

BENNACHIE COMMUNITY NEWS

This newsletter promotes the Bennachie Area and the activities happening within it. You can get printed copies from: - Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch; The Old Post Office and Bennachie Visitor Centre, Chapel of Garioch; Morgan McVeighs, Colpy; Kellockbank, Smile at Oyne, Logie Durno Hall, Poppy's Old Rayne and Inch Library

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WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

JULY	What	Where
Wednesday 1 st July	Insch E bike ride	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Friday 3 rd July	Quiz night	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Friday 3 rd July	Hurl for the Hospital – run departs 7.30pm see https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofInschHospital	Hospital Field Inch arrive 6pm
July 6 th	Polecat Talk	Bennachie Visitor Centre 2-4pm Garioch Visitor Centre 6-8pm
Friday July 10 th	Bookbug 1.00–1.30pm	Insch Library, Rannes Street, Inch
July 11/12	Wimbledon on the big screen	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Saturday 18 th July	Plant and Jigsaw sale, bouncy castle for children	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Saturday 18 th July	School Daze afternoon disco, 2-6pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Saturday 18 th July	Ryder Cup	Insch Golf Club, Inch
Tuesday 21 st July 1pm – 2.30pm	Summer of Play 2026 Coding - Inch Library Live Life Aberdeenshire	Insch Library, Rannes Street, Inch
Friday July 24 th	Bookbug 1.00–1.30pm	Insch Library, Rannes Street, Inch
Thursday July 30 th	Critter Keeper and bouncy castle	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Friday July 31 st	Yoga and Soundbath evening	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Friday July 31 st 11am – 12noon	Summer of Play 2026 Story and Craft - Inch Library Live Life Aberdeenshire	Insch Library, Rannes Street, Inch
AUGUST	What	Where
Saturday 1 st Aug	Illyria – As you like it	Leith Hall, Kennethmont, AB54 4NQ
Sunday 2nd Aug	Bennachie Parish Church Joint Service 10am	Chapel of Garioch Church
Thursday 6 th Aug	Critter Keeper and bouncy castle	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Friday 7 th Aug	Bookbug 1.00–1.30pm	Insch Library, Rannes Street, Inch
Friday 14 th Aug	Woman's Cirlce	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Saturday 15 th Aug	Lourin BBQ Old Rayne at 5pm. Duck race 3pm	Old Rayne Village Hall
Friday 21 st Aug	Bookbug 1.00–1.30pm	Insch Library, Rannes Street, Inch
Friday 28 th Aug	Quiz Night	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Saturday 29 th Aug	Premnay Gala	Premnay Village Hall, Premnay
SEPTEMBER	What	Where
Friday 4 th Sept	Bookbug 1.00–1.30pm	Insch Library, Rannes Street, Inch
Saturday 5 th Sept	Insch's Got Talent	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Friday 18 th Sept	Bookbug 1.00–1.30pm	Insch Library, Rannes Street, Inch
Friday 18 th Sept	An Evening with Carol McGee	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Saturday 26 th Sept	Hoedown	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Saturday 26 th Sept	Premnay Casino Night	Premnay Village Hall, Premnay



BENNACHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Bennachie Community Council (BCC) is a group of elected local volunteers who liaise with Aberdeenshire Council and other groups to represent the views of the area. Part of our role involves being a statutory consultee for planning applications within our area. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month and our next meeting is on August 24th. We are still looking for new members from the following areas- Inch (2), Oyne (1), Meikle Wartle / Durno (1) and Premnay (2) and Culsalmond and Colpy (1). If you want to help your community, please let us know at bennachieCC@outlook.com

So, who are we: - Chairperson: Sheena Lonchay (Inch) Vice Chair: Kevin Shand (Culsalmond and Colpy), Treasurer: Wally Rhodes (Leslie), Secretary: Lynda Bain (Chapel of Garioch) Alan Simpson (Leslie), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Mark Worsley and Duncan Thow (Chapel of Garioch, Whiteford and Pitcaple), Gill Walker and Diana Muriel (Rayne), Gill Bishop (Durno and Meikle Wartle), Janette Taylor, Gordon Hood and Rab Riggs (Inch)

We are supported by our 3 Councillors: - Moray Grant, Sam Payne and Hazel Smith.

If you want to contact us our email is bennachiecc@outlook.com or see our [Facebook](#) page or website [Home | Bennachie Community Council | Aberdeenshire](#)

The five main topics we are looking at just now which are keeping us really busy are: -

1. Inch Hospital and health care within our area.
2. Resilience Planning. Work is ongoing at looking at village hall resilience.
3. Community Action Plans and Local Place plans.
4. Developments within the area i.e. Coreen and Foudland Hill Windfarm and Battery Energy Storage.
5. We have also just started up a paths/green space group.

Healthcare

Insch War Memorial Hospital

The Integration Joint Board (a joint management committee of Aberdeenshire Council and NHS (Grampian)) decided in July last year that they would recommend final closure of Inch Hospital. Inch Hospital Project was set up to review whether the hospital could be declared surplus. Unfortunately the first meeting was not organised by Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership until December. A second meeting was held in February but Terms of Reference for the review were still not agreed. BCC had off-line meetings with AHSCP to try and restore momentum to the project, but AHSCP decided not to pursue the Inch Hospital Project and moved directly to two months public consultation beginning on June 8th.

Despite assurance from AHSCP that they are not trying to bulldoze Inch Hospital closure through, effectively that is what is happening.

Consultation is being undertaken via the Engage Aberdeenshire website. BCC has written to the Chief Officer of AHSCP pointing out that the background information provided on the Engage Aberdeenshire website is incorrect and the questions are not aligned with the objectives of the consultation. The letter to AHSCP is available on BCC Facebook page. As yet we have had no reply.

