



# BULLETIN

WELCOME TO THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE TRUST

## TRUST OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 10:00 - 4:00  
 Tuesday: 10:00 - 4:00  
 Wednesday: 3:30 - 5:00  
 Thursday: 12:00 - 4:00  
 Friday: Bulletin Day

## Wellbeing Wednesdays

11:00 am - Stroll in the Park  
 12:00 - Special £5 Lunch  
 1:00 pm - KPT Craft Circle

### Thursday

2-4pm Gentle Garden Group  
 4-6pm Thursday Night Tea  
 Time - Meals starting at £2.50

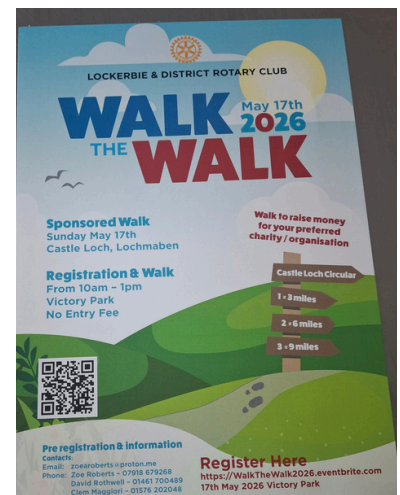
### KPT COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

(COMMUNITY HYDRO DIVIDEND)

APPLY NOW!

For more information and how to apply, please contact using the details below.

## GOOD LUCK TEAM TOLLET FOR SUNDAY'S WALK



The KPT Development Trust team is absolutely blown away by the incredible wave of generosity from our community far and wide. The volume of donations and encouraging words received so far has deeply overwhelmed us all. This Sunday, 17th May, our very own mother and daughter duo, Diane and Natasha Tollet, take on their nine-mile sponsored walk around Castle Loch for the Lockerbie & District Rotary Club's "Walk the Walk" event. Every single contribution keeps the KPT Craft Circle completely free and open to everyone. This service provides a lifeline for rural health, wellbeing, and social connection right here in our villages. It is a deeply worthy cause, and your backing ensures we can keep supporting those who need it most. Let's keep this fantastic momentum going right up to the starting line. Craft Circle is much more than a weekly gathering for knitting and crochet. It is a cornerstone of rural health and wellbeing—an intergenerational sanctuary where local residents of all ages come together to share skills, work on personal projects, collaborate on community projects, and build a caring, supportive network.



Good Luck Diane and Natasha!



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# *Penpont Gala Week*

*Sunday 28th, June – Saturday 4th, July*  
*Introducing the Royal Party, 2026!*



**Attendant**

Orlaith Robertson

**Attendant**

Skyler Frost

**Scroll Reader**

Ruaridh Clarke

**Crown Bearer**

Grace Lauder

**Attendant**

Ione Graham

**Gala Queen**

Lexi Marchbank

**Flower Girl**

Elsie Williamson



## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



**Call for Volunteers**  
PENPONT TYNRON  
KEIR  
KPT DEVELOPMENT TRUST  
We need you!



The Mission: We are looking to put together a work party.  
The Task: To free up the young hedging plants along the Active travel Path from their plastic spirals on the Stependo to Burnhead section.  
Equipment needed: Willing hands and secateurs.  
When: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May @11:00am  
After the work: Head to Three Villages Café to enjoy some well deserved light refreshments.  
If you can spare an hour or two to help please get in touch with Michelle J.

Thank you so much to the wonderful volunteers who gave up their weekend to help our young hedging plants. Your hard work removing the plastic spirals has given our hedgerow the vital room it needs to grow and thrive.

We are incredibly grateful for your time, energy, and dedication to helping our local environment. A few of us will also be out and about tidying up the Cross in Penpont tomorrow.



## CALLING ALL KM RALLIERS, NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES!

Whether you are part of the rally or just looking for an incredible night out, you are officially invited to the most anticipated community celebration of the year!

Where & When Venue: Keir Village Hall (The historic birthplace of Kirkpatrick Macmillan's pedal bicycle!)

