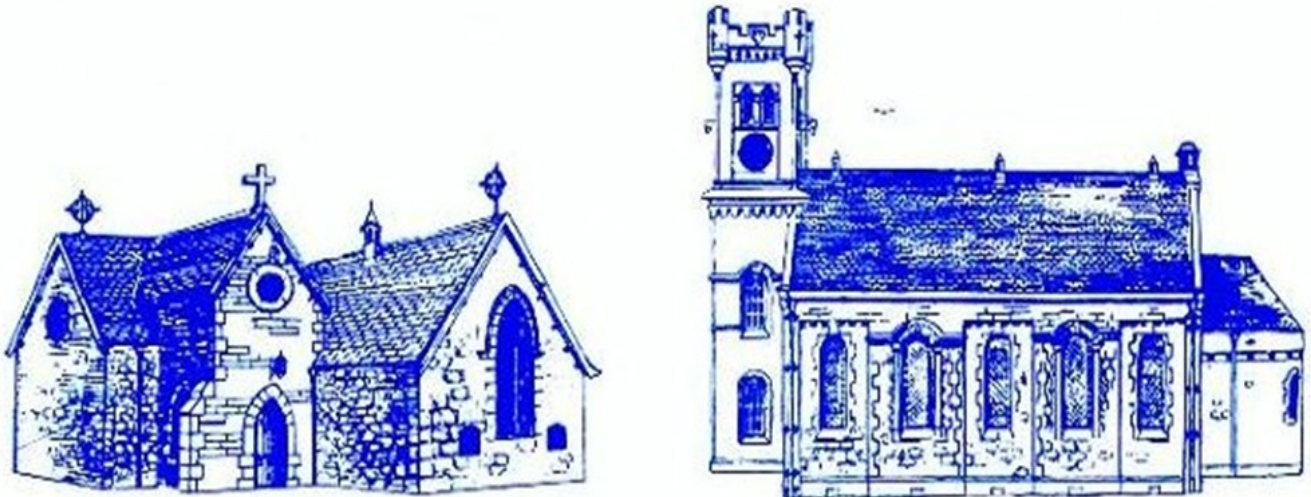


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KIRK NEWS



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Friends,

As I write this it's not yet feeling too close to Christmas - the fireworks displays are yet to finish- but no doubt we'll soon be surrounded by the joys of Christmas music and advertising, and I'd imagine certainly by the time this comes through your door.

One of my favourite things about Christmas time isn't actually so much the day itself, as the run-up for it. And for me, not so much the preparation and the advertising-fest and the pressures around presents, but that there is a time leading up to it that is set aside. Advent has been a part of the Church's way of preparing for Christmas for many centuries, albeit in post-reformation Scotland it has long been marginalised (it's quite something to remember that Christmas only became a Scottish public holiday in 1958! It wasn't long before that Christmas was hardly commemorated at all).

The season of advent was traditionally one of fasting, of living simply and preparing for the light of Christmas. That's a long way from the Christmas treats adorning our shop shelves these days. But while I know I could do with living a bit more simply, it's the more spiritual side of advent that does something for me. In advent the invitation is to cling to a promise, and to do so amidst the darkness of the world. In church, the bible readings set for the season of advent are often some of the most difficult and darkest read in public worship, which can lead to quite a disorienting feel set against the 'holly-jolly' Christmas preparations the rest of the world enjoys. The reason for this is that the miracle of Christmas - the coming of God's messiah upon earth in Jesus Christ - is itself set against the darkness of the world. Into our world - with all its pain, and struggles, and conflicts, and cynicism - came a child who gave healing and comfort and peace and hope. And the promise of that hope serves us well in dark months and dark times.

The nature of news headlines is precisely that there rarely feels much hope in the world. But in recent times things have appeared especially bleak. At home we hear how the country is struggling, we witness how the cost-of-living bites and poverty increases -often masked in communities like ours. To the ongoing war in Ukraine we now add our attention to war in Israel and Palestine, in all its mess and complexity, and above all tragedy at scale of violence.

How do we carry hope at such times? Is it simply naïve and idealistic to speak of hope amidst such pain?

I believe hope is possible, and I believe in a hope that runs deeper even than optimism. A spark that refuses to be put out even when all reason suggests it should not exist. This week I noted the story of 85 year old Israeli hostage, Yocheved Lipschitz, who upon being released by Hamas,

shook the hands of her captors and to film crews and news microphones uttered one word: "Shalom" - "Peace". Such witness and example helps us cling to hope.