Public Consultation should identify the impact on individuals, families and the wider community if the inpatient service (11 inpatient beds, Palliative Care Suite and Minor Emergency Unit) is permanently closed and the building is later declared surplus to the NHS(G)'s requirements. Because the questions in the consultation survey are obscure, in conjunction with the Friends of Inch Hospital and Inch Medical Practice we are preparing guidance on how to complete the survey and suggest that people do not complete the survey until they have seen this guidance. Further information will be in the BCC Facebook page as it becomes available.

This may be the last chance to save Inch Hospital. Residents are encouraged to undertake the consultation once guidance becomes available. The survey doesn't close until July 31st.

BCC continues to support the retention of Inch Hospital as an NHS facility and the adequate provision of community hospital beds locally and will be working with AHSCP and the IJB to ensure this is the case.

GP-led Walk in Clinic in Inverurie

The GP-led Walk in Clinic for Aberdeenshire will be in Inverurie. The service will operate as “a walk-in clinic, meaning no appointment or referral is required. Patients can attend between 12 noon and 8pm, seven days a week on a first come, first served basis, within capacity limits.” The GMED (out-of-hours GP) service is already based out of Inverurie, and they will deliver the walk-in centre on behalf of AHSCP.

This is good news for residents at the east end of BCC area who use Inverurie Medical Practice, which continues to struggle with a shortage of GP’s. However: the funding is for 18 months only (assuming unspent funds can be carried forward into future financial years); there are some limitations on issues that can be dealt with and the centre is expected to cover anyone within a 45 minute drive (i.e. much of Aberdeenshire).

There is also a consultation regarding Will Chemist opening a pharmacy at Port Elphinstone. How to take part: Visit <https://www.nhsgrampian.org/.../detailed-poster---port...> to read more or complete the survey directly here: <https://rebrand.ly/xs4z0z6>

Prefer information by post:

Email gram.involve@nhs.scot or call 01224 558098 and the Public Involvement Team will send details to you.

The consultation runs until Thursday 2 July 2026.

TRANSPORT

If you want to find out what happens at a bus Forum meeting see these minutes [Bus Forum Minutes 27 May 2026 - A96, A947 and B999](#) . During the meeting it was asked if we could get an evening service for the No. 41 Inch to Inverurie service but due to budget constraints this could not be done. The number 64/64A service, which goes through Inch once per day, is being reviewed and the 308 which goes through Meikle Wartle might have an option of an additional Monday to Friday pm journey departing Turriff, along with the last Saturday Inverurie departure delayed to after 4pm.

Is the GP Walk-In Service right for you?

Not every health concern is best managed through a GP Walk-In Centre. The information below explains the types of problems we can help with and those that may be better managed by another NHS service.

What we CAN usually help with:

- New minor illnesses or infections.
- Your problem has started recently.
- Mild to moderate symptoms needing prompt attention.
- Health problems that can usually be treated in one visit.
- Minor concerns that do not require hospital tests, scans or specialist care.

What we CAN'T help with:

- Chest pain, breathing difficulties or signs of stroke.
- Serious injuries or emergencies.
- Broken bones, burns or severe wounds.
- Repeat prescriptions or medication reviews.
- Sick notes, forms or paperwork.
- Long-term or ongoing health conditions.
- Dressings or wound checks.
- Dental conditions.
- Drug dependency prescribing.

If this applies to you, staff will help direct you to the right service.

GP WALK-IN CENTRES

Amey are carrying on with their resurfacing works on the A96. As well as the work being carried out at Inverurie there will be works with overnight shuts at Colpy in July. See our [Facebook](#) page for more information nearer the time.

BCC welcomes feedback from residents using the Inverurie Walk in Clinic.

Port Elphinstone Pharmacy Consultation

BENNACHIE LEISURE CENTRE

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BLC's weekend opening started at the end of May and the Centre is now open 7 days a week. This includes the café, Twice is Nice charity shop, the gym and weekend children's activities. We are delighted to welcome our new Head Chef, Daniel Simpson to the BLC team – come along and try Daniel's delicious meals and snacks. Keep track of all the events and activities at BLC on our new Facebook page "What's on at Bennachie Leisure Centre".

Every day, we offer:

- A friendly welcome to "Warm Space" community café, good food, affordable prices, a hub for people to meet.
- A modern, well-equipped gym, a range of exercise and fitness classes, sports and wellbeing sessions run by qualified, knowledgeable instructors. We have Personal Trainers available for individual and small group sessions.
- Twice is Nice charity shop selling clothing, homeware and books.
- Weekly whist afternoon, regular events – see our Facebook page
- Children's party packages – choice of bouncy castles, football parties, including party food options
- Volunteering opportunities – in the café, shop, at events and general assistants

Our achievements:

- You told us you wanted a café with more options – we upgraded our menu and offer good food at reasonable prices, 7 days a week.
- You told us you wanted a better gym – we applied for grants and upgraded the gym in 2024.
- You told us you wanted more classes – we expanded our range of classes to include 11 new classes each week including seated fitness and low impact classes.
- You told us you wanted more for women – we have introduced regular Women's Circles and Soundbath / Yoga sessions
- You told us you wanted quiz nights – we started monthly quiz nights, fun evenings, bring your own snacks and drinks.

