

**SNOWDROP FESTIVAL
COUPAR ANGUS
23 – 26 February 2017**

GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON

Welcome to our 2017 Coupar Angus Snowdrop Festival. This is the fourth year of our Festival which started after a chance conversation between a couple of us and Catherine Erskine, from Cambo House in Fife. Catherine was the founder of the Scottish Snowdrop Festival and Cambo is well worth a visit in February to see its amazing banks of snowdrops.

New events for 2017 include a Dinner Dance on the evening of Saturday 25th February and a Murder Mystery Supper on Monday 27th February. This year our Festival stretches over a couple of weeks. The first event will be our annual Snowdrop Lecture on Thursday 23rd February, the Pride of Place Snowdrop Ceilidh will be on Friday 3rd March with the Snowdrop Cycle two days after. Pride of Place will be running a Snowdrop Tea Shop in the Y Hall in Union Street. Our High Street Store has prepared inspiring arts and craft workshops. **Places are limited, so please book your space early!** Finally we have our annual Snowdrop Bingo Tea run by the local Primary School and their friends. No doubt the event will be a sell out, as usual.

All through the Festival there will be opportunities to undertake Snowdrop Walks around the town and admire the window display competition.

The Coupar Angus Snowdrop event is part of the national Scottish Snowdrop Festival which features snowdrop displays in over 50 places around Scotland. Most of the displays are linked to country houses. As yet the Coupar Angus Festival remains the only community event. The Festival is loosely coordinated by the Town Team but really it is about local groups sharing their skills, excitement, enterprise and enthusiasm for snow drops and for Coupar Angus. Please come and enjoy our Festival and, if you are a visitor, take the chance to look around our award winning town: we won the 'Britain in Bloom Best Large Village Award' in both 2013 and 2015!

John Palfreyman, Town Team Coupar Angus

SNOWDROP BINGO TEA Fri 24 February 19.00 for 19.30

Coupar Angus Primary School will be holding their annual Snowdrop Bingo Tea in the Town Hall. The doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Tea, coffee, juice and home baking will be provided for refreshments - **please bring your own mug.**

The Snowdrop Bingo Tea is organised by SOC (Supporting Our Children). SOC is a group of parents and teachers at Coupar Angus Primary School who work in partnership for the benefit of the school and wider community. SOC also raise funds which are used to enhance our children's educational experience. The Snowdrop Bingo Tea is one of our main fundraising events and every year we are delighted by the support of the local community and businesses. We would be very grateful for any donations which can be used as a bingo or raffle prize. **Donations can be handed into the school at anytime during school hours and ideally before the 17th February.** We will happily collect items if you contact the school on 01250 871400.

We would love to see you there and greatly appreciate your support.

VENUE: Town Hall

ABBEY CHURCH SPRING FAIR Sat 25 February 10.00 – 14.00

Come along to the Snowdrop Abbey Church Spring Fair: there will be crafts, home baking, raffle, tombola, facepainting, activities for children and adults alike. Try your hand at glass painting or printing. Entry £2, children under 12 free, including refreshments with soup on sale at lunch time.

Questions? Contact Anne Easson on 01828 628001 or a.easson@btinternet.com.

VENUE: Abbey Church, Queen St

SNOWDROP TEA SHOP Sat, Sun 25, 26 Feb 11.00 – 16.00

Pride of Place are organising a Snowdrop Tea Shop in the Y Hall serving tea/coffee and buns as you walk around town. Pop in! There will also be beautiful Snowdrop craft items on sale from Cambo Gardens.

VENUE: Y Hall, Union St

SPRING REJUVENATION Sat 25 Feb 12.00 – 15.00

The Community Gardens Group is offering revitalizing and rejuvenating activities. Join us from 12.00 - 14.00 at our stall outside the High Street Store community shop to sample healthy snacks, shakes and smoothies and to put some bounce back into your 'Spring' - complemented by short, free massages and treatments.

From 14.00 - 15.00 we offer a gentle meditation walk from the shop to the community garden where a short introduction to our spring meditation will be followed by a wonderful opportunity to take a moment, explore nature and yourself. Meditation by experienced practitioner Madelaine Thorley. All ages are welcome!

