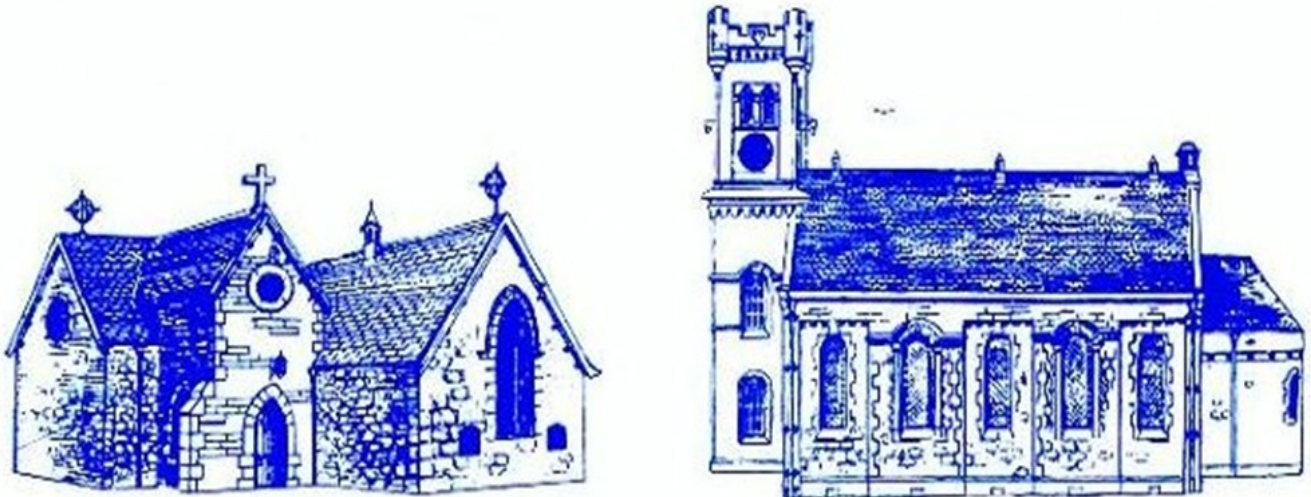


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KIRK NEWS



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NOTE TO ALL THOSE WHO WRITE ARTICLES FOR THE KIRK NEWS:

As a precaution, and to protect privacy since Kirk News is available on the internet, would you please ensure if you use full names, addresses or telephone numbers of individuals, you do so only with their approval when submitting articles.

Friends,

Last summer saw the fulfilment of a long-held ambition for me: I now keep bees!

I'm aware that among those who read this letter will be much more experienced and expert beekeepers, so I don't pretend to say anything about bees with anything more than novice enthusiasm, however I was deeply gladdened, when on a milder day last week, I finally saw them fly for the first time after the winter. Even for experienced keepers, I think seeing the bees after the winter comes as a relief. During the long dark months there is a temptation to want to look inside the hive 'just to check up on them', but that's only ever likely to do them harm: they simply need left to it.

The more I read about bees (and the more I experience them) the more fascinating they become. It seems they have much to teach humans, with lessons that if we lived them out might make the world a good deal better. From the way each bee has a role (and some change roles throughout their life) carried out for the harmony of the whole hive; to the highly co-operative way the hive's work is ordered (think of the bee who has found especially good nectar and pollen to forage 'dancing' to indicate to others where the riches can be found); and then there's the deeply intricate pattern of hexagonal wax-comb structure which has properties of insulation, airflow, and acoustics that we are still learning from and incorporating into cutting edge engineering in the human world!

But the honeybee fact I've been reflecting on recently is in some ways the most basic and straightforward one. What distinguishes the honeybee (of which there is only one species) from the many more species of bumbles, mason, and carder bees, is its ability to maintain a whole colony throughout the dark and cold of winter by storing up supplies: honey.

It's a strikingly simple and yet profound idea that in order to get through the tough and lean times it is vital to be able to draw on reserves from brighter and warmer seasons.

