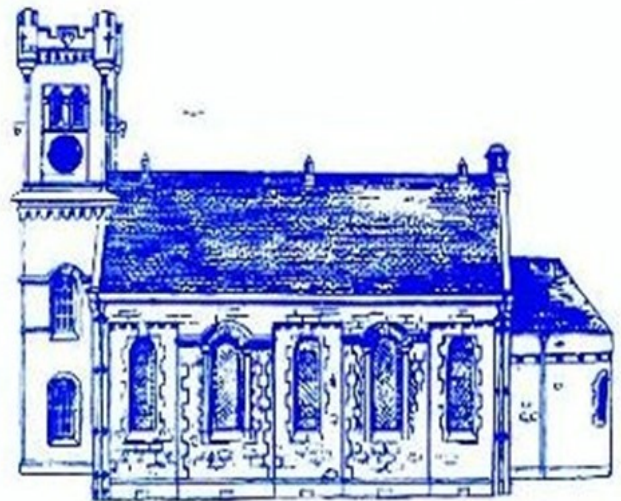


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KIRK NEWS



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Dear Friends

First of all, during the time when your Parish Minister, Andrew Kimmitt, is on Shared Paternity Leave I am honoured to serve among you as Locum. A big 'thank you' to Andrew for the kind and enormous help he has been in preparing me to take on this role. I am most appreciative too of the very warm welcome many in the church and community have extended to me. Your smiles have gladdened my heart.

Here's a wee smile for you too:

A young couple invited their aged minister for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal the minister asked their son what they were having.

"Goat" replied the child.

"Are you sure?" asked the minister.

"Yes" said the boy. "I heard Mum say to Dad at breakfast, 'Remember, we're having the old goat for dinner this evening.'"

An explosion of joy.

I am sure there are few who would disagree with the statement that a healthy church is joyful, prayerful and thankful as it meets together. Aberlour Church is such a church. Joyful is certainly one of the words that characterised the early church. Luke, a doctor and historian, wrote the book Acts of the Apostles. In reading Acts 2 verses 42-47 it strikes me that the believers experienced an explosion of joy. Everything about their life had to do with a welling up of deep joy - JOY in what God had done for them in Jesus Christ. JOY that Jesus had died for them and had forgiven them. JOY as they knew that the risen Jesus was with them. JOY in the gift and power of the Holy Spirit. JOY as they realised they were incorporated into God's family. JOY as they met and studied the Scriptures together. JOY as they prayed and gave thanks for their many blessings. JOY as they brought their gifts. JOY even when they were being persecuted. They seemed to shine with delight in God.

“They met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity, all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

Others saw joy at the centre of the church and wanted to belong to the church. They saw the transformation of neighbours and relatives. They saw the difference that God had made to the lives of those around them and the way they cared for one another. “We also want God in our lives” they would say, and, as they gave themselves to Jesus, they would discover new life in Him. And their new lifestyle had a dramatic effect on yet others.

An explosion of Joy. What a wonderful expression. God gives us this as He did to the early church that first Easter and with the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on all the believers. Of course all are welcome to come and join us in worship. We would love to see and welcome you. Whoever you are, may you experience the joy of Christ this Spring and as we approach Easter with the momentous events of Jesus’ crucifixion, death, and resurrection.

I greatly look forward to meeting many more of you in the parish over the next few weeks.

May God guard, guide, and bless you and your loved ones.

Donald Walker

Church of Scotland minister – retired

PARISH REGISTER

Funerals:

29th Nov 2024, Mrs Margaret Dover

27th Dec 2024, Mr William Willox

8th Jan 2025, Mrs Margaret E Shand

9th Jan 2025, Sir James N Walker CBE



Church Diary



Sunday Service:
11.15am
in Aberlour Parish Church
ALL ALWAYS WELCOME

Holy Sacrament of Communion:
23rd February 2025 and
25th May 2025
at 11.15am
in Aberlour Parish Church.

Easter

at Aberlour Parish Church

Sunday 13 April, Palm Sunday Service at 11.15am

Friday 18 April, Good Friday Service at 7pm

Sunday 20 April, Easter Sunday Service at 11.15am

As always, everyone is very welcome to attend any, or all, of the above services.

Easter at St Margaret's Church

The following services will take place in St Margaret's Church during Holy Week and we will welcome everyone who would like to come along to any, or all, of them.