- You told us you wanted more for children – parent-led bouncy castle sessions most weekends

BLC Events

- July 3 Quiz night
- July 11/12 Wimbledon on the big screen
- July 18 Plant and Jigsaw sale, bouncy castle for children
- July 18 School Daze afternoon disco, 2-6pm



- July 30 Critter Keeper and bouncy castle
- July 31st Yoga and Soundbath evening
- August 6 Critter Keeper and bouncy castle
- August 14th Women's Circle
- August 28 Quiz Night
- September 5 Insch's Got Talent
- September 18 An Evening with Carol McGee
- September 26 Hoedown

For more information and to book, contact BLC on 01464 821248

Thank you to all of you who supported our Crowdfunder appeal. However, we are still some way from our target. Your support for our events, our gym, café, charity shop and classes are essential to support BLC and enable the volunteers, staff and trustees to continue to offer so much to our community.

Polecats for Scotland

Come to meetings on Monday 6th July at The Bennachie Visitor Centre, Chapel of Garioch 2-4pm and Garioch Heritage Centre, Inverurie 6-8pm to find out more about this project or email jenny.macpherson@vwt.org.uk for more information.

Polecats for Scotland?

VWT Vincent Wildlife Trust

A proposal to explore restoring polecats to northeast Scotland

The polecat (*Mustela putorius*) was once native to Scotland but became extinct due to habitat change, historical persecution and prey declines. Today, polecats are recovering in parts of Britain and are now found again in many regions of England and Wales. However, natural recolonisation of northern Scotland is thought unlikely, due to factors such as increased urban barriers in the central belt that have expanded since polecats have declined.

A project, led by Vincent Wildlife Trust, has just begun to explore whether conditions in Scotland could support a safe and successful reintroduction of polecats. This work is being informed by ecological research, engagement with local communities and conservation experience from across Britain.

We want to hear your views

This is an early-stage discussion and no decision has been made because we would like to hear the views of local people, land managers and interested organisations.

We are particularly interested in the following

- Your thoughts on the idea of polecats returning to Scotland
- Any local knowledge or concerns
- Opportunities or challenges you think should be considered

Have your say — share your views or ask questions

- Email jenny.macpherson@vwt.org.uk
- Drop in to see us on Monday 6 July, 2-4pm at Bennachie Visitor Centre.
- Join a meeting Monday 6 July, 6-8pm at Garioch Heritage Centre, Inverurie.

Everyone welcome to either, or both, to find out more and share your views. Your feedback will help shape the discussion and ensure all perspectives are considered before any decisions regarding next steps are taken.

NRF NATURE RESTORATION FUND

Net Zero Scotland Scottish Government

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LEITH HALL GARDEN & ESTATE

Leith Hall Opening, July - September

Thursday - Sunday

Henrietta's Tearoom, 10:30 - 15:30

Hall, Tours at 10:30, 12:30 & 14:30, open guiding (free flow) between 11:00 and 14:00.

This season we are trialling a hybrid tour system. Check the website before coming for the most up-to-date

information. We look forward to hearing your feedback.

Events

1st of August - [Illyria](#) As You Like It. Plus take-away afternoon tea available to enjoy during the performance (Pre-booking essential). Contact leithhall@nts.org.uk with any queries or dietary requirements.

Tours of the garden at Leith Hall

Join Anna the Gardener for an informative walk around our historic garden. Learn about the plants we grow, hints and tips for growing vegetables, the history of the garden, and what it takes to maintain a heritage garden.

Tickets : Non- members £10 (includes entry to the garden) / Members £5

Meet at the garden gate. Dates: 26th June, 10th July, 24th July, 7th August, 21st August. Time: 1:30pm (1 hour) Parking is £5 or FREE for members

Check out our Facebook and Eventbrite pages for up-to-date information and events.

<https://www.facebook.com/LeithHallGardensEstate>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/leith-hall-garden-amp-estate-33806233645>

<https://www.ticketsource.com/illyria/t-rzpppvv>



HENRIETTA'S TEAROOM AT LEITH HALL

SUMMER OPENING TIMES

Henrietta's Tearoom is open
Thursday - Sunday, 10:30am - 3:30pm
Weekly specials include; quiche, salads, scones and home bakes, with wheat free and vegan options.



nts.org.uk

The National Trust for Scotland is a Scottish charity, SC007410



Did you know the profits from the Bailies of Bennachie merchandise sold on our website helps fund our projects and volunteer events? It's a great way to 'Help Your Hill' and promote us whether you can physically be on the hill or not.



Archaeological Dig 2026 – the training dig in June was the forerunner to the main dig which runs in July and August. Limited spaces are available but if you are interested, the dig is open to members but you must sign up to volunteer to be issued with all the details including the dates.

Head to our website to sign up to join and read about previous digs on the 'Bennachie Landscapes Project' section [Landscapes Project - Bailies of Bennachie](https://bailiesofbennachie.co.uk)

The topics of the **Wildlife / Environment group** events in July and August are geology and bats. More events will follow later in the season.

We are delighted to report that the **Work Parties** are in full swing clearing vegetation, water bars etc. and had a successful dry stane dyke event in April repairing 70m of dyke! The regular work parties tend to be on the first Saturday of the month with other dates slotted in to accommodate the team or tackle larger projects.

Did you spot our visit from Clare Balding on our Facebook (bailiesbennachie) and Instagram (bailiesofbennachie) pages? She and producer, Karen, came to record a piece with the Trustees for BBC Radio 4's Ramblings programme. Catch the replay on BBC Sounds.



Image shows Clare with four of our Trustees, Anne, Peter, Allan and Lorna.

Members may sign up to join any of our groups as volunteers, see 'volunteering' on the website <https://bailiesofbennachie.co.uk>. Any queries may be directed to us by emailing info@bailiesofbennachie.co.uk

INSCH LIBRARY NEWS

Opening Times and Contact Information:

Tuesday 3pm – 5pm,
Friday 2pm – 5pm

E - insch.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

T - 01464 635190

W - www.livelifieberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/



We're looking forward to a busy and enjoyable few months at Inch Library as we head through summer and into early autumn.