And of course, for those of us claiming Christian faith, the determination to hope is underpinned by the promise of the Christ. We are those who cling to words in John's gospel: *In him was life, and that life was the light of all peoples. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Whatever this season looks like for you, may you know hope and peace and every blessing of Christmas.

Andrew



Bittersweet Christmas Service, 6.30pm Sunday 17th December, Aberlour Parish Church

Christmas is a difficult time for many of us. Even among choruses of 'Joy to the World' there are many reasons why some of us will have reasons to pause in sadness, memory, or simply find 'enjoying' Christmas impossible. It can be particularly hard if someone we have loved has died this year.

The service will be quiet and reflective, a respite from the busyness of Christmas preparation and with permission not to put on a jolly or merry exterior. Together we'll find an opportunity to name before God the emotional complexities of Christmas, and to seek Christ's light which shines in the darkness

If Christmas is a tricky time for you- you are very warmly invited to this service.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

3rd Sept Sean Duffy

3rd Sept Callum Wright

1st Oct Matthew Duffy

Funerals and memorial services

13th Sept David Forsyth

26th Sept Anna Rogers

19th Oct Betty Hay

1st Nov Marjorie Walker

10th Nov Carol Graham

The Kirk News
team wish all our
readers a happy
Christmas and a
peaceful 2024.

Church Diary



Sunday Services normally* take place in both churches:

9.45am in Craigellachie Church &

11.15am in Aberlour Parish Church

*On the first Sunday of each month a joint service is held
at 11.15am in Aberlour Parish Church.

Please note there is no service in Craigellachie on the first Sunday of the month.

The Holy Sacrament of Communion: 26 Nov. and 25 Feb. at the usual service times.

See page 6 for details of services in December 2023

Christmas at St Margaret's

This Christmas season at St Margaret's we will have the following services: -

Every Sunday in Advent at 10am - Eucharist

Christmas Eve - 10am Eucharist

Christmas Day - 10am Eucharist

Anyone is very welcome to come and join us for these services. In addition we are having a concert by The Lantern Singers on Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm. This will be a combination of Christmas music from the choir and carol singing with the audience. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served and admission is free.

Guild News

The Guild welcomed 21 members to the new session, but plenty of room for more!

We had a very interesting talk from Elma McKay who is Head of Fundraising for Blythswood Care. We saw how delighted people of all ages were to receive the shoe boxes and benefit from this worthy cause.



The Rev. Andrew recently presented Sheena Robb, Joyce Gordon, Mary Gammack and Mary McHardy with Long Service Badges from the Guild. Betty Hay and Nan Thomson also received their badges when Andrew visited them at home. Sadly we lost Betty Hay just a few short weeks later when she passed away surrounded by her loving family; she is sadly missed.

A big thank you to everyone who turned out on such a miserable day on Sat 28th Oct to our Buttery Morning, The total of £275 was raised. Sincere thanks to all who attended.

Hilda Morrice

CHRISTMAS IN ABERLOUR & CRAIGELLACHIE

During advent Sunday services will take place at:

St Margaret's Church, Eucharist at 10am on 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th Dec

Craigellachie Church, Sunday Service at 9.45am on 10th, 17th & 24th Dec

Aberlour Church, Sunday Service at 11.15am on 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th Dec

Saturday 2nd December, at 7pm

Keith Silver Band Concert in Aberlour Parish Church

Refreshments provided. Donations for church funds welcome.

Saturday 16 December at 7.30pm

Lantern Singers Concert in St Margaret's Church

Refreshments provided. Donations welcome.

Sunday 17 December at 6.30pm

Bittersweet Christmas Service in Aberlour Parish Church

A special service for those mourning the loss of loved ones and for whom Christmas can be a difficult time.