In the bible the book of psalms contains poetry and song lyrics from various figures that express the full range of human emotions and situations. Some are hymns of great thanksgiving, others are bitter cries of distress. One of the themes that is often found is something like the idea of drawing strength for tough times from knowledge that there were better things before, and promises of better to become. One of the best-known of these might be the line in the 23rd Psalm (The Lord's my Shepherd...) which goes: "Though I walk through the shadow of the valley of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me and Your rod and staff comfort me." For the Psalm-writer, knowing they have felt close to God before fuels them through even the most difficult and challenging of times.

We all go through different seasons of life, some spells are like hard and bitter winters, others springs of new beginnings, sometimes the summer sun is beaming and all is well, and sometimes autumnal harvest for what has been previously sown. I wonder what sort of a season you are in just now? And if a tougher season, then what might be there for you to draw from for strength from prior reserves built up? Networks of cherished people? Happy memories? Simple life pleasures?

And if your season is a brighter one, is it worth thinking about what you can store up to cherish if ever you need to look back to draw strength from this good season?

May you know blessing and wholeness in every season of life. God bless you.

Andrew

PARISH REGISTER		
Funerals and memorial services		
14 th	Dec. 2023	Allan Forbes
18 th	Jan. 2024	Carolyn Donaghy
19 th	Jan. 2024	Philip Hutcheon
25 th	Jan. 2024	Edward Marshall
9 th	Feb. 2024	Margaret McDonald
13 th	Feb. 2024	James Forsyth

The World Day of Prayer
service will take place in
St Margaret's Church,
Aberlour, on Friday 1st
March. All welcome.
(Details of time not available at time of going to print.)

“MUSICAL MAN”.....An evening with Roger Jones of Christian Music Ministries
on Saturday 8 June in Aberlour Parish Church.

Forty years ago Roger gave up his regular job as a secondary school music teacher to set up CMM along with his wife, Mary. He has written many musicals inspired by stories from the Bible, which have been performed over the years in Aberlour and Lossiemouth by our choirs along with Roger’s own musicians and solo singers.

Roger and Mary now spend a week holidaying in the area every year, taking some time out of their incredibly busy lives which involve touring around the country with the team to deliver conferences, musicals and to lead worship. Roger continues to write music.

On Saturday 8 June Roger will be telling the story of his fascinating life and the work of CMM in his presentation of “Musical Man”. He will illustrate his story through music from some of his works. Roger’s style is very open and the evening’s talk will include the challenges and difficulties as well as the wonderful openings and opportunities which have presented themselves to the work of the ministry. The presentation takes the form of a Q and A interview by Rev Andrew Kimmitt.

If you would like to take an active part in this evening we are looking for singers. We anticipate that only a few practices would be needed, with the main practice during the afternoon of 8 June with Roger. Please call 07974397304 to register interest or for further information.

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:

25 February and 26 May at the usual service times.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES IN ABERLOUR & CRAIGELLACHIE

March 2024

Sun. 24 th	9.45am	Palm Sunday Service, Craigellachie Church
Sun. 24 th	10am	Eucharist for Palm Sunday, St Margaret's Church
Sun. 24 th	11.15am	Palm Sunday Service, Aberlour Parish Church
Tues. 26 th	7pm	Evening Service, "The Tables Turn", Craigellachie Church
Wed. 27 th	7pm	Evening Service, "Beauty & Betrayal", Craigellachie Church
Thur. 28 th	7pm	Eucharist for Maundy Thursday, St Margaret's Church
Fri. 29 th	2pm	An Hour Before the Cross, St Margaret's Church
Fri. 29 th	7pm	Good Friday Service, "Courtroom and Crucifixion", Craigellachie Church
Sun. 31 st	9.45am	Easter Sunday Service, Craigellachie Church
Sun. 31 st	10am	Eucharist for Easter Sunday, St Margaret's Church
Sun. 31 st	11.15am	Easter Sunday Service, Aberlour Parish Church

**Warm welcome to everyone who would like to come along to
any, or all, of the services.**



Aberlour Tennis Club - from Rusty Rackets to Andy Murrays, all are welcome!

