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Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 September

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Doors Open Days is Scotland's largest free festival that celebrates places and stories, new and old. It runs throughout September as part of European Heritage Days and Scottish Archaeology Month. Doors Open Days is supported by Historic Environment Scotland.

Every September you can explore hundreds of fascinating sites across Scotland for free and be a tourist on your own doorstep. To view the full Doors Open Days programme, visit [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk)

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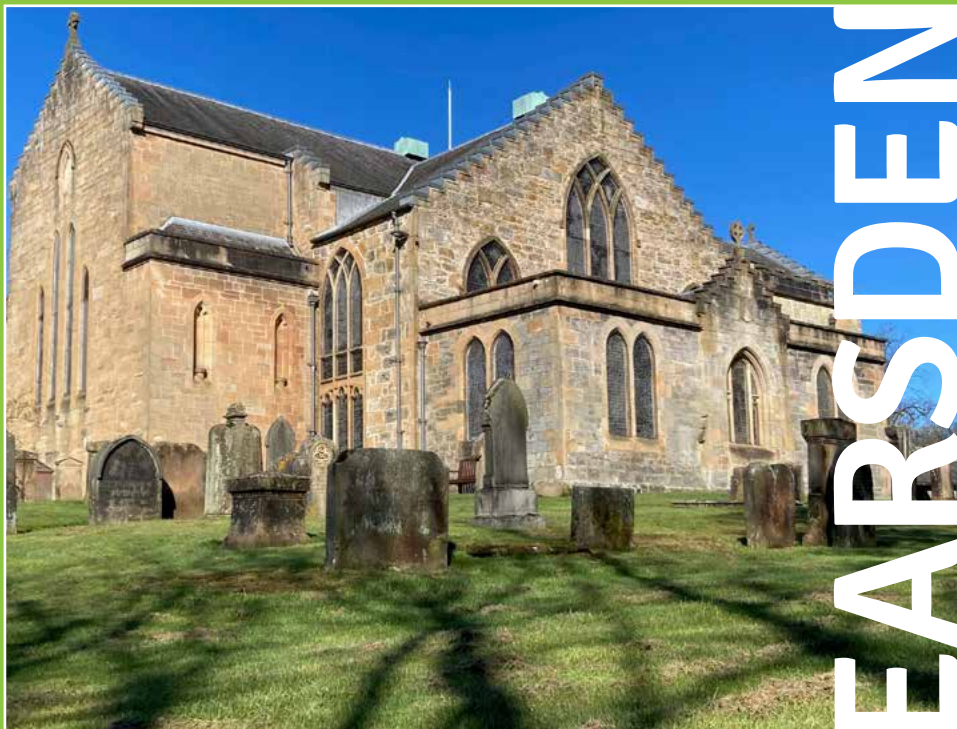
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# NEW KILPATRICK CHURCH

Step back in time at New Kilpatrick Parish Church, a hidden gem with a rich history dating back to the 13th century. The stunning church, built in 1808 on the grounds of an earlier 1649 structure, invites you to explore its remarkable past. Admire the exquisite stained-glass windows, featuring masterpieces by acclaimed artists Stephen Adams, Alfred and Gordon Webster.

New Kilpatrick Parish Church is open from 10am – 12.30pm & 1.45pm -3.45pm on Saturday 7 with guided tours of the church and graveyard at 10.30am and 2pm.



# BEARSDEN



New Kilpatrick Parish Church  
28 Kirk Place  
Bearsden  
G61 3RT

[www.nkchurch.org.uk](http://www.nkchurch.org.uk)

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## Bishopbriggs Library: Talk on Cawder Estate

Bishopbriggs Library is a former Victorian school building situated in the centre of Bishopbriggs. The building was fully refurbished as a library and community hub in 2018 and includes a multipurpose room and meeting spaces. The library has a Thomas Muir exhibition and local history section.

Enjoy a talk from Carol Primrose about the nearby Cawder Estate and its mansion Cawder House, noting the Roman remains, the early medieval history (both religious and political), the turbulent wars of independence and then the Jacobite uprisings, and the gracious living of the 19th and 20th centuries, marked by wars and golf.