Christmas Eve:

Sunday Service in Craigellachie Church at 9.45am

Eucharist, St Margaret's Church, Aberlour at 10am

Sunday Service in Aberlour Church at 11.15am

Christingles in Craigellachie Church at 3pm

(if you would like to make a Christingle come along at 2.30pm and bring an orange with you)



Watchnight Service in Aberlour Church at 11.30pm



Christmas Day

Eucharist in St Margaret's Church, Aberlour at 10am

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31 December 2023

**Joint Service in Craigellachie Church at 9.45am
Service in St Margaret's Church, Aberlour at 10am**

7 January 2024

**Service in St Margaret's Church, Aberlour at 10am
Joint Service in Aberlour Church at 11.15am**

**St Margaret's Church, Aberlour
presents a concert by**

The Lantern Singers



**on Saturday 16th December
at 7.30pm**

**An evening of Christmas music
from the choir and community
carol singing**

Mince pies and mulled wine

**Admission is free but
donations will be welcome**



**Keith and District
Silver Band**

**CONCERT
in Aberlour Parish Church**

**on Saturday 2 December
at 7pm**

**Don't miss a truly wonderful
start to the festive season!
Admission Free.**

**Donations gratefully received
for Church and Band funds.**

Aberlour Heritage Trail update from Ben Hinnie

Some of you may have noticed that plaques were recently put in place at five locations on Aberlour High Street. The plaques are phase one of the Aberlour Heritage Trail and are located at: St Margaret's Church (High Street Gateway); site of the Gasworks in Hill Street (Gas Lane); James Fleming's offices (The Gatherin); Joseph Walkers Bakery (by the white bakery gate and the shop); and The Parish Hall (Dental practice). Information in the QR text on each plaque is currently being loaded, while the map / leaflet for the trail will soon be available. Phase 2 of the trail, which will require another 5 plaques installed at Listed Buildings, will be opening in the Spring of 2024 and that will mean that Aberlour will have a new attraction for both residents and visitors to enjoy.



Aberlour Parish Church Walking Group Winter 2023/2024 Walks

Welcome to our 2023/4 Winter walks. Aberlour Walking Group is a welcoming group, open to everybody in the community. 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. We usually stop for a quick tea/coffee enroute, so please bring a flask and wear walking boots or strong shoes. Come ready to start the walks at **9:30am**. If you need more information or help with transport please contact Donald (contact details below). Please confirm with Donald that you are coming on any walk.

Sat 9th December 2023: Lossie Oakenhead (circular) (6km / 4m +, 20m ascent).

We will vary this walk depending on attendance and weather. We will park in the car park at the junction of the Spynie canal and River Lossie. The walk takes us past Lossiemouth FC into Oakenhead Forest, where we will walk along the south side of Spynie canal, before crossing the canal, and returning on the North side of the canal, through the forest, and past the Caravan Park. We will stop for a Christmas lunch in a local restaurant. This is a mainly level walk.

Please note: From January 2024, the walks will normally be scheduled on the first Saturday of each month.

Sat 6th January 2024: Aberlour-Glenallachy-Linn Falls (circular) (6.5km / 4m, 50m ascent).

An old favourite to break us gently into the new year... Starting at Aberlour Church, we walk along the Speyside Way to Delmore Farm, take the wide track to Kinnermony, cross the A95 and proceed to Glenallachy. Then we follow the Lour Burn to the Linn Falls, and take the path back to Aberlour.

Sat 3rd February 2024: Boat of Garten / Speyside (circular) (9.0km / 5.5m, 95m ascent).

We will park in Boat of Garten and walk into Loch Vaa, turning South East under the railway line down to Kinchurdy, and follow the Spey North to the Boat of Garten bridge. This is a new walk for our group.

Sat 2nd March 2024: The Bin, Huntly (circular) (7.5km / 4.75m, 195m, ascent).

This is a circular route starting from the Forestry Car Park a few miles North West of Huntly on the A96. The walk on Forest paths and tracks encircles the Bin anticlockwise, before approaching the summit from the West providing excellent views to the East. We return South over Ord Hill to the car park.

Donald Grassie
Aberlour Walking Group Convenor
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aberlourwalking@gmail.com



Autumn at the Aberlour Glebe Community Garden

Our first growing season at the Aberlour Glebe Community Garden has come to an end—and despite a slow start, it has been a great season of community-building and laying the groundwork for 2024. Before preparing our four new garden beds with green fertilizer for the winter, a small team of volunteers harvested a healthy crop of green tomatoes, carrots, and peas.

Although the produce part of the garden is finished for this year, we are just getting started on our community orchard. We have about forty fruit-bearing trees arriving in early December, so we are looking for some generous volunteers to come out for a tree-planting drive.