Bookings are required for the walk. Please contact 07833938536.

VENUE: High Street Store and community garden PH13 9EF

DINNER DANCE Sat 25 Feb 19.00

Do you have an amazing wedding or formal dress that has only be worn once and you cannot imagine when you will have the opportunity to wear it again? Then this is the fund raising event for you.

A dinner dance is being held in the Red House Hotel that will provide the opportunity to dress up and celebrate your outfit! All too often formal or bridal wear lies at the back of the wardrobe and this is the chance, for both gals and guys, to dust it off and wear that special outfit again. The event starts with a three course meal, rounded off by coffee and mints, followed by an evening of dancing to well known band Eat the Peach. Tickets are priced at £40 each with all profits from the evening being donated to Coupar Angus Pride of Place.

Tickets are available from Tracy who can be contacted on 01828 628747 or tracy.oram@btinternet.com.

VENUE: Red House Hotel, Station Rd

MURDER MYSTERY SUPPER Mon 27 Feb 19.00 for 19.30

Can you solve a mystery? Tonight, Coupar Angus Abbey Church will become the stately home of Lord and Lady Ship. Poor old Lord Ship died in a mysterious shooting accident, and the six people present at the time have been invited to the reading of his will - and all hope to benefit.

You and your friends are also invited. Supper will be served in stages, starting at 7.30pm.

As the evening unfolds, you as audience will learn where each suspect was at the time of the shooting. Discuss the motives, search for flaws in their evidence with those at your table. What murky truth is each suspect hiding?

Please book your tickets (£5) for this evening including supper, by February 20th. Contact Val on 01828 627145 or valkidd50@gmail.com or The High Street Store at the Cross in Coupar Angus.

VENUE: Abbey Church, Queen St

PoP SNOWDROP CEILIDH

Fri 3 March

19.00 for 19.30

Come to the Pride of Place Family Ceilidh! There will be a supper, you do BYOB. The tickets are £6 for adults and children over 12, children under 12 are free. **Tickets are required in advance as numbers are limited to the Town Hall capacity. Phone Tracy on 01828 628747 and leave a message or email tracy.oram@btinternet.com.**

VENUE: Town Hall, Union St

'SHOW DROP' WINDOW DISPLAYS

all week

The annual Coupar Angus show stopping window display competition will this year feature a snowdrop manikin. Participating businesses will compete in a friendly display of creativity and dress a wooden snowdrop to prominently display within their shop window. The judges will be looking for originality and how well the snowdrop manikin reflects the shop's own business. The winner will be presented with a little prize and their winning manikin can look forward to a photo shoot being displayed in the March edition of the CANdo.

VENUE: all over Coupar Angus

COUPAR BURN PROJECT

Sat, Sun 25, 26 February

11.00 - 15.00

In May of last year local artist Frances Law was joined by members of Coupar Angus community and the committee of stART (Strathmore Arts Festival) in an 'archaeological investigation' into the Coupar Burn. An interesting collection of objects were found: Victorian spoons, clay pipes, an assortment of old bottles and jars, childrens toys, mobile phones, crockery and much more. Frances displayed the collection of objects at Dundee University, the 'Coupar Burn Project' forming the basis of her research for her Masters in Art, Society and Publics at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design. The project has caught the attention of the education officer and curators at Perth Museum and Art Gallery who have invited Frances to show her display alongside treasures which have been found in the River Tay. This exhibition will take place between June and September 2017.

Frances is hoping to make a short film about Coupar Burn and is collecting stories and memories from local people about the Burn. If you would like to see what has been found in the Burn and have a story to share about playing in the Burn or items you may have lost or found in the Burn or indeed any memory or information related to the Burn, you would be most welcome to visit Frances upstairs at the Y Hall. Come along and see the displays she has been working on for the Perth Museum.

VENUE: Y Hall (upstairs), Union St

made from willow, snowdrops and other spring flowers. Visit her creation within the old stone walls of the walled garden and allotment enclosure. Light refreshments are awaiting you.