**No booking required.**

Saturday 7 September, 11am-12noon



Bishopbriggs Library  
170 Kirkintilloch Road  
Bishopbriggs  
G64 2LX

# BISHOPBRIGGS

# Cadder Church

Experience over 900 years of history at our church site. Our stunning mid-19<sup>th</sup> century building features exquisite stained glass by renowned artists such as Alf Webster and Sadie McLellan. Explore the graveyard, complete with a historic mort safe and watch hut designed to deter grave robbers. Join us to marvel at the beautiful church sanctuary and intricate stained glass windows, and perhaps even take the opportunity to ring the church bell!

Cadder Church is open from 10am – 4pm on  
Saturday 7 September



Cadder Church  
Cadder Road  
Bishopbriggs  
G64 3JJ  
<https://www.cadderchurch.org/>

# Fort Theatre

Step back in time as you explore the rich history of our building, originally constructed in the late 1700s as the barn for Brackenbrae Farm. Fast forward to 1969, when The Antonine Theatre Group transformed this historic space into the beloved “The Fort” theatre that stands today. Join us for exclusive guided tours of the building and the chance to talk to members of the theatre group about what it’s like to be involved in community theatre. We will also have a few informal drama workshops during the course of the day for those interested in joining our group with refreshments available in the lounge area.

The Fort Theatre is open from 10am – 5pm on  
Saturday 7 September



The Fort Theatre  
Kenmure Avenue,  
Bishopbriggs, G64 2DW  
[www.theforttheatre.co.uk](http://www.theforttheatre.co.uk)



## Auld Kirk Museum

The Auld Kirk and its graveyard, 380 years old this year, form one of the finest and oldest sites in Kirkintilloch. The building features an 18th century pulpit and a 1663 Gerhard Koster bell, which is now part of the museum collection. In the churchyard, tombstones have been laid flat or propped against the boundary walls.

The museum within the building showcases objects primarily related to the social and industrial history of East Dunbartonshire, along with hosting temporary exhibitions. Permanent exhibits include objects spanning from the Neolithic era to Roman times, and from the industrial past to the 20th century. The museum also features the popular Annual Art Exhibition and a small display for St. Ninian's High School's 150<sup>th</sup> year.

**No booking required.**

Auld Kirk Museum is open from 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm  
on Saturday 7 September

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Auld Kirk Museum  
Cowgate  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 1HN

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# KIRKINTILLOCH AND LENZIE



# Deafblind Scotland Learning and Development Centre

The Deafblind Scotland Learning and Development Centre was purpose built following a fundraising campaign led by deafblind people. The building is fully accessible for deafblind people and continues to be developed.

Join us for a guided tour showcasing accessibility features, the center's journey through a visual exhibit, a look at the specialist IT suite, and a chance to try equipment from our lending library, such as the Ruby Magnifier and Alexa Show. You'll also have the opportunity to visit our recording studio, try out Braille and Moon writing, and explore our tactile art exhibition. Additionally, a short animation film on human rights for deafblind individuals will be available for viewing. Take a guided walk down our tactile path and experience it with simulation spectacles to understand varying eye conditions.

The BSL and Guiding Technique sessions will need to be prebooked. There will be a late morning and early afternoon session available.

Booking can be secured through emailing [information@dbscotland.org.uk](mailto:information@dbscotland.org.uk).

## Sessions will be held on 7 and 8 September

**11am BSL and Deafblind Manual Session (up to 10 adults or children) – 40 mins**

**11.45am Sighted Guiding techniques (up to 6 adults or children) – 30 mins**

**1.30pm BSL and Deafblind Manual Sessions (10 as above) – 40 mins**

**2.15pm Sighted Guiding techniques (6 as above) – 30 mins**

Tours should also be prebooked and will run at 10am, 12.30pm and 3pm\*.

Tours can take up to 12 -14 people and will last 45 mins.

\* 3pm tour will be BSL interpreted.



Deafblind Scotland Learning and Development Centre  
1 Neasham Drive  
Kirkintilloch, G66 3FA  
[www.dbscotland.org.uk](http://www.dbscotland.org.uk)

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## Kirkintilloch Town Hall

Visit the Made in Kirkintilloch Heritage Centre! Dive into the rich history and vibrant culture of Kirkintilloch and its surrounding areas, exploring fascinating exhibits, discovering local stories, and celebrating our shared heritage. Perfect for families, history buffs, and curious minds of all ages. Don't miss out on this journey through time – join us at the Made in Kirkintilloch Heritage Centre!