If you love the idea of creating an edible forest in the community (or want to offset some greenhouse gases from your last flight!), come with a spade and join our friendly group of volunteers. We have two dates scheduled: Thursday, 23 November from 13:30-14:30 and Sunday, 26 November from 14:00-16:30. You can find the latest updates on our Facebook page at Aberlour Glebe Project.

We also still have space for donations for memorial fruit trees, a wonderful way to commemorate a loved one and remember them with a living legacy. If you are interested, please email us at info@aberlourglebe.org.

Stay tuned in the new year for news about our new polycarbonate tunnel, our second annual seed swap & social, and more! As always, if you'd like to get involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Thanks from Christian Aid

The Aberlour CA Group recently received a letter of thanks from Christian Aid. We extend these thanks to you who made donations and to those who took part in the Christian Aid Walk. Here is an excerpt from their letter:



"Thank you for your incredible support, prayers and generosity this (past) Christian Aid Week. Together Aberlour CA Group has raised £1,416.65 to help families round the world transform their own lives. We hope you are able to pass on our appreciation for all the effort and donations that contributed to another great Christian Aid Week

We only need to look to Esther Saizi, a farmer in Malawi, to see the lasting impact gifts like yours can have. Esther struggled to obtain fair prices and couldn't store her crops safely from storms and floods. But when Esther joined a pigeon pea programme run by a Christian Aid partner and started to sell as part of a cooperative, she was able to earn much more

She is doing amazing things for her family with her pigeon peas. She bought tools for her daughter Ziwoone to use in her carpentry business and pays for her daughter Rashida's school costs. She is able to keep her pigeon peas in a warehouse safe from storms and floods.

It's thanks to people like you that this transformation has been possible. Thank you for your life changing gift. It gives us a hope that together we can help more families build brighter futures."



14 September 1812

A warm hello on a cool autumn day from the Aberlour Community Association! It's been almost exactly six months since the 'Great Flood of May 2023,' which caused over £35,000 worth of damages to the Old Station Tea Room, Speyside Visitor Centre, and community-managed public toilets. We are glad to report that refurbishments are now under way, with the hope that we will be able to fully reopen these well-loved community spaces in 2024.

Aberlour Christmas Market 1-2nd December

Coming soon is the Aberlour Christmas Market—a heartwarming event brought to you through collaboration with the Aberlour Parish Church. Join us on Friday, December 1st from 4-8pm and Saturday, December 2nd from 11am-3pm. Browse a delightful array of crafts, delectable foods, and unique gifts lovingly crafted by local artisans and producers. Don't miss a special visit from Santa Claus as he spreads joy throughout the market.

We invite you to be a part of this wonderful event by volunteering your time. We have short shifts available for setup, tidy-up, and event stewarding. To offer your support, please reach out to Kathryn at kathryn@outrams.com or through the event email: christmasmarket@aberlourcommunity.org. Additionally, we welcome kind-hearted folks to contribute to our raffle with generous donations. Contact us to make a meaningful contribution to our festive celebration and help us continue to serve our village. We would be grateful for products, but also experiences or service.

Thank you and have a very happy holiday season from all of us at the Aberlour Community Association!

Craigellachie Church

Regular readers of Kirk News will recall our plan to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Craigellachie Church in 2020. Unfortunately, like many other events, the plan fell victim of the Covid 19 pandemic.



Sadly, Craigellachie Church building will cease as a place of worship at the end of June 2024. However, before that happens, the congregation is keen to commemorate the building's role in the community. It is intended to host a flower festival, display of photographs and other items of interest connected with Craigellachie Church, and we would be very grateful if anyone with relevant photographs etc could get in touch. Over the years, many weddings, baptisms and Sunday School gatherings have taken place in Craigellachie Church and we are sure there are photographs commemorating the celebrations in lots of photo albums and photo frames. If you are able to lend photos etc please contact Jane Tweedie as soon as possible: Tel 01340 871515, email jane871515@outlook.com.

SCIO CRAIGELLACHIE VILLAGE COUNCIL

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The village hall now has new thick window and stage curtains which, as well as meeting latest fire regulations, will hopefully reduce heat loss and reduce our energy bills. The installation of updated stage lighting is anticipated soon and then all we need is for an amateur dramatic group to be formed to make use of the new stage facilities! If anyone can make use of the old stage and window curtains please get in touch; we would prefer someone makes use of them rather than send them to landfill.