Sunday 13 April, 10am Eucharist for Palm Sunday

Thurs. 17 April, 7pm Eucharist for Maundy Thursday

Friday 18 April, 2pm An Hour Before the Cross

Sunday 20 April, 10am Eucharist for Easter Sunday

Bible study takes place on alternate Fridays at 2.30-3.30pm
in Craigellachie Church Hall.

This is a relaxed and gently structured gathering to meet, discuss, wonder and grow together in faith. Each time we look at a passage from the bible together, exploring how the stories of Scripture interweave with the stories of our lives. You're very warmly invited (And for tea and coffee too!!)

Please check the church intimations/noticeboards for dates of Bible Study meetings.

Guild News

On **Friday 7th March** the **World Day of Prayer** service will take place in **Aberlour Parish Church at 2pm.**

Each year women from a different country develop the material for the World Day of Prayer, and this year's service has been created by Christian Women of the Cook Islands with the theme of, *"I Made You Wonderful"*.

The congregations of Aberlour Parish Church and St Margaret's Church will present the service and all are warmly welcome to attend. The service will be followed by a cup of tea/coffee and cake.

Hilda Morrice



A date for your diary
Afternoon Concert in Aberlour Parish Church
At 3pm on Saturday 5th April 2025



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Unfortunately, the Balgownie Collective concert in November had to be cancelled due to the weather. The performance has been re-arranged for Saturday 5th April @ 3:00 p.m. in Aberlour Parish Church with our friends - the Hornflakes.

The **Hornflakes** (a French Horn Quartet) will be playing arrangements of music from classical, traditional and folk styles.

The **Balgownie Collective** (a mixed instrument quintet - accordion, keyboard, 2 fiddles and a bassoon) play a variety of styles (from samba to traditional to international).

Put the date in your diary for a not-to-be-missed collection of sounds & rhythms. Posters will be on display nearer the event.

Aberlour Parish Church of Scotland, a charity registered in Scotland SC001336

Tesco's Stronger Starts fund

Speyside High School's breakfast club has been fortunate enough to have a nomination accepted for a cash boost from the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. In an attempt to counter the cost of living crisis and related food poverty, we hope to ensure that every young person at Speyside High School has the best start to the school day and that nobody starts their learning on an empty stomach. Further funding will help us to continue to provide our offer of toast, fruit and cereal bars to young people each morning before the start of the school day.

Voting is open in Elgin's Tesco store from now to the end of March 2025. To cast a vote, all you have to do is collect a blue token at the check-out and place it in the relevant container as you leave the store. We would be most grateful for all support for this worthy cause.



We're now in our third year of developing the Aberlour Glebe Garden. Things really took off in 2024. We have a much more visible presence beside the bridge carpark with the shed and polycarbonate tunnel, more growing beds, and at the end of the year we planted the hedge round three sides of the Garden.

On the people side, we increased our volunteers, local business relationships and links with the local schools, and are now formally constituted with a blend of community and church representatives on the Steering Board.

We have been very successful with funding opportunities, and during January 2025 we managed to secure further funding from the Eco Youth Fund for Sustainability (EYFFS). Some students from Speyside High School helped us secure the funding which will provide a potting shed as a base for our school outreach, and funding to kick-start a Sensory Garden. We previously secured funding from Moray-CAN for developing a pond with the students.

Our programme over the next few months is to:

Erect the potting shed

Start to develop the pond

Install some fruit cages

Develop further growing beds

And... grow things

We probably have sufficient tools, especially hand tools, but if you have some spare fruit bushes, raspberry canes, strawberry plants, seed tatties, onions, unused seed packets from last year, please, please, please get in touch. If you want to donate a fruit bush, we will happily come and pick it up.

Some dates for your diary...

Monday 31st March - seed sowing - All are welcome to come and plant some seeds, to help (y)our garden be fruitful this season.

Saturday 26th April (in Aberlour Church) - seed swap and social -

Please bring small plants and seeds to swap, and chat to our gardeners and swap helpful hints and tips. There will be tea and coffee (and hopefully home-bakes) available for a small donation to the Garden.

Further details for both events will be posted nearer the time on the Aberlour Glebe Garden Facebook page, and around the village.

Donald Grassie & Claire Crookston

Aberlour Glebe Garden

A community initiative of Aberlour Parish Church, SC001336



Aberlour Walking Group -2005 Spring/Summer Walks

Welcome to our 2025 Spring / Summer walks. Aberlour Walking Group is open to everybody in the community and any visitors. 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 and dogs are welcome - under adult supervision. We usually stop for a tea/coffee *en route*, so please bring a flask and wear walking boots or strong shoes. Come ready to start the walks at 10:00 a.m. If you need more information, help with transport, or to confirm that you are joining a walk, please contact Donald (details below) or use our WhatsApp group (which includes all walk details).