Kirkintilloch Town Hall is open 10am – 4pm Saturday 7 September.



Kirkintilloch Town Hall  
Union Street  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 1DH



Photo by Paul Monaghan



Photo by Paul Monaghan





## Tracing Your House History – Held in Kirkintilloch Town Hall

Are you eager to uncover the history of your home? Join EDLC Archives and immerse yourself in the art of tracing your house history! Our fascinating display boasts an array of resources to help you delve into the past of your beloved abode. Plus, our friendly archivist will be there to provide valuable tips on how to learn more about your own house and the people who lived there.

Kirkintilloch Town Hall is open from 10am – 4pm  
on Saturday 7 September.



## Festival of Clubs in East Dunbartonshire – Held in Kirkintilloch Town Hall

Join us at the Festival of Clubs in East Dunbartonshire! Explore arts, heritage, health and well-being, sports, leisure, and more!

As part of Doors Open Day, EDLC is hosting a vibrant celebration of local not-for-profit clubs and groups. Curious about what's happening in your community? Want to connect with new clubs and friendly faces?

Make your way to Kirkintilloch Town Hall on Saturday 7 September from 11am to 3pm. This is your chance to discover the wealth of opportunities available in your community and meet new friends while you're at it. Don't miss out on this fantastic celebration of local clubs and all the wonderful activities they have to offer.



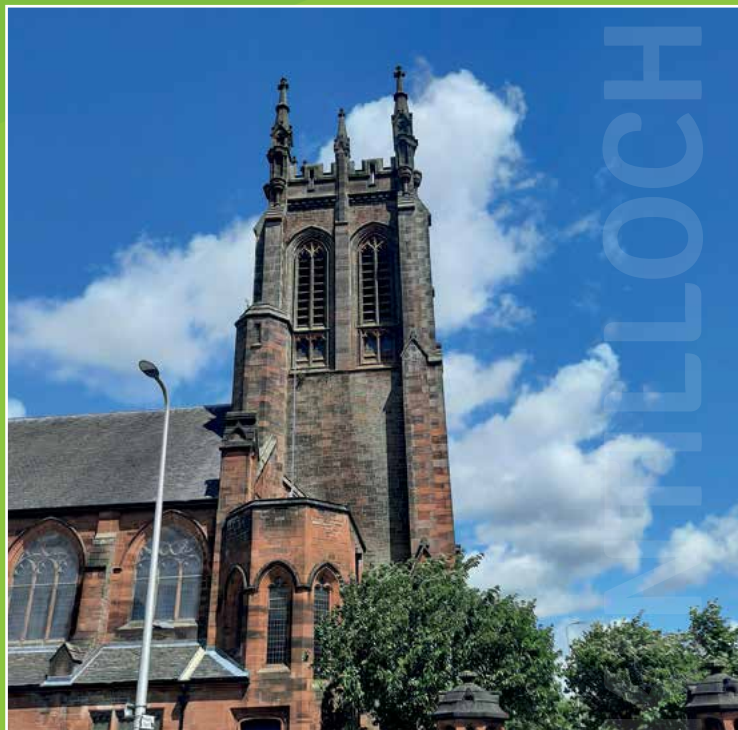


## St Mary's Parish Church

The striking pink sandstone neo-gothic church was built in 1914 to replace the old church which is now the Auld Kirk Museum. The building features excellent stained-glass windows and wood carvings designed by local artist Willie Rodger.

Come along for a guided tour and see banners detailing the history of the church from its earliest days. Feel free to wander around the building or take some time to sit and contemplate. Pamphlets detailing the history of the church and the stained-glass windows are available.

St Mary's Parish Church will be open from 10am-5pm on Saturday 7 September.