The Summer Reading Challenge always creates a buzz of excitement. It launched on 1st June and will run until 29th August. This year's challenge is open to everyone – young, old, and anyone in between. Participants can sign up for a collector's card and aim to read 10 books over the course of the challenge. Everyone who takes part will be in with a chance of winning some terrific prizes, including bundles of books signed by their authors. We're looking forward to welcoming readers of all ages and encouraging plenty of visits to the library over the summer months.

We also have two exciting summer events planned for primary-aged children. Join us on Tuesday 21st July from 1.00–2.30pm for a fun-filled coding session, where you'll get the chance to try out Beebots, Lego Spike Prime, Lego WeDo, and more. [Summer of Play 2026 Coding - Inch Library | Live Life Aberdeenshire](#) Then on Friday 31st July from 11.00am–12 noon, come along to our story and craft session, where we'll be getting creative with old CDs and turning them into something awesome to take home. Booking for both of these events is essential. [Summer of Play 2026 Story and Craft - Inch Library | Live Life Aberdeenshire](#)



Our Bookbug sessions continue fortnightly on Fridays from 1.00–1.30pm. These relaxed and fun sessions are aimed at children aged 0–5 and their parent or carer. They are free of charge and feature songs, rhymes, and a story. Upcoming dates are: 10th July, 24th July, 7th August, 21st August, 4th September and 18th September – come along and join in the fun! Booking is recommended.

To find out more or to book a space on any of our events visit <https://www.livelifieberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/> and select 'book an event', or ask at the library.

Our Seed Bank was a great hit and went down a storm, with tatties and vegetable seeds quickly snapped up. I'm having a go for the first time this year, and my tatties are looking like a jungle! I'm looking forward to hearing how everyone else is getting on and it would be wonderful to see some pictures of the wonderful fruits of your labours!

Inch Library is a very busy place, and if you're short on time, why not try our brand new self-issue machine to return or borrow your books? It's very simple to use, and staff will be delighted to give you a quick demonstration.

For more information about anything library related, please contact Inch Library:

 inch.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

 01464 635190

If you haven't visited recently, why not drop in and see what's on offer? We look forward to seeing you soon.

We are situated in the Inch Railway Station, and a visit will get you in the mood for history. Come and see our working train model, our maps, the model and history

of Dunnideer Castle, our black wedding dress, our archive, scrap books and photos. The museum is spanning over two large rooms, one the old ticket office, the other the former ladies' waiting room; both packed with exciting exhibits and stories.

The former ladies' waiting room is also doubling as an events space. Watch out on our socials for our talks and demonstrations, starting later this summer.

In 2026 the museum is open until the 28th of October, every Wednesday and Sunday between 2 and 4pm.

Bookings for other days welcomed. Please get in touch to arrange. The best way to contact us is via email or via our socials.

Admission free but donations appreciated.

We have barrier free access via the platform and through the waiting room.



Insch Connection Museum , Railway Station North Road, Insch, AB52 6XP

Website: www.inschmuseum.org.uk

E-mail: insch.museum@gmail.com

Facebook: [Insch Connection Museum](#)

LinkedIn: Insch Connection Museum



INSCH GOLF CLUB

🏆 IT'S BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! 🏆

The battle for golfing glory returns as the Insch Golf Club Ryder Cup tees off once again on Saturday 18th July!

For just £30 per person, you'll enjoy a fantastic day of golf, food, and friendly rivalry, including:



Coffee & bacon roll to start the day



Homemade soup & sausage roll at lunchtime



BBQ food in our beer garden in the evening



The chance to battle it out for Ryder Cup glory!

All previous players will remain in their existing teams, but we are welcoming new players who fancy joining the competition and taking on the challenge.

The only questions left are:



Can Team USA retain the trophy?



Or will Team Europe bring their A-game and take it back?

We're also eagerly awaiting the announcement of this year's captains, who will lead their teams into battle!

The sign-up sheet will be behind the bar from tonight. If you'd like to take part, simply add your name and pay your entry fee.

Don't miss out on one of the most enjoyable and competitive events in the club calendar!

Our beer garden with BBQ will be open to all from 4pm, let's hope there is sun for us all to enjoy!



OUR AUTUMN & FESTIVE EVENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!

As we look ahead beyond the summer season, we're delighted to announce that bookings are now being taken for our exciting programme of events in Autumn and Festive Events. The best part? You can reserve your place now, with payment not required until later!

Halloween Boozy Brunch – Friday 17th October
Get ready for a frightfully good afternoon! For just £35 per person, enjoy:

An arrival drink, Brunch lunch and 3 spooky themed cocktails

Plus, we'll have fantastic live music from Diane Barbour to keep the party spirits high!

Speakers Lunch – Saturday 1st November
Join us for an entertaining afternoon with former football star Allan Rough as our guest speaker.

For £45 per person, you'll enjoy:

A 2-course meal, Wine with your meal
A dram to enjoy during the speaker session

Yes... we're saying the C-word!

Christmas Party Night – Saturday 5th December
Kick off the festive season in style with our Christmas Party Night hosted by the brilliant DJ JMAC.

Your evening includes:

A drink on arrival, A festive 3-course meal
Great music and plenty of opportunity to show off those dance moves late into the night!

Festive Afternoon Tea – Saturday 12th December
Our ever-popular Festive Afternoon Tea returns!

Our chefs are already busy in the gingerbread kitchen putting together this year's menu, and we're hearing it's so wonderfully Christmassy that even Santa is trying to reserve himself a seat at the table!

