hosting a BUTTERY MORNING IN ABERLOUR CHURCH, admission for adults £3 and for children £1. Please come along and enjoy a tasty buttery and hot drink.

We have 25 members at present but are always ready to welcome more.

Hilda Morrice.

SPEYSIDE COMMUNITY CAR SHARING SCHEME



The Car Share has got off to a flying start in 2023 and as we're about to go into our 20th year we're having our busiest spell ever!! Our membership has increased by over 80 new members in the last 10 months and we've seen a big increase in demand for our services. We are very lucky to have 22 volunteer drivers and 5 telephonists including your local drivers Alexander and Beth from Craigellachie and Helen, Mary, Nancy, Peter, Robbie, Steve and Terry who live in the Aberlour area. We also have a committee of 7, chaired by Irene, who do a great job of overseeing things and making sure the Car Share operates as efficiently as possible. These volunteers give up their time so willingly to make sure our members throughout Speyside and Glenlivet can make their journeys safely and we are very grateful to them all, however, we urgently need new volunteers - even if it is in the short term or on the odd occasion for an hour or so.

Our drivers are paid a mileage allowance towards their running costs for the total miles they cover, therefore it is more cost effective and time saving if we can use a driver as close as possible to our member. If you live in the Speyside & Glenlivet area, have your own vehicle, enjoy driving and meeting people and have some free time, please think about helping us out. The runs could be local (which they mostly are) or to Aberdeen or Inverness, but it's always your choice whether you accept the journey or not; there is absolutely no regular commitment, just a willingness to step in when needed and when you're free to help out.

Also, we're fortunate to have a full team of volunteer telephonists at the moment, but it would be helpful for us to have someone willing to fill in to cover holidays and sickness. You don't need any specialised equipment as I simply transfer the calls to your phone when you're taking the calls and full training and support is given. So, if you are keen to give something back to your local community, please contact me on 01340 831748, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, and I will be happy to chat to you about what it involves. Alternatively, send an e-mail with your contact details (including a telephone number) to rhoma.pirie@speysideccss.co.uk and I'll call you back at a time convenient for you.

If you are a member of a local group or organisation and would like me to join you to give a little talk on what we do, or a business who could help by putting up one of our member or volunteer posters, please contact me. Look out for our broadcasts on Keith Community Radio on 27th March and 26th June when we'll have a few of our volunteers tell you what volunteering for us means to them and what it involves.

In the first 10 months of our financial year, we have already helped our members with over 1,000 journeys, so if you, or someone you know, live in the Speyside Glenlivet area and find it hard to get about due to age, disability or an infirmity, please get in touch as we may be able to help you out too. Whether that be to a doctor, hospital or other medically related appointment, to places like the hairdresser, shops or social club, meeting friends, hospital visits or catching a bus or train for an onward journey, we're here to make things easier for you. If you would like information on eligibility to join and find out more about what we do, please visit our Facebook page or website www.speysideccss.co.uk, or use the contact details above to get in touch.

As always, we are very grateful to all our volunteers, supporters, funders, groups and organisations, and those individuals and businesses in the local community who support us financially. Without this help we would be unable to continue this vital service which has been described by many of our members as a lifeline, enabling them to lead a more independent life.

Rhoma Pirie, Project Coordinator



14 September 1812

2023, January already in the past, but plenty to look forward to over the coming months!

Just a quick look backwards to 2022, and many thanks to one and all for your support for the Christmas Market at the beginning of December . A successful event that did the village proud. Ideas and suggestions for next year are always appreciated.

Turning through one hundred and eighty degrees to look forward into 2023; the Aberlour Community Association would like to see deeper interaction between the residents in the village and your elected committee. To this end we are proposing an event when you will be able to come along and see what ACA currently does for the village some time during March/April. (Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for confirmation of the date). In addition to hearing what ACA currently does, there will be the opportunity for you to make comment and offer up potential ideas for improving current delivery of our commitments in and around the village. Any suggestions/possible new ideas and uses for the facilities under ACA's jurisdiction will be most welcome. We are here to help facilitate activities and enhance the general life of the village and its populace.

Chris Burns, on behalf of Aberlour Community Association

The Rothes Way

The volunteers were out helping rake up the leaves on Sunday 8th January. Many thanks to those who came along and helped the committee and Ronnie Stuart with the clear up. We aim to meet the first Sunday of every month to do any clearing up that's needed, and the more volunteers we have, the quicker we get the work done. Our usual meeting time and place is 10.00am at the haugh, half way up the first section of the path, but we will post in our Facebook page and "Rothes roon a boot" to confirm.

We also have some really good news regarding the second section (after Bulwark cottage). We now have a written agreement with the landowner to re-surface the old railway line and work will commence sometime early next year.

This also means that we will be starting our fundraising again and hope to have a coffee morning in the near future. Anyone with any suggestions for fundraising or any other aspect of the path, please don't hesitate to get in touch: The email address is: rothesway@gmail.com.