St Mary's Parish Church  
Cowgate  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 1JT  
<https://stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk/>

KIRKINTILLOCH  
AND LENZIE

# Turret Theatre

The Kirkintilloch Players, an illustrious amateur theatre group founded in 1923, just marked its centenary in grand style. Our home, the intimate Turret Theatre, has seen countless award-winning productions brought to life by our talented adult and youth sections. From side-splitting comedies to heart-stopping thrillers and everything in between, our diverse repertoire has entertained audiences far and wide. Each year, our annual pantomime takes center stage, capturing the hearts of all who attend.

During Doors Open Days, curious visitors get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of our beloved theatre. From the dressing rooms to costume displays, guests can experience firsthand the magic of Kirkintilloch's very own theatrical gem. Club members will be on hand to show and explain the various areas as well as provide more information if you would like to become involved in this friendly, vibrant club.

The Turret Theatre is open from 11am – 4pm on  
Saturday 7 September.



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Turret Theatre  
9 Eastside  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 1PY

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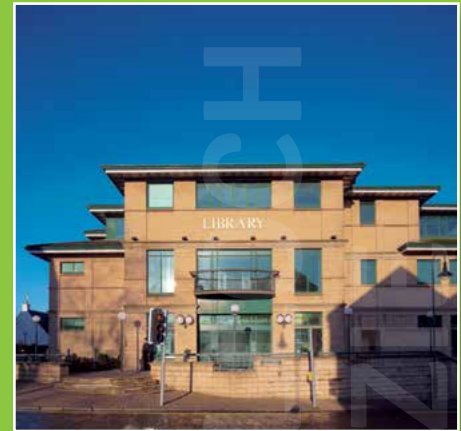
## William Patrick Library: Display by Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries

The William Patrick Library opened at its current location in 1994 to replace the town library at Camphill House, Peel Park. It was refurbished in 2012. The stained-glass panels from Middlecroft House, the former home of Rita Cowan Taketsuru, the mother of Japanese Whisky, are housed inside. Visit Archives and Local Studies on the first floor of the library during its opening hours to discover more about your local history.

The Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries was founded in 1933 and is the local history society for Kirkintilloch. They hold meetings from October to April and organise outings to local sites of historical and cultural interest.

Following the success of the 2023 event, the Antiquaries are thrilled to present a new exhibition in the library foyer, focusing on “Significant residents of Kirkintilloch and their legacy.” This time, we will showcase a fresh group of personalities, featuring archive and newly taken photographs of their residences, workplaces, and other associated sites, including their graves and memorials in the Old Aisle Cemetery.

Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries Display  
“Significant residents of Kirkintilloch and their legacy” is open from 10am – 4pm on  
Saturday 7 September and will run until Saturday 14 September (unmanned)



William Patrick Library  
2-4 West High Street  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 1AD

## Old Aisle Cemetery: Walk by the Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries

Join the Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries members for a guided walk around some of the graves and memorials featured in the exhibition on the afternoon of 7 September, from 2pm to 4pm. The meeting point is opposite the belfry at the Old Aisle Road entrance. No advance booking is required, and the walk will take place on the laid out paths. Please note that only guide dogs are allowed on the walk.

We can't wait to see you there.

**Guided Old Aisle Cemetery Walk – from 2pm – 4pm**  
(The meeting point is opposite the belfry at the Old Aisle Road entrance)



Old Aisle Cemetery  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 3EA



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## Campsie Memorial Hall:

### Display by Campsie Local History Group

The Campsie Memorial Hall is a vital community facility that hosts various clubs, Community Council Meetings, and public social events. It was initially constructed around 1868 by Mr Hanbury Lennox. The hall was transformed in 1954, thanks to the support of the local “Welcome Home/Comfort Fund” and “in Memory of the War Dead” funding. Since its inception, the Hall has been the central venue for Lennoxtown, playing a crucial role in providing education, communication, and cohesion within individuals, families, and the community.

Come along and see this wonderful community venue before it closes in 2025 for a major refurbishment to help secure its future for the next generation of users and the community of Lennoxtown and surrounding areas. A chance to see the building while learning about the history and future of the region.

Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Hall as the Campsie Local History Group showcases fascinating displays from previous presentations. You can explore examples of content from reprinted Campsie in the Great War (WW1) and newly-printed Campsie in WW2 Books. Engage in discussions with members of the New Book Team and seize the chance to purchase these intriguing books. If the weather permits, there will also be guided tours of the High Kirk Cemetery nearby.

