



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: Bulletin Day
Friday: 10:00 - 4:00

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.

FUNERAL NOTICE



LESLIE BECK

MARCH, 1964 – JUNE, 2026

Forever in our hearts, never forgotten.

In loving memory of our friend Leslie Beck, who passed away on 25 June 2026 at the age of 62.

A graveside service will take place at Penpont Parish Churchyard on Thursday 16 July at 12:00 pm (midday).

Afterward, a gathering of family and friends to celebrate Leslie's life will be held at The Gladstone Hall, Princess Street, Penpont. All are welcome to attend.

Family flowers only, please. In place of flowers, donations are welcome for two local causes close to Leslie's heart: the KPT Development Trust and the Bridgend Community Garden.



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PENPONT GALA 2026

Penpont Gala Week has once again shown the incredible community spirit of our village, wrapping up a spectacular week of sunshine, laughter, and brilliant entertainment.

The celebrations kicked off on Sunday under glorious blue skies. Our Royal Party looked absolutely fantastic, and a special shout-out goes to Scroll Reader Ruaridh, who did a splendid job navigating the tricky wording of the Royal Charter. Queen Lexi then officially opened the gala with wonderful poise and charm. The park was buzzing all afternoon with the talented Lynette Turner Dancers, pony rides, the amazing Mr B. Loon, and a pet show that brought absolute hilarity to the crowd.

Monday afternoon kept the standards high with a packed turnout for the afternoon teas. Guests were treated to lovely preschool songs, some incredibly accomplished playing from our Penpont school accordion players, and a foot-tapping finale from Kyle Anderson, all masterfully accompanied by Keith Dickson. A massive thank you to our local bakers for providing such a superb spread.

As night fell, the weather held out beautifully for the games in the park:

French Boules: A nerve-biting play-off saw Lynn lift the winner's trophy, with Dave taking a well-played runner-up spot.

Community Rounders: At Queen Lexi's special request, a fierce but funny adults vs. youngsters match took place, providing endless laughs and brilliant cross-generational camaraderie.

The momentum didn't stop there. The village was treated to another spectacular Gala Day later in the week, bringing everyone together for a lively afternoon of traditional races, local stalls, and family fun that cemented this year's festivities as some of our best yet.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our fantastic local businesses whose generous support, donations, and raffle prizes made this entire week possible. The dedication of our Gala Committee, the tireless volunteers, and everyone who came out to support the events truly shows what a special place Penpont is. And of course, as the golden village rule reminds us:

NO ROBBIE'S BINGO, NO PARTY!



(Photo Credit: Irene Haining - The Royal Gala Party 2026)

GALA 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



Photo Credit: Irene Haining - Penpont Gala 2026



🌵 **WANTED: Frontier Adventurers!** 🌵

Join us for our first Amazing Summer community celebration!

When: Saturday 18th July

Where: The Glebe Field (Pringleton Road), Penpont

The Adventure:

We are building Western Frontier shelters, playing field games, and hosting a Wild West campfire and cookout.

Your Mission:

Hunt out your wildest Western gear and grab your picnic blankets. See you there, partner!

RURAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Companies House Reg. SC92235

OSCR Reg No. SC050980



Rural Health & Wellbeing

Keir, Penpont and Tynron Development Trust (KPTDT) have a number of activities and groups that are designed to help keep local residents healthy and active, reduce loneliness and generally improve our sense of wellbeing. Each of our activities and groups are open to all and most are offered free of charge or at a reduced cost.

If anyone living locally is interested in any of the groups or activities shown on this poster, but is faced with barriers to their participation, please do get in touch with us for an informal chat about how we can support you to join in. Please also note that our activities and groups may be subject to change and places on certain activities may be subject to availability. So it is advisable to get in touch prior to attending.

There are also other opportunities available that are not shown here, such as volunteering in Bridgend Community Garden or with our community food sharing activities, so please do check our Facebook Page (KPT Development Trust) and our website: www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org

For further information, or if you have any questions, please get in touch with Michelle Johnston (Development Officer) on 01848 331 435 or email: info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org



Stroll in the Park

JOIN US!

Penpont Starting 26 June
Wednesdays at 11am
Meet at KPT Office Penpont

Active Communities Dumfries & Galloway



Three Villages Community Café

Wednesday £5 Special

£5

From 12 noon

**CRAFT, SKILLS, SHARE
COMPANY & CARE**

Craft Circle

Looking for help & skills to both teach & learn creative crafts.

**Rural Health & Wellbeing
COMMUNITY & CONNECTION
PROJECT**

JOIN NOW!

WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOON
1:00 - 3:00 PM

KPT OFFICE
MAIN STREET
PENPONT

BE ACTIVE!

**Walking and Cycling
Opportunities in
Keir, Penpont,
and Tynron**

FREE E-bikes Hire

(Available to residents within the KPT Community Council area, aged 14 and over until June 30, 2026).

TO BOOK: Contact Maureen on 07765073913 or Michelle on 01848 331435. Book using JotForm @<https://kptdevelopmenttrust.org/> or via email: info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org or ask in the Three Villages Community Café

**ADDITIONAL
SESSIONS
NOW
AVAILABLE**

SHIATSU

Davie Hall is a qualified acupressure therapist with the Glasgow school of Shiatsu.

Shiatsu is a physical therapy/massage which uses a combination of pressure points, gentle manipulation and stretching.

Shiatsu can help with relaxation, improve mood, aid sleep and relieve tension.

Shiatsu is given fully clothed and can be practised on the floor or a chair. Each session is tailored to the client's needs.

There are 15 more fully funded sessions available.