📞 Spaces are limited across all events, so don't miss out! Reserve your place today and secure your spot for what promises to be a fantastic season of celebrations.



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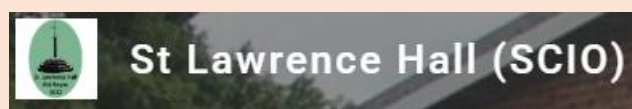
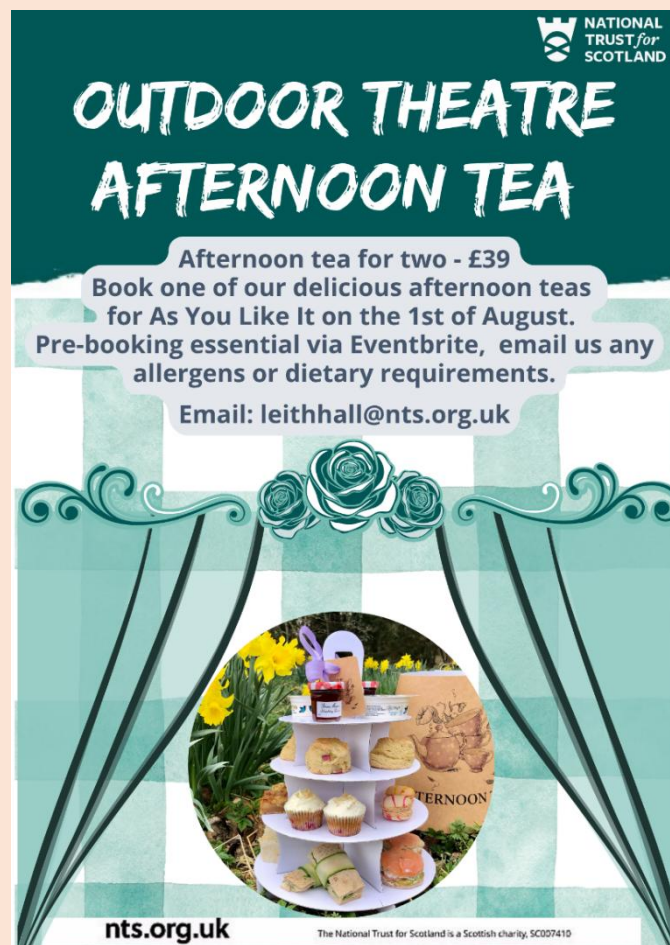
For other events – please check village notice boards & Facebook.

Wartle Hall, the village hall in Meikle Wartle, is located on the left hand side of the road as you enter the village from the Drum Of Wartle Filling Station & Shop.

The main hall is 10m x 5m internally and has audio visual equipment, including a screen for projections. There is a well equipped kitchen, a bar area and a large external patio.

The hall is available to hire for private parties, meetings, events, etc. at a cost of £15/hr.

Enquiries can be made to wcawartle@gmail.com



St. Lawrence Hall is the Hall in Old Rayne and we have the following events coming up:



Saturday 15th August
[Lourin BBQ - Old Rayne | Facebook](#)

For more information about the hall and how to book it see our website - www.olderaynevillagehall.com



Premnay Hall (SC023055)

Trustees/committee members have been busy planning some exciting and new firsts for the local community.

So, if you fancy getting your glad rags on and trying something a wee bit different join us on Saturday 26th September 2026 for:

Premnay Hall Charity Casino Night hosted by Fabulous Fun Casino - 'All the excitement of a real casino but with an emphasis on fun & fundraising'. Tickets, age 18+, only £30 each on sale now from any of the trustees/committee members, via our Facebook page, by emailing us at: premnayhall@outlook.com or calling/texting us on 07710541133 or 07783628660 or online at www.eventbrite.co.uk

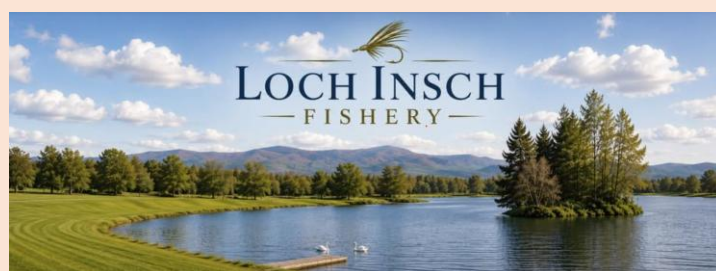
CASINO NIGHT
• BLACK TIE •
£30 EACH
SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026
STARTING AT 7PM
AT THE PREMNAV HALL
LICENCED BAR
FREE DRINK on arrival
18+ ADULTS ONLY
GREAT QUESTIONS, GREAT FUN, GREAT PRIZES!

We also have the Premnay GALA at Premnay Hall on Saturday 29th August. There will be Craft stalls, Pizza van licenced bar, big raffle, 1st prize Bristows Helicopter simulator experience! The Gala is between 2 to 4pm and then there is a licenced bar and BBQ in evening from 6pm onwards

PREMNAV HALL
→ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ←
JOIN US FOR A YEAR OF COMMUNITY, CELEBRATION & FUN AT PREMNAV HALL

MONDAY MORNING WEEKLY 9.30AM – 11AM	PREMNAV CAFÉ EVERY MONDAY MORNING 9.30AM – 11AM COFFEE, TEA, BACON ROLLS & GOOD CONVERSATION	DONATION WELCOME
SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 10AM – 12PM	CRAFT & PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING HOMEMADE TREATS, CRAFTS, PLANTS & GOOD COMPANY	ENTRY £4 ADULT £2 CHILD UNDER 13
SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 1PM – 4PM	GALA 1PM – 4PM LICENCED BAR UNTIL LATE	
SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 7PM UNTIL LATE	CASINO NIGHT LICENCED BAR THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT	£30 PER PERSON
LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7.30PM START	QUIZ NIGHT GREAT QUESTIONS, GREAT FUN, GREAT PRIZES!	£2.50 PER PERSON

AT PREMNAV HALL
A PLACE TO MEET, CELEBRATE & ENJOY



Loch Inch is a fishery located between Inch and Colpy just off the A96 where you can have a day out. They have a Tourer park, Fly Fishing and also the Tickled Trout Café which uses local produce. For more details see:-

[Plan Your Visit — Loch Inch Fishery & Touring Park, Aberdeenshire](#)

THE STUDIO INSCH

Time for a change at The Studio - Inch!