Date: Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

Time: 7:00 PM onwards - Use the link below to sign up for just the Saturday night BBQ and Ceilidh

<https://form.jotform.com/261314371269052>



**KM RALLY 2026**  
Rally 2026  
CEILIDH

**SATURDAY**  
**23 May**  
**2026**

**Ceilidh & Outdoor BBQ**  
@Keir Village Hall, 7pm

ALL WELCOME



Tickets Available via Jot Form on KPTDT website  
£20.00/per person



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Three Villages  
Community Cafe  
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**MENU**  
KM RALLY Saturday 23 May – BBQ

**SATURDAY NIGHT: BBQ**  
Burgers – beef and vegan  
Chicken Kebabs  
Veggie Kebabs  
Cauliflower Buffalo Wings (vegan)  
Crudites and dips  
Pesto Rice Salad & Pasta Salad  
Salad Stuff  
Pizza Slices  
Brownies, Carrot Cake (vegan), Gingerbread, Salted Caramel Choc Crunch Tart (vegan)

**CEILIDH**



**Ceilidh & Outdoor BBQ**  
@Keir Village Hall, 7pm - Tickets available  
@www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org via Jot Form £20.00  
ALL WELCOME

## COMMUNITY NOTICE: TACKLING THE RISE IN DOG FOULING

### The Growing Issue

Dog fouling reports are rising sharply across our community. Mess is impacting sections of the Active Travel Path. Waste is being left on pavements directly outside residents' front doors. High-footfall areas along Main Street are increasingly affected.

### Health and Safety Risks

Dog waste carries harmful bacteria and parasites like roundworm. It poses serious infection risks to children and vulnerable residents. Left uncleaned, it creates slippery hazards on public walkways.

### Our Community Appeal

We know the vast majority of our local dog owners are highly responsible. We must work together to raise awareness and tackle this issue. Please always carry waste bags when walking your pet. Always pick up, bag, and bin your dog's waste immediately. We have some Dog Waste bags available in the KPT Development Trust office for anyone who might find themselves caught short and without a bag!



### DOG FOULING

It's not just messy – it's illegal to not pick it up.

Dog fouling is a persistent issue across Dumfries and Galloway. As the nights get darker, we need your help more than ever to tackle it.

Spot it? Report it.  
Give us details: location, time, description, even photos if safe to do so.

Let's work together to keep our streets clean and safe.

<https://orlo.uk/fS6yDg>



**St John**  
Scotland



*Come and learn life-saving skills*

**BASIC CPR**

**AND USE OF DEFBRILLATOR**

**6.30 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE**

**GLADSTONE HALL, PENPONT**

*Penpont now has two defibrillators, one outside Gladstone Hall and a new one at Burnhead. They are easy to use and St John's is offering this training to give you confidence to use one in an emergency. Your knowledge could be life-saving.*



Free but booking required.

Irene Haining text 0772 963 5162

Michelle J at KPT office. Call in or email [info.kptdt@gmail.com](mailto:info.kptdt@gmail.com)

*Donations for St John's can be made on the evening.*



# KEIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Annual General Meeting

Monday, 18th May 2026

7pm

to be held in

Keir Village Hall, Keir

Copies of the agenda and previous minutes will be made available on the evening.

ALL WELCOME

# PLAY CLUB

FOR ALL AGES

## Simple Games to have Fun and Connect

Free taster session with Ella - a relaxed, friendly space to meet others and enjoy easy interactive games. Open to all, no experience needed — Children please bring a grown up with you 😊

Friday 29th May, 2026  
4-5pm

Gladstone Hall, Penpont



# Cairn Chorus

## Rise up Singing

Songs of Liberation  
and Resistance!



Friday May 29th at 7:30pm  
Old School, Thornhill

Saturday May 30th at 7:30pm  
Glencairn Memorial Institute  
Moniaive

From Liberation Songs from South Africa to Hamish Henderson's 'Freedom Come All ye'. Come ready to join in and be part of a concert to uplift and offer hope in times of change.

Tickets: £10 adults, £5 under 26. Free under 13  
Booking online via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cairn-chorus](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cairn-chorus)  
or buy on the door.