As we wrap up against the cold and endure these windy, short, winter days, it's good to be reminded of this gem of an amenity situated in the heart of our vibrant village, and of it's friendly, welcoming ethos. Longer, brighter and warmer days lie ahead and the courts will soon be open again!

Tennis has been played in Aberlour since the end of the 1800s; historical documents show that by 1881, a tennis club of sorts was active on ground leased from Aberlour Orphanage - the wonderful black and white photo below from 1903 depicts a mixed team on a match day against Buckie.....amazing to think that play was possible despite the formal outfits! In the very early days, a croquet green doubled up as a surface for play, but in time three grass courts were established and in use, although, understandably, during the two world wars, they badly deteriorated through lack of care and fell into a state of disrepair.



Following WW2, the Club became active again and over the years improvements were made. Three courts became two and in 1952 a red shale 'blaise' surface was laid, the courts were fenced and in 1971 a new wooden clubhouse was built with all the mod cons - electricity, running water and toilet facilities!

Matches were enthusiastically played against other local clubs in the 1940s and 50s and in the 1960s, Aberlour Tennis Club joined the Speyside Tennis League and participated in the North of Scotland LTA League with great success in mixed, ladies and junior doubles competitions from the 1960s right up to recent years.

The Covid pandemic of course halted play but allowed some reflection on the run-down state of the wooden clubhouse building. Covid and Community Lottery grants were obtained and these, along with various generous local donations, provided funds for a rescue renovation project to update and transform the clubhouse into the fresh, comfortable and inviting structure it now is. It is the beating heart of the Club, where members meet, enjoy refreshments and entertain visiting teams, and it's new fresh look (incorporating Wimbledon colours) has enhanced the appeal of the area as a whole.



Today the Club has a small but enthusiastic group of members who do most of the not inconsiderable work needed to maintain the courts, grounds and the clubhouse. Each Spring, prior to the start of the tennis season, our Treasurer Marjory lovingly and singlehandedly prepares the two courts for action, painstakingly raking the surfaces into rows of neat piles, which she then carefully sieves and redistributes with a final rolling before the nets are put up ready for play. Truly a labour of love!

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As a relative newcomer to Aberlour, I was encouraged to pick up my rusty racket and join the Club in the summer of 2022, and I am so glad I did! It has given me so much - a warm welcome from a lovely bunch of people, regular exercise in a beautiful and tranquil setting, wonderful new friendships, and the chance to improve my game with top quality coaching available. The courts are closed during the winter months, but many of the members have been enthusiastically keeping up their level of play with 'Pickleball' at Moray Sports Centre in Elgin and just recently at Speyside Community Centre Games Hall. 2024 has started well for the Club - a generous grant from Paul Hill Windfarms is allowing us to resurface the courts and update some of the fencing before the season starts this year; and we are even considering entering the Highland League again!

Tennis is a wonderful sport - it's good for mind, body and soul - and it requires relatively little outlaydecent shoes, a few tennis balls and a racket and you're away. Aberlour Tennis Club provides the rest - somewhere to play and to socialise - we can even supply rackets and balls! Membership costs are affordable and allow access to Club Nights, weekly social play, coaching and competitions; but the courts are available to all, members and non-members alike, and they should be used. Visitors to the area and tourists are welcome and there is an honesty box for the court fees on a 'pay as you play' basis at very competitive pricing!



Aberlour Tennis Club is a valued asset to the village, providing quality leisure facilities accessible to all - all ages, all abilities. Why not come along to our Open Day this summer to meet the members and take a look (details will be in the next edition of the Kirk News) Aberlour Tennis Club, Queens Road, Aberlour AB38 9PR or phone 07901 747446 anytime to find out more.

Kathryn Outram, Club Member

Craigellachie Church

Sadly, Craigellachie Church building will cease as a place of regular worship after the service on 30 June 2024. However, before that happens, the congregation is keen to commemorate the building's role in the community. During the weekend of 22nd & 23rd June a floral festival, plus display of photographs and other items of interest connected with Craigellachie Church will take place in the church.