If you've been into The Studio recently, or seen our posts on Facebook you'll know that lovely Hayley from The Wee Loft is no longer based at The Studio. But... don't worry! You can still buy and order her gorgeous tweed makes by shopping with me on a Friday or Saturday.

Art class info:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are busy busy at The Studio with art classes. My youngest student is 6 and eldest is a spritely 87!

If you're keen to join us, keep an eye on the window for any spaces, currently there's 3 available on my Thursday class for adults at 1.30-3.

The adult classes are booked in 4 week blocks and are £65. This includes all materials and refreshments, AND you'll receive a quality sketchbook to use and keep.

Plus, if you let me know at the start of a block if there's any dates you can't make, I will discount them.

Alternatively, if you can only make random sessions every now and again, you can join my reserve list - so if a space comes up last minute, you'll get first dibs!

Email: theillustratedtreeco@gmail.com to discuss further



Shopping:

Join me on Fridays and Saturdays 11-4* when you'll be able to shop at The Studio. I'm pleased to announce that as well as all my illustrated gifts and Hayley's tweed goodies, I'm now stocking funky socks, jewellery, candles, reed diffusers, local honey and more!

*There are a few weekends where family commitments mean I can't open up, these will be advertised on my socials.

And finally, a big thank you to everyone who comes along to classes or pops in and shops local. Whether it's a card you're needing or a special personalised gift, every sale means I can keep my little studio of dreams going.

Thanks again, Becky

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Queen Elizabeth Trust and Queen Elizabeth Digital Memorial

The Queen Elizabeth Trust and Queen Elizabeth Digital Memorial are related projects to honour the legacy of Her late Majesty at local, national, and global levels which I would encourage people to engage with.

The Queen Elizabeth Trust will ensure Her late Majesty is remembered for her unique ability to bring people together across generations and from all walks of life. It is a UK-wide independent charity launched in April 2026 to honour the centenary of Queen Elizabeth II's birth. Backed by a £40 million government endowment, the charity provides targeted funding and support to communities across the UK, focusing on regenerating and sustaining shared spaces like neighbourhood hubs and green spaces. More information can be found on the following link <https://www.queenelizabethtrust.org/en>

The Queen Elizabeth Digital Memorial is a new website to map the key moments in the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II, as a permanent record for future generations. Did you ever see Her Majesty in person, at a Jubilee, a walkabout, or a public event? What do you remember about her Coronation or Jubilee celebrations? What did Queen Elizabeth II mean to you, your family or community? Do you have images to share? Every memory submitted makes the memorial richer and more representative of Queen Elizabeth's global legacy — and helps create a unique historic record preserved for future generations. Click on the following link for more information and to share your memories. <https://www.queenelizabeth.com/>

Anniversaries, Birthdays

Myself, or one of my Deputies are always delighted to visit on the day of special milestones, 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversaries and 100th and 105th birthdays and present a card and personal congratulations. Please do look at our web site, details below, for further information.



Alison Milne BEM

I had the great pleasure of presenting Alison Milne, from Huntly, with her thoroughly deserved British Empire Medal at a ceremony and family gathering at the Braemar Highland Games Pavilion. For more than 50 years, Alison has made an extraordinary contribution

to the Scottish dance community by inspiring and teaching countless young people the joy and skills of Highland dancing. Alison has also made an enormous contribution to charitable and community organisations through the North-East of Scotland. Many congratulations to Alison Milne BEM!

Birthday Honours List

I was delighted to learn that the following Aberdeenshire residents have been recognised in His Majesty The King's Birthday Honours list: Many congratulations to you all on such well-deserved recognition and thank you for all you do for the Aberdeenshire community.

OBE Maitland "Mac" Mackie OBE, Chairman, Mackies of Scotland - for services to Farming, to Business Innovation and to Sustainability.

MBE - Dr Jack Taylor MBE, Piper and lately President, The Piobairachd Society - for services to Music.

BEM -Lillian Field BEM, Headteacher, Strathdon School and Crathie School - for services to Rural Education, Craig Trail BEM, Chairman of Sandhaven and Pitullie Harbour Trust - for services to the community in Fraserburgh, Kathleen Moir BEM, Voluntary Collector, PoppyScotland - for Charitable Service and John Burrows BEM, a Director of Ballater Community Trust – for services to the community in Ballater.

Honours Awards

The Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy relies on communities and individuals informing us of any individual or voluntary organisation who has made an exceptional contribution for the wider benefit of others in their community. The King's Awards for Enterprise are for outstanding achievement by UK businesses in the categories of; young founder, innovation, international trade, sustainability and promoting opportunity through social mobility.

The Lieutenancy will assist in giving full consideration for appropriate recognition. Information can be found on the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy website

Would you like to learn more about the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy?

Myself, or one of my Deputies would be delighted to visit local groups and schools to share information about the Lieutenancy and the work we do. Please use the email contact below to get in touch.