If you wish to join our WhatsApp group, please email aberlourwalking@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

Sat 8th March 2025: Cragganmore to Scoot More (circular) (10.7km / 6.7m, 210m ascent).

This circular route starts at the Ballindalloch Station Car Park (Cragganmore). We will follow the tarmac road East to above Blacksboat Station and take a circular forest track round Scoot More, before returning along the old railway line to Cragganmore. Shorter options available starting at Blacksboat Station.

Sat 12th April 2024: Cullen to the Bin of Cullen (circular) (9km / 5.2m).

We will walk from the Cullen Auld Kirk car park through forest tracks gradual ascent, followed by a steeper section (approx. 1.5km to the top of the Bin of Cullen, with excellent views along the Moray coast.

Sat 10th May 2025: The Wastard Circuit, Rosehearty (9.2km / 5.75m)

This one is a bit further East than we normally go, but worth the travel. We start in Rosehearty harbour and follow the coastal track South West past Lord Pitsligo's cave to Quarryburn, before returning by an inland track past Mounthooly Doocot to Rosehearty.

Sat 7th June 2025: Dalnahaitnach circular (near Carrbridge) (11.34km / 7.05)

A reasonably physical (height) walk. If we get nice weather, this one comes with some fantastic inland views to the Cairngorms. Steady uphill for 300m on land rover tracks, and then steadily downhill. But the view makes it worthwhile.

Sat 28th June 2025: Nethybridge to Balliefurth (circular) (12.07km/ 7.5)

A bonus walk... flat first half, followed by gentle forest. A lovely wee walk along the Spey to the Boat of Balliefurth to start with. We then cross the B970, and return along forest tracks to Nethybridge. This one comes free with a history lesson.

Coming up...

Craigellachie / Rothes circular

Nethybridge to Glenmore for the more adventurous.

Donald Grassie

Aberlour Walking Group Convenor

07909 936724

aberlourwalking@gmail.com

ABERLOUR BOWLING CLUB



Spring is just around the corner and we are looking forward to our opening on **SUNDAY 20th APRIL AT 1.30 PM**. Despite the snow, frost and low temperatures, here at the Bowling Green we have been busy with maintenance jobs. Thanks to a generous donation from Hazel, large slabs have been laid on the approach path to the clubhouse. Our mowers, one old and one not so old, have been serviced by Annands of Keith and are ready to go when the weather improves. Grass seed has been purchased for the new season and the whole green has been brushed to remove all of the winter debris.

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 **20th April at 1.30 pm** and we will introduce you to our friendly club. All you need are 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 a cup of tea or coffee afterwards. These games are usually played in an evening.

The Bowling Club is open from late April to late September and you can play at any time during the day or evening. We also have a 'Hat Night' on a Friday when, again, anyone can come along to play.

If you would rather meet for the first time on a one-to-one basis, contact **The Secretary, Nancy Keir, on 01340 871664 or 07708432992** to arrange a mutually convenient time. You can also find us on Facebook, so why not have a look and see what we have been up to and find out about future events.



CHURCH CLEANER

3 hours per week (paid)

Aberlour Parish
Church
of Scotland
Scottish Charity:
SC001336

Could you be the person that keeps our building a welcoming place – loved, respected, cared for, and where people feel safe ?

Aberlour Parish Church of Scotland seeks a dedicated cleaner who can take responsibility for cleaning Aberlour Parish Church weekly, and Craigella-chie Church monthly.

We are looking for a person who is reliable, enthusiastic, and able to complete the routine weekly tasks and be pro-active where appropriate.

The Church commits to pay at the "Real Living Wage" level for an average of 3 hours per week.

To apply or express interest, please contact Jane Tweedie for a Job Description and Application Form: jane871515@outlook.com or 01340 871515

Closing date Monday 24th March



14 September 1812

Aberlour Community Association

SCIO Registered Number: SC009817

A warm welcome from the Aberlour Community Association! We are looking for more people to come and join as Trustees, if you are willing to be part of this great team please contact us on aberlourcommunity@gmail.com

2025 and January already in the past, but plenty to look forward to over the coming months! Just a quick look backwards to 2024: a big thankyou to Kellie and the Aberlour Hotel for the donation of the Christmas tree and also our local Firemen who erected the tree for us.