Over the years, numerous weddings, baptisms, nativity plays and Sunday School gatherings have taken place in Craigellachie Church, and we are sure there are photographs commemorating the celebrations in many photo albums and photo frames. If you are able to lend photos, or other items of interest, please contact Jane Tweedie as soon as possible:

Tel 01340 871515, email jane871515@outlook.com.



Aberlour Walking Group

Spring 2024 Walks

Welcome to our 2024 Spring 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 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.

Sat 6th April 2024: Binn Hill from Kingston-on-Spey (circular) (9.5km / 6m, 90m ascent).

This is a circular figure-of-eight route which starts from the car park at the mouth of the Spey in Kingston-on-Spey. It follows the Moray Coastal Trail and visits some of Moray's coastal defences from World War Two, including a rifle range. We follow a steep section on sandy paths climbing through woods to Binn Hill; stopping for a tea break to take in some excellent views of the coast. The route returns to the coast following the Moray Coastal trail back to the rifle range, returning to Kingston-on-Spey on an inland track.

Sat 4th May 2024: Buckie and Portgordon Gollachy circuit (9.0km / 5.5m, 90m ascent).

This route is waymarked as the Gollachy Circular, connecting Buckie with its coastal neighbour, Portgordon. It starts from Cluny Square in Buckie and follows a coastal route on the Speyside Way to Portgordon, returning on an inland track round Buckpool Golf Course to Buckie.

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25th May 2024: Allan Reid to Knochkan (circular) (12.5km / 7.75m, 170m ascent).

This one may be squelchy! We will park at the Allan Reid car park near Tomnavoulin and follow the River Livet to Knochkan bothy passing many ruined bothies. At Knochkan there is an option to walk up to Suie bothy. We return by a slightly different route over expansive moorland to the Blye water, returning on the east side of the Bochel to the car park. This is a fantastic walk (on a nice day) in the foothills of the Ladder Hills. **(NOTE the different date, there is no June walk).**

Sat 6th July 2024: Portsoy and Sandend (circular) (9.0km / 5.5m, 130m , ascent).

We return to the coast for a circular walk from Portsoy to Sandend. More details in the next Kirk News.

Donald Grassie
Aberlour Walking Group Convenor
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aberlourwalking@gmail.com



GUILD NEWS

The Guild Christmas lunch in Aberlour Hotel was enjoyed by those able to attend and everyone went home with a Secret Santa gift. Our next big event is our Bannocks & Blether on Sat 24th February and we look forward to welcoming everyone to join us in Aberlour Church for a lovely cuppa with homemade bannocks & scones.



Thursday 11th April is our OPEN to all Meeting at 2pm.. We are having a 'BIG SING' so please let Hilda Morrice (skelmanaie@hotmail.co.uk or text mobile 07833 521146) know by 28th February if you have a favourite hymn or gospel song and we will do our best to include it in the programme.

As reported in the winter edition of Kirk News, long service awards were presented to members of the Guild in September. This photo shows some of the ladies receiving their badges while other members look on.



Hilda



14 September 1812

‘We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give,’ Winston Churchill once wrote. After being unsure whether we would be able to run this year’s Christmas market with current volunteer capacity, we were grateful when the Aberlour Parish Church stepped up to partner with us to ensure it went ahead. Running such a big event safely requires the generous gift of time from an immense force of volunteers, but what a beloved and life-giving event it is for the village! We are thankful to everyone that contributed their time and talents, and glad so many braved the icy temperatures to join us.

One of the disappointing Christmas developments this year was a change in how Amey (the company responsible for maintaining the A95) supports communities in installing and removing Christmas lights. Historically, this service was offered to communities without charge. This year, the fee levied was a whopping £2,500. This sum did not include admin fees or power usage, and there are indications that they may be added to the annual bill going forward. With the small size of our organisation, it’s not an annual expenditure we can sustain on our own, so we are actively looking for community sponsorship to ensure our new Christmas lights will be lit next year. We could also use help raising the issue with Richard Lochhead, our local MSP. If you would like to help with the future of the Christmas lights, please email us at info@aberlourcommunity.org.