Wishing our neighbours and friends a fit and healthy 2023.

SCIO CRAIGELLACHIE VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Despite a few hiccups, we were able to erect over 20 Christmas lights on the A941 going through the village, and hope you all enjoyed the beautiful display. Thanks to Derek Gall and Richard Strathdee for erecting and dismantling the lights, and to the willing band of volunteers who undertook the traffic control duties on the day the lights were erected and on the day they were dismantled and stored away for next year. Thankfully the weather was kind to us on both days. Now we just have to wait for the electric bill – hopefully it will not be too bad.

Telford Bridge Lights – plans are underway to replace the existing lights at the Craigellachie Bridge with more energy efficient lights. Our thanks to Macallan who are assisting us with this project.

Fiddich Park – following a plea for community input into the future of the Fiddich park, a sub-committee recently met. Views from a variety of sources were obtained and everyone was keen to see improvements to the Fiddich Park. We hope to work with Moray Council to put in place a Management Plan which will see lots of improvements to the Fiddich Park.

Whilst works have started to improve the steps from Spey Road down to the Fiddich Park, we have been informed the steps are not yet finished. We look forward to having improved access from the village to the Fiddich Park in the coming weeks.

Following a break due to Covid, we once again held a Soup and Sweet lunch on 19 February for those aged over 60 years and who reside within the Craigellachie Primary School catchment area. We hope those who accepted our invitation enjoyed the opportunity to meet up with old friends and neighbours and also meeting others who are new to the village.

The Craigellachie Village Council Bottle Bingo is scheduled to take place on Friday 10th March in the village Hall; eyes down at 7.30pm. We are extremely grateful to Strathdee Properties for their sponsorship of the Bottle Bingo and hope to have a good turnout for the event. Refreshments will be served during the interval and the event is always an enjoyable evening.

The village council is once again gearing up for our popular Fundraising Whisky Auction, which will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 30 April 2023. If you wish to sell bottles of whisky at our auction, please get in touch with us as soon as possible to register your whisky. The closing date for registration is noon on 15th April, but we recommend you submit a registration form before this date in order to guarantee a place in the auction catalogue. The hall will be open for viewing from noon on 30 April and the auction will commence at 2pm. Entry to the auction is free and refreshments will be on sale.

Following the success of last year's Platinum Jubilee picnic, we hope to have another "Picnic in the Park" on Sunday 7 May to celebrate the King's Coronation. Watch out for details in the local newspapers and on social media.

Brenda C, Secretary

Dates for the Diary

(details advised to Kirk News at time of going to print)



March 2023

- 3 The World Day of Prayer Service, Aberlour Parish Church at 2pm
- 3 Tombola (In aid of Speyside Care Home), Fleming Hall, Aberlour 6.30pm
- 4 Guild Buttery Morning, Aberlour Parish Church, 10 am – 12 noon
- 10 Bottle Bingo in Craigellachie Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8)
- 24 Easter Egg Bingo (Aberlour Primary Parent Council), Fleming Hall, Aberlour 6.30pm
- 25 Concert in Aberlour Parish Church at 7.30pm (see page 5)

April 2023

- 8 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8)
- 15 Craigellachie F C Race Night, Craigellachie Village Hall: see Facebook/posters
- 23 Aberlour Bowling Club opening, Queen's Road, Aberlour at 1.30pm
- 30 Craigellachie V C Whisky Auction, Craigellachie Village Hall,
viewing noon, auction 2pm

May 2023

- 7 Coronation Picnic in Highlander Play Park, Craigellachie (to be confirmed),
see Facebook/posters for details
- 13 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8)



ABERLOUR BOWLING CLUB

Now that Spring is nearly here we at Aberlour Bowling Club are looking forward to our opening on **SUNDAY 23RD APRIL AT 1.30 PM**. Our club was hit hard during the Covid Pandemic but, thanks to an influx of new and enthusiastic members last year, we are looking to the future with renewed confidence.

Why not join us this year? Have you thought about it but not quite sure how to approach us? It's simple, just come along to the Clubhouse, Queens Road, on the **23rd April at 1.30 pm** and we will introduce you to our friendly club. All you need is flat shoes or trainers as everything else is available at the club.

Bowling is not as serious as you might imagine. We have lots of friendly games with other local clubs where you can meet up with other bowlers, enjoy some friendly rivalry and then enjoy a cup of tea afterwards.

Last year the club introduced **Tuesday Night Bowling** where anyone could come along and try the game. This proved popular and will continue again this year. We also have a 'Hat Night' on a Friday when, again, anyone can come along.

If you would rather meet for the first time on a one-to-one basis just get in touch with **The Secretary, Nancy Keir, on 01340 871664** and arrangements will be made to meet at another time. You can also find us on Facebook.