<https://www.lord-lieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk> or contact us info@lordlieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk



You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram – ‘Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire’

Very best wishes to you all

Sandy Manson, His Majesty’s Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire

LOCAL GROUPS IN THE AREA

DAY	WHEN	WHERE
MONDAY		
Community Café See St Drostan’s Facebook page	11.30am to 1.30pm	St Drostan’s, Episcopal Church, Commerce Street, Inch, AB52 6JB
Community Café See Premnay Hall Facebook Page -	9.30am - 11am	Premnay Hall & Community Association, Oyne Road, Premnay, Auchleven, Inch, AB52 6QE
Craft Classes - beading, embroidery etc	11am to 2pm	Insch Institute, Rannes Street. Ann 07742 330717
Sit Fit Chair Fitness	11am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Grampian Cardiac Rehabilitation Group	14:30 to 15:30pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Brew and Blether (1 st Monday of the month)	2 – 4	Logie Durno Village Hall, Pitcaple, AB51 5EJ
Satori Martial Arts – All ages	From 6:30pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Insch Tennis Club (see Insch Tennis Club Facebook page)	3 – 5pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Jog Scotland Insch Beginners and Intermediates-See Facebook page	6.30pm Beginners 7.30pm Intermediate	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Outdoor Bowling- April – September Starting 14 th April	6.50 for 7pm	Insch Bowling Club, Rannes Street Insch behind the Library, AB52 6JJ
Jazzercise	7pm	Oyne Village Hall, Onye
Bible Study Group 7pm to 8pm except holidays	7pm to 8pm	Small Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Bennachie Community Council Meetings The Fourth Monday in the month except for July and December	7pm – 9pm	St Drostan’s Church, Commerce Street, AB52 6JB
TUESDAY		
FIT 4 LIFE circuits	9.30 - 10.15am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Walking Football	10.45am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Painting for Leisure	10.30am to 12.30	The Institute, Rannes Street, Inch, AB52 6JJ contact Jill on 01464 820199
Insch Library	3pm to 5pm	Insch Library, The Institute, Rannes Street, Inch, AB52 6JJ
The Fun and Friendship Group Meets fortnightly every Second Tuesday	2pm to 4pm	Insch Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Whist Group	2 – 3.30pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Spin	17.30pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Pilates	6.30 – 7.30pm	Oyne Village Hall, Onye
Insch Trail Running Club	7pm	See Insch Trail Running Facebook page
Box N Fit	7pm	Insch Institute, Rannes Street, Inch, AB52 6JJ
WEDNESDAY		

Sole mates Walking Group	10:00 – 11:00	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
TRX	10am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Walking Rugby 18yrs to 80yrs	11:00 – 12:00	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Margot Cairns Pilates See Facebook page for details	9.15 -10.15am, 10.30-11.30am and 11.45 to 12;45	Insch Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Walking Netball	13.30 to 14.30	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Insch Connection Museum April to October 28 th	2 – 4 pm	Railway Station, North Road, Insch
Insch Community Choir	6.30 for 7pm	St Drostan's Church Hall, Insch, Commerce Street,
Junior Golf (spring and autumn)	6 to 7pm	Insch Golf Club, Golf Terrace, Insch, AB52 6JY
Jazzercise	7pm	Oyne Village Hall, Onye
Pilates	19.15 to 20.00	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Scottish Women's Institute Largie- every 2 nd Wednesday of the month	7.30 pm	St Drostan's Church Hall, Insch, Commerce Street, AB52 6JB
Scottish Women's Institute Premnay - every 2 nd Wednesday of the month	7.30 pm	Premnay Village Hall, Premnay
Every few weeks see Craft Nights Logie Durno Facebook page for timings	6 pm to 9pm	Logie Durno Village Hall, AB51 5EB
THURSDAY		
WALKFIT	9.15 – 9.45am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
SIT FIT Chair Fitness	11 – 12 noon	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Brenda Gordon School of Dance	Thursday afternoons see Facebook page	Insch Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Insch, Leslie & District Men's Shed Alternative week times	1pm – 4pm 1pm – 8pm	Old School, Leslie . See Facebook page for more details regarding Sunday hours
Indoor Short mat Bowling- 2 nd October to March	6.50 for 7pm	Insch Bowling Club, Rannes Street Insch behind the Library, AB52 6JJ
Adult Beginners Tennis	6 to 7pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Yarn n Yarn. Knitting and Crochet group. Second and Fourth Thursday of the month	7.30pm to 9pm	St Drostan's, Episcopal Church, Commerce Street, Insch, AB52 6JB
Insch Craft Group Third Thursday of the month	6.30pm to 9pm	Insch Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Scottish Country Dancing - new members and beginner's welcome. Starts 14 th Sept	8pm to 9.30pm	Insch Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR contact Margaret 01464 821384 or Pam 01464 821304
Fit 4 Life/Circuits	18:15 – 7 pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Aikido Ten Shin Kan	7 to 9pm	Premnay Village Hall, Auchleven
Jog Scotland Insch -See Facebook page	6pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Box N Fit	7pm	Insch Institute, Rannes Street, Insch, AB52 6JJ
Yoga	6.30pm to 7.30pm	Oyne Village Hall, Onye
Netball	8pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
FRIDAY		
Body Blast	10 – 10.45am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Pottery	10am – 2pm	Oyne Village Hall, Onye
TRX stretch	11am – 11:45am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Adult Badminton	1pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Insch Library	2pm to 5pm	Insch Library, The Institute, Rannes Street, Insch,
Bookworms- Insch Library Book Group monthly on a Friday	4.30pm	Insch Library, The Institute, Rannes Street, Insch, AB52 6JJ
Scottish Dance Last Friday in the month	2pm to 4pm	Insch Parish Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Tea Dance every 3 rd Friday in the month	2pm to 4pm	Insch Parish Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Outdoor Bowling- April – September	6.50 for 7pm	Insch Bowling Club, Rannes Street Insch behind the Library, AB52 6JJ
Bingo every second week starting 16 th January for members	8pm	Insch Golf Club, Golf Terrace, Insch