In January, we distributed the latest instalment of Paul’s Hill Windfarm Community Benefit Fund to support community-based projects undertaken by the Aberlour Tennis Club, Speyside Swimming Club, Aberlour Heritage Trail, Speyside Active Schools, Aberlour and District Pipe Band, Speyside Community Car Sharing, Aberlour Primary School (including the garden project), Aberlour Glebe Community Garden, Aberlour Community Association (new Christmas lights), Speyside High School, and Rainbows. Congratulations to all beneficiaries!

This spring, we are looking forward to hosting the first Aberlour Community Day, on Sunday, 24 March from 1PM-4PM (location tbc, likely Fleming Hall). Come and find out about all that Aberlour has to offer—clubs and societies for the young and old, exercise classes, volunteering opportunities, local council and community services, and much more. Tea and coffee will be served. We hope to see you there!

Aberlour Glebe Community Garden

‘The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature.

To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul.’ *Alfred Austin, English Poet Laureate*

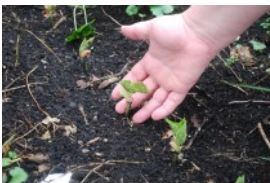
While one might not think there is much to do over the winter months with a dormant community garden, in fact it’s been an unexpectedly productive winter season for the glebe project—and we’re grateful to the generous -hearted and community-minded people who have come together these past few months.

Braving the dreich weather in late November, a brilliant crew of volunteers met to prepare for a new community orchard. Many hands do make light work: within half an hour, we had forty holes dug! If you come to the glebe (adjacent the Alice Littler Memorial Carpark), you’ll see a mixture of 40 heritage and commercial cooking and eating apples, heritage pears, and heritage plums. It’ll take a few years before they bear fruit we can eat, but it’s exciting to see them there and starting to grow.

In late January, we also took delivery of our new Polycrub, a hybrid of a polytunnel and greenhouse, a purchase made possible through the local council’s Moray Community Health and Well-Being Fund, administered by tsiMORAY. We’re looking forward to kitting it out so that we can start our own seeds (and keep those pesky deer away from our lettuces!).



Of course, part of the beauty of a community garden is the pleasure of getting one’s hands in the dirt in the garden. Another part though, is the community that develops as people work together towards creating something that generations to come can share. In January, we had a small soup and sweet to thank people that had given their time and expertise this past year to make this community garden a reality. Whether it was offering the use of a trailer to collect pallets, or time building paths or weeding in the garden, or donating supplies, or consulting on issues related to land management or forestry, it really has been a community (and community-building) effort.



If you would like to get involved in our friendly, informal organisation, we are actively seeking new members. You do not need any expertise in gardening, just a desire to get your hands in the soil and meet some other folks from the village.

Email info@aberlourglebe.org and follow us on Facebook (Aberlour Glebe Project).

SCIO CRAIGELLACHIE VILLAGE COUNCIL SCO18399

The Craigellachie Village Council is delighted to report the appointment of a new hallkeeper for the village hall - Rachael G. Rachel looks after the village hall diary and bookings can be arranged by emailing her on craigvhbookings@outlook.com

We hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful village Christmas Lights display. Grateful thanks to the volunteers who helped move the lights into position and assisted with traffic management, allowing Derek Gall (Contractor) and Richard Strathdee (Electrician) to safely erect and dismantle the Christmas Lights on Edward Avenue & Hill Street (Dufftown Road).

The village council purchased additional lights for Victoria Street and since the street is also the A95 trunk road, Amey Roads had to erect and dismantle them, which unfortunately is a cost the village council will have to bear every year. We have approached our MSP and Amey concerning means of reducing the cost of erecting and dismantling the 9 lights.