VENUE: Easter Balgersho, Coupar Angus PH13 9JD

SNOWDROP CYCLE

Sun 5 March

10.00 and 11.00

Why not join us for the 2017 Annual Snowdrop Cycle? We will be starting from The Cross at 10.00 (for the medium 20 mile and long 30 mile ride) and 11.00 (for the 10 mile ride).

All our routes will feature displays of local, and not so local, snowdrops so bring your camera along. Hopefully the famous 'Snowdrop Heart' in Larghan Park will be in full bloom. In case you are unsure of your ability, why not borrow one of our electric bikes?

Contact Grant Murdoch on cachub@outlook.com or phone John on 07703 767087.

If your bike needs a service then contact Grant by email, at the High Street Store or in the Cycle Store. After the cycle there will be refreshments at the Pride of Place Snowdrop Tea Shop in the Y Hall.

START: The Cross

SNOWDROP WALK 1: Snowdrops spelling 'Coupar Angus'

A circular walk starting and finishing at the Y Hall on Union Street. It takes about 1.5 hours and is approximately 3 km long, includes a short hill and has several view points.

From the Y Hall head towards the main car park entrance to the Red House Hotel. The **letter C** is in the grass verge, beside the main road, just to the south. From there walk south, to the roundabout at the Balhousie Care Home turnoff. Do not turn into the road to Balhousie Care Home but walk onto the waste land just beyond it and head towards the stone wall. The right hand end of the wall joins onto a new, high, wire fence and a track that leads down the side of the fence, south towards the burn. Take this track. After about 20 m a T-junction will appear in the track, where there is a tall telegraph post. The **letter O** is just on the left, immediately before the left fork, circling a small upright stone. From here, take the left fork and walk along the new track on the south side of the high wire fence. Follow this path towards Larghan Park. *If this track is flooded, walk to Larghan Park by turning around and following the proper footpaths past the Red House, turning right at the Red House roundabout and walking along the pavement towards Forfar until you reach Larghan Park.*

Enter Larghan Park by the large car park entrance at the east end of the park i.e. away from the swings and play area. Pick up the track round the park and turn right. After about 100 m you will see the "love seat" and the famous Snowdrop Heart. Find the **letter U** nearby. Walk right round the park and leave at the town end. Head towards The Common on Forfar Road, opposite East of Scotland Farmers. Walk up the right hand side of Townhead with The Common on your left. At the top right hand corner of The Common find the **letter P**. Walk along School Road, past the school and at the far end, at the house with the monkey puzzle trees in the garden, cross the main Blairgowrie Road and turn right. Walk up the footpath and as you approach the flower meadow and old trailer on the left of Blair Bend, look out for the **letter A** on the bank. Continue on the footpath and when you get to where the lane runs up on the left to Beech Hill (about 150 m) look out for the **letter R** in the grass. Walk down the hill past the berry fields and Boatlands Farm (on the right) until you reach the grassy verge at the bottom of Butterybank Road. On this verge look for the **letter A**. Walk up Butterybank Road to enter the new Community Woodland, look at

the newly planted trees and enjoy the view. On the sloping grassy bank to the town side of the seat you will find the **letter N**.

Head up BATTERYBANK ROAD to the junction with CADDAM ROAD and turn right up CADDAM ROAD. Walk up the left side of CADDAM ROAD and go into the garden of Drumlogie to see the fabulous display of snowdrops there. Continue up CADDAM ROAD and note the rows of snowdrops planted for quite a distance on both sides. Look for the **letter G** on the sloping grassy bank opposite the track on the right that leads to Kempfill Farm, the river and the Community Garden. If you like, walk 30 m down the track and take a peek at the Community Garden, set up in July 2014. For more great views of the Grampians and Sidlaws walk a little further up CADDAM ROAD or about 200 m down the Kempfill Track. Retrace your steps down CADDAM ROAD and turn right into Strathmore Avenue. Stay on the right hand side and at the junction with Sidlaw Place look for the **letter U** on one grass verge as well as a snowdrop spiral design on the opposite grass verge. Keep walking down Strathmore Avenue, turn left and keeping on the right side walk up Kings Road until you see a wee path to the right that will take you onto George Street, the main road to Perth.