Classified Directory of Local Services

Alarms & CCTV

Forsyth & Freeman- Fire & Security Technology. Heath Cott, Craigellachie, AB38 9TB. 07526 711667
Services for commercial & domestic premises incl. design, installation, emergency call outs & repairs. email: info.fffast@gmail.com

Beauty Therapist & Nail Technician

The Little Beauty Room, Cairnview, Spey Valley Drive, Aberlour 07740 782624

Bed & Breakfast

B Croy, Bridge View, Leslie Terrace, Craigellachie (visitcraigellachie.com)..... 01340 881376

Boiler Servicing

Boiler Care Services, Adrian Payne, Deldonald, Carron (email bcs.moray@talktalk.net) 01340 810885

Butcher

S A Mackie, 77 High St, Aberlour..... 01340 871428

Café & Crafts & Gifts

The Gather'n Café & 3 Bags Wool, 89 High St, Aberlour www.3bagswool.com 01340 881749

Caravan Park

Speyside Gardens Caravan Park, Aberlour www.speysidegardens.com..... 01340 871586

Carpet & Cleaning Services, Fire & Water Damage Restoration

Shearpride Services, 9 Land St, Rothes email: shearpride@btinternet.com..... 01340 881794

Car Sharing Scheme

Speyside Community Car Sharing Scheme (Membership required) 01340 831748
(Monday - Friday 9.00am -5.00pm) email: rhoma.pirie@speysideccss.co.uk

Website: <http://www.speysideccss.co.uk/> Facebook: Speyside Community Car Sharing Scheme

Caterers (Outside)

Charlestown Cuisine, Little Haven, 9 Dowans Rd, Aberlour 01340 871205

Delicatessen

The Spey Larder, 96-98 High St, Aberlour AB38 9QA. www.speylarder.com 01340 871243

Dentist

Speyside Dental Surgery, 138 High St, Aberlour www.speysidedental.com 01340 871738

Dog Boarding & Day Care/Walking Service

Dacie Grey Home Boarding, Glenview, Aberlour Gardens, Aberlour AB38 9LD..... 01340 871285

Electricians (Contractors)

Aberlour Electrics, 57 High Street, Aberlour..... 01340 881687/ 07718 923150

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Engineering-Fabrication-Repairs-Design-Manufacture

Aberlour Engineering, Mary Ave, Aberlour email: john@aberlourengineering.co.uk..... 01340 871833

Standfast Precision Engineering, Craigellachie email: graham@standfast-engineering.com 01340 881371

Filling Station

Craigellachie Filling Station, Dufftown Rd, Craigellachie 01340 881635

Fishing Tackle

Spey Sport, 79 High St, Aberlour email: briandoran@btinternet.com 01340 871457/07990 551221

Funeral Director

Frank S McLean & Son, 20 High St, Aberlour www.fsmclean.co.uk ask@fsmclean.co.uk..... 01340 871001

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Galleria Scotland, 79 High St, Aberlour email: kerrydoran122@icloud.com..... 01340 871457/07766 704910

The Artist's Studio, Aberlour - whiskyardgallery.com email: patersonalan58@gmail.com . 01340 881880/07896 903655

Garages

Frank Ogg & Son, 13-19 High Street, Aberlour..... 01340 871505

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Hairdressers

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 Dowans Hotel, Aberlour www.dowanshotel.com 01340 871488
 The Aberlour Hotel, 87 High St, Aberlour 01340 871287
 The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie 01340 881446
 The Mash Tun, 8 Broomfield Square, Aberlour 01340 881771

Joiners

Matt Roberts, Sunnybank, John St, Craigellachie 07739 048142
 J Morrison & Son, 34 Sellar Place, Aberlour 07803 605975/01340 871016

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Speyside Wardrobe, Ladies Fashion, Victoria St, Craigellachie www.speysidewardrobe.co.uk ... 01340 871943

Newsagent & Post Office

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Pet Service (Pet behaviourist & dog walking)

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Plasterer & Home Maintenance

Garry Glendinning, Ivy Dene Cottage, Edinville 01340 871861/07940 160825

Plumbers

Speyside Plumbing Services Ltd (A Gall), Tomneen Farm, Craigellachie AB38 9SB 01340 871360
 P A Stuart, 69 High St, Aberlour 01340 871226

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 Derek Gall, Tipper/Light Haulage/Cherry Picker/Mini Digger Hire, Carron.
 email: Derekgall60@hotmail.co.uk 01340 810264/07799 484356

Public House

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 The Mash Tun, 8 Broomfield Square, Aberlour 01340 881771

Restaurants

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 The Aberlour Hotel, 87 High St, Aberlour 01340 871287
 The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie 01340 881446
 The Mash Tun, 8 Broomfield Square, Aberlour 01340 881771

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Saddler & Ironmonger

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Craigellachie Cars, Scatterbrook, Gauldwell, Craigellachie 07960 567118

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Aberlour Veterinary Centre, Rinnachat, 01340 871385

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