Campsie Memorial Hall is open from 10am – 5pm on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September.



Campsie Memorial Hall  
2 Main Street  
Lennoxtown  
G66 7HA  
[www.campsiehall.org.uk](http://www.campsiehall.org.uk)

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## Campsie Memorial Hall: Exhibit by Friends of Campsie High Kirk

Introducing Friends of Campsie High Kirk, a passionate new group dedicated to preserving and revitalising the historic Campsie High Kirk. Nestled in the heart of Lennoxtown, the grade A listed building and cemetery are considered the jewel of Lennoxtown. Friends of Campsie High Kirk look to the building as a place for the local community as it was first intended including a serenity garden and history centre.

Join us on Saturday 7 September, for a chance to explore the exhibit showcasing captivating photographs of the Campsie High Kirk and delve into the rich history of the building, including the incredible work of the renowned Scottish architect, David Hamilton.





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## Clober Farm

Nestled within the picturesque Clober Farm, this historical and fully accessible holiday apartment has been meticulously designed to cater to the needs of wheelchair users. From the accommodation and garden to the patio area and raised beds, every aspect has been thoughtfully constructed to provide a comfortable and inclusive experience. This self-catering property is perfect for multi-generational family holidays, offering a beautiful and accessible home for all to enjoy. Discover a range of surprising and practical features that shed light on the challenges faced by individuals with spinal injuries and mobility issues. This thoughtful architecture stands as a shining example of successfully meeting the needs of those with disabilities, creating an inviting and airy environment from which to explore the local area and beyond.

Join us on Doors Open Days with a tour from our knowledgeable guides to provide insight into the building's history and the thoughtful adaptations that make it such a welcoming space.

Clober Farm is open from 10am – 5pm on  
Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September.



Photograph by Clober Farm



Clober Farm  
7 Clober Farm Lane  
Milngavie  
G62 7HW  
<https://www.cloberfarm.co.uk/>

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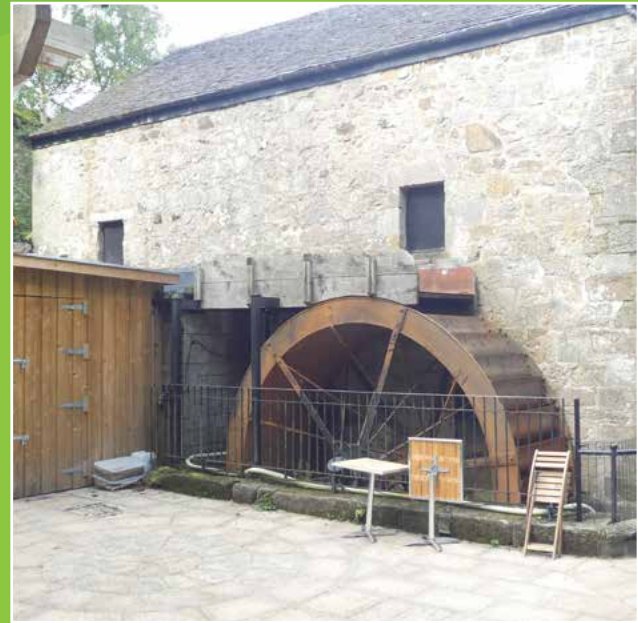
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## Gavin's Mill

Gavin's Mill is one of the oldest buildings in Milngavie, dating from at least the 16th century. Powered by the Allander Water, it operated as a grain mill and latterly a sawmill until about 1960 when a fire gutted the interior. It was bought and reconstructed by architect Bert Morris and functioned as an office and restaurant until 2014. In 2017 the Gavin's Mill community project took it over and opened as a fair-trade shop and café.

Learn from volunteers about the history of the mill and the aim of the project to help develop sustainable communities at home and abroad.

Gavin's Mill is open from 10am – 4pm on Saturday  
7 September.



Gavin's Mill  
3 Gavin's Mill Road  
Milngavie  
G62 6NB  
<https://www.gavinsmill.org>

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## Lillie Art Gallery: Guided tour of the Gallery Store

The Lillie Art Gallery is a purpose-built gallery opened in 1962. It owes its existence to local banker and artist Robert Lillie (1867-1949), who left a substantial number of his own artworks as well as funds to build the gallery.