Unfortunately, fitting the new railings to the hall is going to take a wee bit longer as the materials were held up in China! However, the work should be completed in the new year.

Along with Craigellachie Primary School, the village council has arranged a Christmas event in the Highlander Park on Friday 24 November 2023. The children of the primary school will meet at the school at 5.30pm and then head off in a procession around the village. The children should arrive at The Highlander Park just after 6pm where they will entertain the public by singing Christmas Carols. This will be the first time many of the children will have sung in front of an audience, and they are excited but also a bit nervous about it. It would be really encouraging if friends and neighbours could be at the Highlander Park to watch the children arrive. There will be light refreshments and a raffle and it will be a great opportunity to get into the festive mood whilst meeting friends and neighbours. Let's hope for a dry night!

Similar to previous years, we plan to host a free Soup and Sweet Sunday Lunch on Sunday 3 March 2024 for the over 60's resident within the Craigellachie Primary School catchment area. Keep an eye out for an invitation coming out soon.

Date for your diary: Friday 8 March 2024, Craigellachie Tea and Competitions fundraising evening in the village hall.

Finally, Craigellachie Village Council extends thanks to everyone for their support throughout the year.

Brenda, Secretary.

The Rothes Way

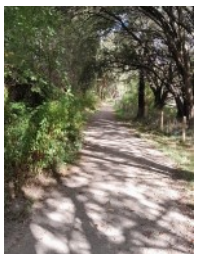
As many of you are aware, section 2 of the Rothes Way is complete, and there is now a path from Rothes up to opposite the old road layby at the foot of Macallan brae. It has taken three years to get this far, however it's been something we have been trying to achieve for over three decades.

None of this would have been possible without the various landowners' permission, funders, volunteers and everyone who has supported our fundraising events. Thank you all.

We have now turned attention to the next section, which will complete the route, finishing crossing the Telford bridge. All going well, this might be completed by next year but unfortunately requires yet more fundraising.

With the support of Friends of Craigellachie Bridge, we held a Family Tea and Competitions evening on Friday 3rd November at Craigellachie Village Hall. It was a very busy night and raised over £2,000, a staggering amount. A huge thank you to the businesses and individuals who donated the amazing prizes; the star prize being a dining event for 4 at Macallan Brasserie with paired wines. Also thank you to Friends of Craigellachie Bridge who helped us on the night, with a special mention to Brenda Cooper who was the backbone behind the event. Lastly, the most important thank you is due to everyone who came along and supported the event.

The maintenance crew still meet on the first Sunday of the month at 10.00 and we are always looking for more helpers. Believe it or not, it's good fun and a way to meet new faces. If you are keen to help the Rothes Way Association in any way, or become a member, please contact us by email, rothesway@gmail.com



SPEYSIDE COMMUNITY CAR SHARING SCHEME



As we come to the end of another year, I'm pleased to say that we've had our busiest one ever and have just hit a record number of 500 members registered to use the Scheme. Once again, just over half of our journeys this year were to doctors, hospitals, dentists, opticians and the like, but the Scheme offers transport for so many more reasons than medical ones, such as shopping, hairdressers, social clubs and hospital visits, so it's worth checking with us to see if we can help you too. You must live within the Moray Council Ward of Speyside & Glenlivet and be either aged 60 (or above), or have a registered disability, or have a significant physical or mental impairment. If you would like information on eligibility to join and to find out more about what we do, please visit our website www.speysideccss.co.uk or Facebook page, email admin@speysideccss.co.uk or call 01340 831748 between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

All our drivers, telephonists and committee are volunteers and we are so grateful for the time they give up to help members make their journeys. We have recently welcomed John, Stewart & Bill from Aberlour and Iris from Cragganmore as volunteer drivers, and we now have a team of 26 drivers spread throughout the area, along with 4 telephonists and a Management Committee of 6. We would however be keen to have some more volunteer drivers as it is more efficient to use a driver as close as possible to the member, in terms of the time our volunteers spend on a run and also in cost as we pay our driver a mileage allowance for all the miles they cover for the Scheme. One benefit of volunteering with us is that it is very flexible as we don't ask for any regular commitment from our drivers who give as much or as little of their time as they can spare. Some of our drivers prefer to do shorter runs in their own town/village or locally, while other volunteers like the longer journeys to Aberdeen or Inverness but, again, it is totally up to the driver which runs they accept.