Many thanks to one and all for your support for the Christmas Market at the beginning of December. Another successful event which did the village proud, and a big thankyou to all the volunteers who made the event happen. Ideas and suggestions for next year are always appreciated.

Looking forward into 2025: Easter weekend will see the opening of our Tea Room for the year and we are again looking for tearoom volunteers. (Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for confirmation of the date).

The Aberlour Community Association would like to thank the team of volunteers who look after and keep the toilets open.

The play park will be one of our main focuses for fund raising this year and we have a dedicated team who are actively progressing the project. We are also in the process of securing a new lease for the Fleming Hall, which is the other main item for this year.

Please come along to our meetings, where you can learn more about what ACA currently does, and have the opportunity 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.

Friends Craigellachie Bridge

The Friends of Craigellachie Bridge will once again be joining forces with The Rothes Way on Friday 7 March to hold a Fundraising Tea and Competitions in Craigellachie Village Hall. Funds raised at the event will be split between the 2 groups, who are continuing to work towards getting the final stage of the Rothes Way to link up with Craigellachie's Telford Bridge.

Following the success of last year's event, The Friends of Craigellachie Bridge are hosting a Coffee & Heritage Weekend in Craigellachie Village Hall on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 May 2025. As well as enjoying a cuppa, there will be lots of historical information and photographs on display, plus the usual sales table (home bakes!) and raffles.



SPEYSIDE COMMUNITY CAR SHARING SCHEME



The Car Share has got off to a busy start in 2025 and in our first 10 months of this financial year we've covered an amazing 49,300 miles, helping members make over 3,000 journeys. Every month we see an increase in demand for our service and we are very lucky to have 24 volunteer drivers and 3 volunteer telephonists who work hard to make sure our members get to medically related appointments, or have outings to social clubs, shops or the hairdressers. We also have a committee of 8, led by Chairman Irene, who do a great job of making sure the Car Share operates as efficiently as possible. 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, which means 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 within your own town or 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 are struggling with telephonist cover at the moment to take calls from our members and arrange their journeys. If you are at home one day of the week and would be willing to help out, or can step in to cover holidays and sickness, it would make such a difference to us and our members. You don't need to live in the Speyside & Glenlivet area or have any specialised equipment; I simply transfer the calls to your phone (landline or mobile) when you're taking the calls. You will be given full support and all the training you need. 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 is involved, or 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 give a little talk on what we do, or your business could help by displaying one of our member or volunteer, posters, please contact me.

If you, or someone you know, live in the Speyside Glenlivet area and find it hard to get about due to age or medical infirmity (either physical or mental), please get in touch as we may be able to help out. 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, 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

SCIO CRAIGELLACHIE VILLAGE COUNCIL SCO18399

The village council had a busy Festive period with activities including a Christmas Light Switch On event, fundraising Christmas Bingo, Carol singing around the village, and of course erecting and dismantling Christmas lights!

Thanks to Evermore Energy at the Speyside CHP (combined heat and power) Plant for donating a Christmas tree for the Christmas lights switch on event. We were delighted to receive £1000 from Rothes Windfarm to help with the cost of village Christmas lights. Given that electricity and maintenance costs of the lights are in the region of £4000 per year, any financial assistance is very welcome. Sincere thanks to all who contributed to making the festive period so memorable.

As we mentioned last time, we were successful in being selected for funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund. As a reminder about our project, and to choose us as your cause, please use the link to our Cause Profile Page: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/90562>

We will be hosting a Soup and Sweet Lunch on 2 March for the over 60 year olds who live in the village. If you haven't received your personal invite, please let us know as we may have missed you because you look younger than 60 years old! We are very grateful to the Arndilly Trust for providing financial assistance towards the cost of this year's Soup and Sweet Lunch.

Upcoming plans: we intend to purchase a new seat/planter, which will be located on the wide pavement opposite the Highland Coos. We also have some maintenance projects scheduled for the village hall.

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful with our first funding application for the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), but we have a list of other grant funders to apply to, therefore it looks like 2025 will continue to be a busy year for the Village Council.

Brenda C

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.