Since 1962, this founding bequest of artworks has been developed to form a collection of Scottish art dating from the 1880s to the present day. Around 450 works are contained in the collection, which includes paintings, prints, drawings and a small collection of sculpture and ceramics.

Enjoy a peek behind the scenes in the store of the Lillie Art Gallery. Tour is at 2.30pm and will last approximately 30 minutes. Booking is essential, please phone the gallery to book on 0141 956 5536.

The Lillie Art Gallery will also be open from 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm on Saturday 7 September.



Lillie Art Gallery  
Station Rd  
Milngavie  
G62 8BZ

<https://www.edlc.co.uk/venues/lillie-art-gallery/>

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## Milngavie Library: Display by Milngavie Heritage Centre Group

Held within the Milngavie Library, The Milngavie Heritage Centre group's next heritage exhibition is titled "The Loch Katrine Scheme – a feat of Victorian Engineering". Come and explore the fascinating history of Loch Katrine and its transformation into the primary water reservoir for much of Glasgow and its surrounding areas since 1859.

Milngavie Heritage Centre Group Display "The Loch Katrine Scheme – a feat of Victorian Engineering" is open from 10am – 5pm on Saturday 7 September and will run till Saturday 9 November (unmanned)



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Milngavie Library  
Allander Road  
Milngavie  
G62 8PN  
<https://www.edlc.co.uk/venues/milngavie-library/>

## Milngavie Waterworks: Walk by the Milngavie Heritage Centre Group and Local Historian

Milngavie water treatment works (commonly known as The Waterworks) is a Scottish Water-operated water treatment facility located in Milngavie. It is the primary source of water for the city

As Glasgow's population grew, the need for a reliable source of clean water became increasingly urgent. The city faced recurring cholera outbreaks which claimed many lives, underscoring the necessity for higher-quality water than was available from existing sources. Don't miss the chance to join a guided walk around the Milngavie Waterworks, led by a passionate local historian from the Milngavie Heritage Centre group discussing this and more, on the afternoon of Sunday 8 September. Booking is FREE but essential, so contact 0141 956 3541 to reserve your spot today!



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Milngavie Waterworks  
Glasgow  
G62 8HH

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## St Paul's Parish Church

Step into a world of craftsmanship and history at St Paul's Parish Church. From its impressive rough-hewn red sandstone exterior to its magnificent stain glass windows, every detail of this architectural masterpiece will leave you in awe. Built in 1906, this church has been hailed as "the finest ecclesiastical building in Dunbartonshire" by leading experts. Explore the beauty of our large hall and be sure to check out our captivating old archive display. Join us to experience the grandeur and elegance of St Paul's Parish Church.

St Paul's Parish Church is open from  
10am – 4pm on Saturday 7 and  
12pm – 4pm on Sunday 8 September.



St Paul's Parish Church  
1 Baldernock Road  
Milngavie  
G62 8DP  
[www.stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk)

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## Caldwell Halls

The Caldwell Halls Trust took over the management of the halls in 2010, saving it from closure. Originally a village school, the halls' history dates back to 1813, with the two-story section and the Main Hall added in the 19th century. The Caldwell Halls remains a village landmark and continues to be the hub of village life today.

This Doors Open Day Event is a joint effort between the Caldwell Halls Trust and Torrance & Baldernock Heritage Group, a well-rooted community organisation known for its well-attended monthly talks. The event will feature a film show depicting the history of Torrance and Baldernock, and attendees are encouraged to bring photos and memories of the Caldwell Halls and the wider Torrance and Baldernock communities past and present. During the event, the Main Hall and entrance foyer will be open to the public, and visitors are welcome to explore the upstairs and back garden. The primary activities will take place in the Main Hall and foyer.

Caldwell Halls is open from  
12pm – 5pm on Sunday 8 September.



Caldwell Halls  
16 Campsie Road  
Torrance  
G64 4BN  
[www.caldwellhalls.co.uk](http://www.caldwellhalls.co.uk)

# TORRANCE



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