In late November the primary school children decorated umbrellas with lights and paraded down to the Highlander Playpark to sing some Christmas Carols. The parade was an amazing sight and the children really enjoyed the event. Funds raised at the event were split between the primary school and the Craigellachie Children's Christmas Party group.

On Sunday 3 March 2024 the village council is once again hosting a free Soup and Sweet Sunday Lunch for the over 60's living within the catchment area of Craigellachie Primary School. This is a good opportunity for our residents to get together with friends and neighbours for lunch. Watch out for the invite coming through your door and remember to return your reply.

Strathdee Properties generously agreed to again sponsor a fundraising Bottle Bingo in the village hall on **Friday 8th March 2024** - please note the change of date. We are grateful to Strathdee Properties for sponsoring this event and funds raised will be used for the maintenance of the village hall, football field, tennis courts, tennis pavilion and the ongoing cost of Christmas lights.

In an effort to improve energy efficiency within the village hall, we have installed thermal blinds on the windows. Hopefully this will make the hall cosier and assist with reducing our energy bills, which are currently an eye-watering £2,000 per month!

Many villagers were disappointed when Moray Council closed the Fiddich Park toilets a few years ago. The village council is considering the implications of taking over the seasonal running of the toilets, but we need to know if there is community support before making any commitment. There are a number of concerns, including how the toilets would be kept

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



Feb 2024

- 24 Guild Bannocks & Blether, Aberlour Church 10am—12noon. All welcome.
- 26 Ball Group, Musical Entertainment, Fleming Hall at 10am.
- 29 Chess Club, Aberlour Library, Aberlour Library 6.30pm

Mar 2024

- 1 World Day of Prayer, St Margaret's Church, Aberlour
- 2 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 2 Music Night with Homecoming String Band, Edinville Hall (see posters for ticket details)
- 4 Ball Group, Line Dancing, Fleming Hall at 10am.
- 5 Aberlour Library Reading Group, 2.30pm.
- 8 N 4 H Nature Walk, meet in Aberlour Square at 1.30pm.
- 8 Craigellachie Village Council Tea & Competitions evening, Craigellachie Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 11 Ball Group, Keyboard with Murray Spiers, Fleming Hall at 10am.
- 12 Seasonal Stories with Nana Tomova, Aberlour Hotel, 7pm-8pm.
- 13 Senior Citizens meeting, Fleming Hall at 2pm.
- 18 Ball Group, Movement & Dance, Fleming Hall at 10am.
- 22 N 4 H Nature Walk, meet in Aberlour Square at 1.30pm.
- 23 Aberlour Senior Citizens Coffee & Buttery Morning, Fleming Hall, 10am to 12noon.
- 24 Aberlour Community Day, 1pm—4pm (see page 10 for details)
- 25 Ball Group, Spring Flower Arranging, Fleming Hall at 10am.
- 28 Chess Club, Aberlour Library, 6.30pm.

Apr 2024

- 5 N 4 H Nature Walk, meet in Aberlour Square at 1.30pm.
- 6 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 10 Aberlour Senior Citizens meeting, Fleming Hall at 2pm.
- 19 N 4 H Nature Walk, meet in Aberlour Square at 1.30pm.
- 25 Chess Club, Aberlour Library, 6.30pm.

May 2024

- 4 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 8 Aberlour Senior Citizens meeting, Fleming Hall at 2pm.
- 25 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 9 for details)
- 30 Chess Club, Aberlour Library, 6.30pm.

June 2024

- 8 An evening with Roger Jones, Christian Musical Ministries

July 2024

- 6 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 9 for details)

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.

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clean? Moray Council are not in a position to fund cleaning costs, therefore would a rota of volunteers work, or a contract with a commercial cleaning company? How should the servicing of the toilets be funded? Please let us have your thoughts and suggestions concerning the reopening of the toilets for the benefit of visitors and local residents. We would welcome your feedback.

Brenda C

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

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.

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

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

Ladies Fashions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie.....	01340 881446
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Restaurants

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 E Milne, Balnellan, Craigellachie.....	01542 860284

Shortbread Manufacturer

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

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