- 1h sessions
- Home visits
- Priority given to carers, isolated and elderly people and those with mobility issues.
- Treatments also available in Penpont

For any questions or booking contact Davie Hall on: M: 07761 713 685 E: davie_hall@fastmail.fm

GENTLE GARDEN GROUP THURSDAY 2 - 4

Refresh the Environment:
Gardening helps improve air quality by producing oxygen and absorbing pollution.

Produce Healthy Food:
Growing your own vegetables and fruits is an easy way to get fresh and organic food.

Reduce Stress:
Gardening has been shown to help relieve stress and improve health and wellbeing.

Bridgend Community Garden

THREE VILLAGES COMMUNITY CAFE

Thursday Tea Time Take Away Pizza Night!

Sit In or Take Away

Please come along and enjoy our £2.50 homecooked Thursday Night Tea Time Meal. at The Three Villages Café Served from 4pm onwards. To book: please call in to the cafe, email - threevillagescafe@gmail.com or phone 01848 331073

YOUNGLINGS THEATRE MAKERS



On 26th June in Keir Village Hall, the Younglings Theatre Makers treated the audience to a joyful performance of their play, 'The Red Knight - A Miss Bee, King Kevin, Goldie the Dragon Adventure'. Younglings Theatre Makers (P.1-4), run by Jess and Dicky Fusco-Naish meet every Tuesday in Keir and had been working towards the performance which they had created together as well as making music and set design. Supported also by two P7 helpers, the children have been working together to learn about the courage it takes to be an actor and face an audience, the skills of learning lines, speaking out in front of people and expressing emotions as their characters. They were all brilliant!

Very grateful thanks for a grant from the KPT Development Trust Community Benefit Fund which makes it possible for this group to run every week, and with many thanks also to Keir Community Council.

For more information about the Younglings Theatre Makers, please contact Jess, jess.fusco.naish@hotmail.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Church Services
for July 2026**
Starting at 1000 hours

5th - Thornhill
12th - Penpont
19th - Closeburn
26th - Thornhill

BIOSPHERE CONNECTIONS
A PROUD SUPPORTER NETWORKING EVENT




WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY, 10:30AM - 2:30PM

Proud Supporters of the Galloway & Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere are warmly invited to a day of connecting and sharing. Our agenda features invited speakers, presentations from the Biosphere team, and lots of opportunity for networking - plus a special film screening of 'Heart of the Biosphere'. Refreshments and a light lunch are included. Free event - booking essential: please use the QR code or email tamara@gsabiosphere.org.uk.



OLD SCHOOL THORNHILL, STATION RD, DG3 5DF

GALLOWAY AND SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE BIOSPHERE

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BIOSPHERE CONNECTIONS, 29TH JULY 2026
10:30AM - 2:30PM, OLD SCHOOL THORNHILL, DG3 5DF

- 10:15 - 10:30 Arrivals; teas & coffees
- 10:30 - 11:00 Welcome & updates from Biosphere team
- 11:00 - 11:20 David Cooper, Moniaive Initiative
- 11:20 - 11:40 Laura Pagan, New Cumnock Development Trust
- 11:40 - 12:10 Spend Fifty Activity
- 12:10 - 12:50 Lunch and networking
- 12:50 - 13:10 Joshua Wells, Catstrand Young Creatives & SOSE Youth Forum
- 13:10 - 14:00 RoundView Activity
- 14:00 - 14:10 Feedback and refreshments
- 14:10 - 14:30 Film: Heart of the Biosphere
- 14:30 Event ends



Our wonderful cook, Billy used the harvest to make a lovely potato and leek soup for the café, while volunteers Diane and Natasha Tollett also cooked up a fantastic batch of traditional Tattie and Leek soup. We received amazing feedback from everyone, with many mentioning just how incredibly tasty the potatoes were! We absolutely love sharing our fresh garden produce with the community, so keep your eyes peeled for more delicious sharing opportunities coming very soon and help us to lower our food miles.

GARDEN SAFARI

Join us for an Amazing Summer 2026 at our Garden Safari on Sunday 26th July! Hosted across two fantastic venues—Bridgend Community Garden and the Old School Thornhill—this free event is a vibrant celebration of local growers, in-season produce, and delicious recipes. Families can enjoy a wide range of interactive activities throughout the day, with a convenient, free shuttle service provided by Thornhill and District Community Transport to take you between both locations. Everyone is welcome to attend, so come along and share in the seasonal fun!

For our more keen active travellers there will be FREE E-BIKES Available on the day. Please get in touch with Michelle J. for further details.





UPDATES FROM THE CAFE



FRIDAY NIGHT TEA TIME CLUB DATES

Fri 31st July
Fri 7th August

SIT-IN & TAKE-AWAY
BOOKING PREFERRED

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



THREE VILLAGES COMMUNITY CAFE



IMPORTANT CUSTOMER NOTICE

Thursday Pizza Takeaway is Cancelled Tonight

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our regular Thursday Night Tea Time Pizza Takeaway will not be operating this evening.

We deeply apologise for the short notice and any inconvenience this causes.

See you all next week!

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

WILD WEST COOK OUT!



AMAZING SUMMER
GET INTO SUMMER

The Wild West
Saturday, 18th July
2pm - 8pm
The Glebe Field

Join us in celebration as we head Way Out into the Wild West. Help us to design and build shelters, take part in the Glebe Field Games, enjoy an outdoor fire and community BBQ - cowgirls and boys of all ages welcome!

Free Family Fun
All Welcome



Join us for a delicious community food-sharing experience that the whole family can enjoy together! The talented Three Villages Café crew will be serving up a hearty, Western-style feast and BBQ as part of the Dumfries and Galloway Council Amazing Summer celebrations. The event is free and everyone is welcome, but booking is essential. Secure your family's place today at www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org.

Don't forget to come dressed and ready to enjoy the wild wild west!