Our telephonists also play a vital part in the running and efficiency of the Scheme. From Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm the telephonist on duty that day will take calls from our members and arrange transport for them. Considering the members specific needs as to type of vehicle and what level of support they might require, they match the member to the most suitable driver, starting with the one living closest to that member and working out until they hopefully find a driver who can help. If you are at home one day a week and would be able to take calls from our members and help organise their journeys please get in touch. This could be on a fixed day each week or simply helping out to cover holidays and illness on a day you're available to help. You don't need any equipment just access to a phone and I arrange to divert the calls to your number.

If you would like information on joining the scheme, becoming a volunteer or can help us financially or in any other way, please get in touch. I'd be more than happy to chat to you and I'm also willing to attend meetings of any community groups who'd like to know a bit more about what we do. You can send us a message by either e-mailing admin@speysideccss.co.uk or through our website www.speysideccss.co.uk using the contact us tab (please leave your telephone number) or call 01340831748 between 9:00 and 5:00 Monday to Friday.

As always, we're grateful for all the help we get both from our volunteers and those who support us financially, and look forward to yet another busy year ahead for the Car Share Scheme.

On behalf of all of our volunteers I wish you all the very best for the festive season and good health and happiness for you and your families in 2024.

Rhoma Pirie - Project Coordinator

Dates for the Diary (details advised to Kirk News at time of going to print)



Nov 2023

- 23 Craigellachie Village Council AGM in Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 24 Craigellachie Community Christmas Celebration in The Highlander Park at 6pm (see social media for details)
- 26 Model Fest Scotland, Fleming Hall, 11am-4pm
- 27 Aberlour Ball Group, Strength & Balance, Fleming Hall at 10am.
- 30 Aberlour Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch (members only), Aberlour Hotel at 12.30pm
- 30 Chess Club, Aberlour Library, 5.30pm-6.30pm. For more details contact Aberlour Library Tel 01340 871693

Dec 2023

- 1 & 2 Aberlour Christmas Market, The Square & Aberlour Church, Aberlour
- 2 Aberlour Primary School Christmas Fayre 10am—12 noon.
- 2 Keith Silver Band, Christmas Concert, Aberlour Parish Church at 7pm (see page 7 for details)
- 4 Aberlour Ball Group, Movement & Dance, Fleming Hall at 10am.
- 5 Aberlour Library Reading Group, 2.30pm.
- 9 Aberlour Parish Church Walking Group (see page 8)
- 11 Aberlour Ball Group, Frauds & Scams, Fleming Hall at 10am.
- 16 Lantern Singers, St Margaret's Church, Aberlour, at 7.30pm (see page 7 for details)
- 18 Aberlour Ball Group, Kickers Dancefit Christmas Special, Fleming Hall at 10am.
- 28 Chess Club, Aberlour Library, 5.30pm-6.30pm. For more details contact Aberlour Library Tel 01340 871693

Jan 2024

- 4 Aberlour Library Book Bug session, 1.45pm—2.15pm.
- 9 Aberlour Library Reading Group, 2.30pm.
- 25 Chess Club, Aberlour Library, 5.30pm-6.30pm. For more details contact Aberlour Library Tel 01340 871693

Feb 2024

- 1 Aberlour Library Book Bug session, 1.45pm-2.15pm.
- 6 Aberlour Library Reading Group, 2.30pm.
- 14 Aberlour Senior Citizens meeting, Fleming Hall at 2pm
- 29 Chess Club, Aberlour Library, 5.30pm-6.30pm. For more details contact Aberlour Library Tel 01340 871693

Mar 2024

- 8 Craigellachie Village Council Tea & Competitions evening, Craigellachie Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 23 Aberlour Senior Citizens Coffee & Buttery Morning, Fleming Hall, 10am to 12noon.
- 28 Chess Club, Aberlour Library, 5.30pm-6.30pm. For more details contact Aberlour Library Tel 01340 871693

The Village Diary is displayed in the window at Aberlour Library, providing a reference for "What's On" & publicising fundraising events or meetings; not everyone uses Facebook or other online social media sites! To have an event included in the Village Diary send an email to aberlour.library@moray.gov.uk or tel 01340 871693.

Similarly, for anyone arranging an event, it would be a good idea to check the Village Diary to avoid clashing with other events.

Moray Handy Person Services

We are Moray Handyperson Services and one of the services we offer is toenail trimming.