SATURDAY		
Men's Breakfast Club	From 8.30am to 9.30/10am	Alternates monthly between Inch Parish Church and St Drostan's Episcopal Church Inch
Reel Club (1 st Saturday of the month)	7pm	Oyne Village Hall, Oyne
SUNDAY		
St Drostan's Episcopal Church	Service starts at 10 am see Facebook page for other services	St Drostan's Episcopal Church, Commerce Street, Inch
Insch, Leslie, Premnay, Oyne Parish Presbyterian Church	Service starts at 10.30 am see Facebook page for other services	Insch Parish Church, Western Road, Inch, AB52 6JR
Christian Youth Club for youngsters of secondary school age.	5 to 7pm in St in St Drostan's Hall	St Drostan's, Episcopal Church, Commerce Street, Inch, AB52 6JB
Younger Christian youth club called All Stars for those in primary 5, 6 and 7.	4 to 5.30pm in St Drostan's Hall.	St Drostan's, Episcopal Church, Commerce Street, Inch, AB52 6JB
Bennachie Parish Church at Chapel of Garioch	Services 10am on the 2 nd & 4 th Sundays of the month.	See www.bennachieparish.church The next Joint Service for the Parish at Chapel of Garioch is on 2nd August
Insch Cycling Club	Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursday and Sundays	See Inch Cycling Club Facebook page
Insch Walking Group, Members of Grampian 50+ Network	Meet every Alternative Sunday at 9.30am	Walk 4 - 5 miles within 30 miles of Inch, contact Morris on 07824 618369.
Insch Connection Museum	April to October 28 th 2 – 4 pm	Railway Station, North Road, Inch
Insch Ceilidh Club – See Facebook page for dates. Last full week of the month on Sunday	Family Club 2pm	Insch Parish Church Hall, Western Road, Inch, AB52 6JR
Monthly Pop up Bakery 19 th April, 17 th May, 14 th June	10am – 12 noon	Insch Institute, Rannes Street, Inch

Contacts details for children's groups

Bennachie Leisure Centre, [Bennachie Leisure Centre \(blcinsch.scot\)](http://BennachieLeisureCentre(blcinsch.scot)) ; Guiding – Bennachiedc@gmail.com

Scouting -insch@gordondistrictscouts.org.uk or pitcaple@gordondistrictscouts.org.uk

Insch District Football club also have a [Facebook](#) page

There is a Kennethmont Toddlers Group, Chapel Toddlers Group (0 to 5 years) and Inschy Winchy Spiders Baby Group up to 2yr olds – Contact details can be found on their Facebook pages.

Old Rayne has a 2's Group on Tuesday and Wednesday's. Tiny talk Aberdeenshire Rural is on a Friday morning in Inch which teaches BSL. Abribeats and Playtheme at The Bennachie Leisure Centre. See all of their Facebook pages for more details.

Running Groups – Jog Scotland meet on Monday (6.30 and 7.30pm) and Thursdays 6pm at Bennachie Leisure Centre. See Jog Scotland Inch [Facebook](#) Page

For information about Inch Trail Running Club see their website [Committee & Membership – INSCH TRAIL RUNNING CLUB](#)

Insch Leslie and District Men's Shed – Meeting every Thursday at the Old School in Leslie. Open one week 1 – 4pm and alternate week 1 – 8pm to give working people the opportunity to attend. See their Facebook page for more details. [Insch, Leslie District Men's Shed | Facebook](#) .

Insch Men's Breakfast Club - Meet from 8.30am to 9.30/10am on the first Saturday of the month for a chat, fellowship and food. We meet and alternate between Parish Church Hall and the Episcopal Church in Inch. See [Insch Mens Breakfast | Facebook](#) for more details.

For information about the Nordic Ski Club See their [Facebook](#) Page and [Huntly Nordic and Outdoor Centre - Live, Life Aberdeenshire](#)

We would like to thank the Glens of Foudland Windfarm Community Trust for a grant which will allow us to print the next 8 issues of the Bennachie Community Newsletter. This is very much appreciated and allows us to reach people who cannot access our Social Media Page [Bennachie Community Council | Insch | Facebook](#) or Website where the newsletter is published [Bennachie Community Newsletter | Bennachie CC](#)

INSCH E-BIKE RIDE

When: Wednesday 1 July

Time: 10.30am

Where: Bennachie Leisure Centre

What: To celebrate the launch of the new e-bike hire scheme, join The Aberdeenshire Bothy on a 2-hour ride from Insch. We will explore the local area by e-bike, showing you how easy it is to get around!

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Over the summer, in partnership with [Aberdeenshire Council](#) and [Getabout](#), The Aberdeenshire Bothy will be heading out across Aberdeenshire to celebrate the launch of new venues to the council e-bike hire scheme.

The second of our partnership events is an e-bike ride from Insch, where we will explore the local countryside on two wheels. The ride will be expertly led by qualified ride leaders, and will be at a gentle pace, with plenty of stops to admire the views.

E-bikes and helmets will be provided for the ride.

When: Wednesday 1st July; 10.30am



Where: Bennachie Leisure Centre



The Ride: 11 miles / 2.5 hours (includes breaks!)



Don't forget!: refreshments & suitable layers for the Scottish weather



BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL !! To book your place, please head to

<https://bookings.cloud.microsoft/.../AberdeenshireBothy1.../>