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



March 2025

- 4 Reading Group, 2.30pm, Aberlour Library
- 6 Book Bug, 1.45-2.15pm, Aberlour Library
- 6 Reading Group, 6.30-7.30pm, Aberlour Library
- 7 N4H Nature Walk, River Walk 1 - meet at square 1.30pm
- 7 World Day of Prayer, 2pm, Aberlour Parish Church
- 7 Bingo, 7.30pm, Craigellachie Village Hall (Friends of Craigellachie Bridge & Rothes Way)
- 8 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 12 Senior Citizens' meeting, 2pm, Fleming Hall
- 13 Guild AGM, 2pm, Aberlour Parish Church
- 15 Singing Kettle, 11am, Fleming Hall, Aberlour
- 21 N4H Nature Walk, Forest Walk - meet at square 1.30pm
- 22 Senior Citizens' Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, Fleming Hall
- 27 Chess Club, 6.30pm, Aberlour Library
- 31 Seed Sowing, for details see *Aberlour Glebe Garden Facebook page*,

APRIL 2025

- 1 Reading Group, 2.30pm, Aberlour Library
- 3 Book Bug, 1.45-2.15pm, Aberlour Library
- 3 Reading Group, 6.30-7.30pm, Aberlour Library
- 4 N4H Nature Walk, Delmore - meet at square 1.30pm
- 5 Concert, 3pm, Aberlour Parish Church—see page 6 for details
- 9 Senior Citizens' meeting, 2pm, Fleming Hall
- 12 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 18 N4H Nature Walk, Linn Falls - meet at square 1.30pm
- 20 Aberlour Bowling Green opening, 1.30pm, Queen's Road, Aberlour
- 24 Chess Club, 6.30pm, Aberlour Library
- 26 Seed Swap & Social, Aberlour Church, see *Aberlour Glebe Garden Facebook page*
for details

MAY 2025

- 1 Book Bug, 1.45-2.15pm, Aberlour Library
- 1 Reading Group, 6.30-7.30pm, Aberlour Library
- 2 N4H Nature Walk, River Walk - meet at square 1.30pm
- 3 & 4 Heritage Weekend, Craigellachie Village Hall. Displays, refreshments and sales table.
- 6 Reading Group, 2.30pm, Aberlour Library
- 10 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 14 Senior Citizens' meeting, 2pm, Fleming Hall
- 16 N4H Nature Walk, Forest Walk - meet at square 1.30pm
- 30 N4H Nature Walk, Delmore - meet at square 1.30pm

B.A.L.L. group meets weekly at 10am on Mondays—see back page for details

HEALTH WALKS take place weekly on Tuesdays—see back page for details

Classified Directory of Local Services

Bed & Breakfast

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

Boiler Servicing

Boiler Care Services Speyside, A Payne, Deldonald, Aberlour (adrianpaynebc@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

Drum Tuition

Rossini Cavalcante, 50 High St, Aberlour, email: rossinicalcavante@gmail.com..... 07963 273392

Electricians (Contractors)

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

AR Electrical Services, Blue Bauds, Mulben..... 07825 873651

Richard Strathdee, Birchlea, Glenallachie email: upperfolds@btinternet.com..... 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

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

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

McLean, Maggieknockater, Craigellachie 01542 860325

Hotels

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Craigellachie Lodge, Craigellachie www.craigellachielodge.co.uk..... 01340 881900

Dowans Hotel, Aberlour www.dowanshotel.com 01340 871488

The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie 01340 881446

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Ironmonger & D.I.Y.

C A Gammack, 83 High St, Aberlour. Email: cagammack@live.co.uk 01340 871319

Joiners

J Morrison & Son, 34 Sellar Place, Aberlour 07803 605975/01340 871016

Personal Services (Toe Nail Trimming)

Moray Handy Person Services, Victoria House, Elgin: Office/Home Visits Moray-wide 01343 559739

Pet Service (Pet behaviourist & dog walking)

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

Pharmacy

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

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

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

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The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie 01340 881446

Restaurants

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Visitor Centre

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Aberlour B.A.L.L. Group (Be Active Life Long) meets weekly during school term time, in the Fleming Hall, on Mondays at 10am. Please bring along your own cup. £3 per session.

A variety of activities, demonstrations, and speakers are offered, along with the opportunity to socialise. All welcome.

Health Walks

Come and join our friendly hour long weekly health walks, which are short, safe, sociable, fun, accessible for all, and led by trained volunteers.

Step by step, side by side, walking as a group lets you meet new friends, and can help boost your health and wellbeing.

Over the winter we have been enjoying afternoon walks but, from the beginning of April, we would like to reintroduce the evening walks too. For a trial period from 1st April we will have walks every **Tuesday at 2pm and at 7pm**. Meet by the War Memorial in Aberlour Square. All ages welcome but no dogs on these walks please.

Email contact address: healthwalksaberlour@gmail.com

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