Appointments are available at Victoria House, Elgin; Fleming Hospital, Aberlour; Stephen Hospital, Dufftown; and Turner Hospital, Keith. Home visits Moray-wide are also available for those who are unable to manage office visits.

If you require more information, or would like to make an appointment, please call Moray Handyperson Services on 01343 559739.

Moray HandyPerson Services is a Charity registered in Scotland – SC035888, and is a Company Limited by Guarantee – SC272633.

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

Top to Toe Beauty, mobile beauty treatments, Lyne of Carron Farm, Aberlour AB38 9NT 01340 684486

Bed & Breakfast

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

Boiler Servicing

Boiler Care Services Speyside, A Payne, Deldonald, Aberlour (adrianpaynebcs@gmail.com) 01340 810885/07435 787929

Butcher

S A Mackie, 77 High St, Aberlour 01340 871428

Café & Crafts & Gifts

The Gather'n Café, 89 High St, Aberlour (www.thegathern.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

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

AR Electrical Services, Locherbain Farm, Aberlour 07825 873651

Richard Strathdee, Birchlea, Glenallachie email: rs@richardstrathdee.co.uk 07900 696051

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

Gallery

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

Garages

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

McLean, Maggieknockater, Craigellachie 01542 860325

Hairdressers

Vanity Hair, Victoria Street, Craigellachie 01340 881788

Classified Directory of Local Services

Hotels

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| Aberlour Hotel, 87 High St, Aberlour..... | 01340 871287 |
| Craigellachie Lodge, Craigellachie www.craigellachielodge.co.uk | 01340 881900 |
| Dowans Hotel, Aberlour www.dowanshotel.com..... | 01340 871488 |
| The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie..... | 01340 881446 |

Ironmonger & D.I.Y.

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| C A Gammack, 83 High St, Aberlour www.cagammack.co.uk | 01340 871319 |
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Joiners

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

Ladies Fashions

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| Speyside Wardrobe, Ladies Fashion, Victoria St, Craigellachie www.speysidewardrobe.co.uk | 01340 871943 |
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Newsagent & Post Office

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| S Cattanach, 71a High Street, Aberlour..... | 01340 871240 |
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Painters

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| K Donald & Son, Cottarfield, Balliemullich, Aberlour | 07748 916514 |
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Personal Services (Toe Nail Trimming)

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| Moray Handy Person Services, Victoria House, Elgin: Office/Home Visits Moray-wide | 01343 559739 |
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Pet Service (Pet behaviourist & dog walking)

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| “Home Boy” Dog Services, Alex Benvie (email abenvie6@hotmail.com)..... | 01340 820351/07787 352648 |
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Pharmacy

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| Aberlour Pharmacy, 112 High Street, Aberlour email: pharm.aberlour4093@nhs.scot..... | 01340 871279 |
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Plasterer & Home Maintenance

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

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

Property Maintenance/Repairs/Improvements

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| J Morrison & Son, 34 Sellar Place, Aberlour | 07803 605975/ 01340 871016 |
| 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 Highlander Inn, Craigellachie..... | 01340 881446 |
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Restaurants

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| Aberlour Hotel, 87 High St, Aberlour | 01340 871287 |
| '57' at Dowans Hotel, Aberlour..... | 01340 871488 |
| The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie..... | 01340 881446 |

Self Catering Accommodation

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| Mrs L Cordiner, The Pines, Wester Gauldwell, Craigellachie (email: lwcordiner@outlook.com) .. | 07419 904142 |
| B Croy, Bridge View, Leslie Terrace, Craigellachie visitcraigellachie.com..... | 01340 881376 |
| Mrs E Milne, Balnellan, Craigellachie..... | 01542 860284 |

Shortbread Manufacturer

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| Walkers Shortbread Ltd, Aberlour..... | 01340 871555 |
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Taxi Services

Craigellachie Cars, Scatterbrook, Gauldwell, Craigellachie07960 567118

Veterinary Surgeons

Aberlour Veterinary Centre, Rinnachat.....01340 871385

Visitor Centre

Speyside Cooperage, Dufftown Road, Craigellachie01340 871108

Web Design

Bob Fuller Web Design, Braeside of Beatshach, Aberlour (www.bobfuller.me.uk).....01340 871745

Wool Shop

3 Bags Wool, 8 Balvenie St., Dufftown (www.3bagswool.com)07359 392352

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