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[www.streetchoirsfestival.co.uk](http://www.streetchoirsfestival.co.uk)

SAVE THE DATE

# Penpont Gala Week

SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY

A week of fun for all: crowning of the queen, music, dancing, Mr B.Loon, pet show, pony rides, Road Runner, quiz, Robbie's Bingo, inflatables, sheep dog display and much more.

Big prizes for the fancy dress winners on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July





**BIG SMILES FROM LUCKY LESLIE!**



Our community café has crowned another prizewinner! This week, the lucky ticket belonged to none other than **Leslie**, who took home a spectacular prize just by supporting our local café. Every single purchase at the counter automatically enters our customers into the weekly draw.

The winning ticket was drawn by community councillor **Andrew Haining** during the KPT Development Trust's monthly board meeting. Leslie's prize is a stunning photograph captured by talented local photographer **Jason Hardwick**.

**Harry** had the delightful task of delivering the artwork to Leslie this morning. As you can see, it was an absolute pleasure to hand over such a wonderful piece of local art, bringing massive smiles to everyone involved!

**FRIDAY NIGHT TEA TIME CLUB**



FRIDAY NIGHT TEA  
TIME CLUB  
DATES

1<sup>st</sup> May  
15<sup>th</sup> May  
29<sup>th</sup> May

SIT-IN & TAKE-AWAY  
BOOKING PREFERRED

To book, please call 01848 331073; find us on facebook, e-mail [threevillagescafe@gmail.com](mailto:threevillagescafe@gmail.com) or  
BEST OF ALL, POP IN AND SEE US!

FRIDAY NIGHT TEA TIME CLUB  
At  
Three Villages  
Community Cafe

**MENU**

- Home made Steak Pie, chips & peas £10
- Breaded Haddock, chips & peas £10
- Chicken Supreme & Rice - £10
- Ham Salad & Chips - £9.50
- Sweet n Sour Chicken & Noodles £10
- Special Fried Rice £7
- Chicken Fillet BLT, Chips & Coleslaw £10
- Prawn Pesto Pasta - £10

**5.15PM TO LAST ORDERS 7.00PM**

Sit in/take away



To book: please call in to the cafe,  
email - [threevillagescafe@gmail.com](mailto:threevillagescafe@gmail.com)  
or phone 01848 331073



# BRIDGEND COMMUNITY GARDEN



## GARDEN GROUP

**SATURDAY**  
(10:30 to 12:30)

Hopefully the weather will be kind enough to allow us to sow some seeds directly in the beds! Other jobs will be weeding/tidying the polytunnel and possibly potting on our brassicas in the polytunnel until we have a frame for netting to (hopefully) stop the caterpillars munching them! Looking forward to catching up with some of you tomorrow.

**Thursday**  
(2:00 - 4:00)

Join us for an afternoon of gentle gardening, companionship and general outdoorsy (ish) tasks!



### GROWING TOGETHER: A SPRING UPDATE FROM THE DG3 COMMUNITY GARDEN NETWORK

Spring is in full bloom across our DG3 growing spaces, bringing a wave of fresh planting, community collaboration, and exciting new problem-solving projects. Here is the latest round-up from our local plots, pieced together from updates by George White (volunteer with the Galloway Food Hub, Old School Thornhill Food Initiative and garden) and Michelle J.

Inside the polytunnel, at OST everything is looking fantastic and thriving with a recent sowing of mixed spring greens. The star performers of the season so far are the tomato plants, which are flourishing and well-established. Tomatoes were a key talking point at KPTDT's recent Board Meeting, where we discussed how different micro-environments affect early plant growth. Bridgend Community Garden was kindly offered some outdoor plants started in a prime spare-room indoor spot—including a green heirloom variety and 'Maskotka' tomatoes. Most excitingly OST's purple sprouting broccoli was harvested specifically for the Thornhill Community Food Initiative, making a direct impact on local plates.

Outside the polytunnel, at Bridgend Community Garden the beds are waking up with a lot of promise with both the rhubarb and the blackcurrants progressing beautifully. Our early potatoes are getting wonderfully leafy, showing a great hint of future promise. After our winter leeks looking pathetic and straggly for a long time, they have finally decided to put in some effort and are thickening up nicely at long last.