Turn right and walk past Scotmid and 2 Sisters factory until you are just past the grassy mound with the large standing stone. The final **letter S** is in the grass verge on a mound a bit towards Perth from the standing stone. While you are on the verge, look across the road to the Coupar Burn that flows there. The banks of this part of the burn are covered in a lovely display of snowdrops. Walk back up to the main street past the new Community Garden at Rodgers Buildings to the Y Hall for refreshments.

SNOWDROP WALK 2: Coupar Angus to Lintrose and back

A circular walk starting and finishing at the Y Hall on Union Street. It will take about 2.5 hours to walk or 50 minutes to cycle and is approximately 7 km long. The walk is mainly flat and there are opportunities for some fabulous views.

Leave the Y Hall and make your way to the traffic lights on the relief road, opposite the White House. Set off up the road to Dundee, admiring Roz Arno-Button's large snowdrop mural on the window of the house next to the Steeple tower.

Turn right into Precinct Street, walk on past the Enverdale Gym and continue for another kilometre or so. Note the fabulous display of snowdrops on each side of the road: they were planted by the late Fred French of Campmuir for his wife and run from Coupar Angus to his former house at Campmuir. The road goes up a gentle hill and then comes to minor crossroads with a bend to the right, another wee road straight on and a track to the left. On the left there is a sign for East Balgersho, the location of Roz Arno-Button's Potting Shed Studio. During the Snowdrop Festival you are welcome to drop in and take a look at the exhibition there.

Turn back and follow the road straight on which will take you past Balgersho House and Cottages. After about 1.5 km you will approach Campmuir. Fred French's house is tucked in the trees on the left. Continue to the T-junction and turn left. Continue past the road off to the right, until you reach a cottage on the left and a sign indicating a footpath through the grounds of Lintrose House. Take this footpath and follow it down through the woods to the wee loch, hydro scheme and old mill. As you walk down the hill past the mill you will see the den on the left is carpeted with snowdrops and some yellow aconites. Mrs Riddell-Webster of Lintrose is happy that you enjoy the snowdrops and spend some time admiring them in their natural setting. From this point follow the obvious track past the farm buildings and Gardeners Cottage and when you reach the end of the track turn right onto

the road and then first left. Keep on towards Kettins Crossroads, turn left and walk towards Coupar Angus. You will notice the more than 9000 snowdrops planted along the verge over the last two years. Make your way back to the Y Hall for refreshments.

SNOWDROP FESTIVAL 2017 PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 23th FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Lecture	Talbot Hall	19.30
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FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Bingo Tea	Town Hall	19.00 for 19.30
Arts & Crafts	High Street Store	11.00 - 15.00
Arts & Crafts	Potting Shed Studio	10.00 - 16.00

SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY

Abbey Church Spring Fair	Abbey Church	10.00 - 14.00
Snowdrop Tea Shop	Y Hall	11.00 - 16.00
Arts & Crafts	High Street Store	11.00 - 15.00
Arts & Crafts	Potting Shed Studio	10.00 - 16.00
Spring Rejuvenation	High Street Store, Garden	12.00 - 14.00
	Community Garden	14.00 - 15.00
Coupar Burn Project	Y Hall upstairs	11.00 - 15.00
Flower Show and Demonstration	St Anne's Church Hall	10.00 - 16.00
Dinner Dance	Red House Hotel	19.00

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Tea Shop	Y Hall	11.00 - 16.00
Arts & Crafts	High Street Store	11.00 - 15.00
Arts & Crafts	Potting Shed Studio	10.00 - 16.00
Coupar Burn Project	Y Hall upstairs	11.00 - 15.00
Flower Show and Demonstration	St Anne's Church Hall	13.00 - 16.00

MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Murder Mystery Supper	Abbey Church	19.00 for 19.30
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FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

PoP Snowdrop Ceilidh	Town Hall	19.00 for 19.30
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SUNDAY 5th MARCH

Snowdrop Cycle	The Cross	10.00 and 11.00
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Window display competition	High Street shops	all week
Snowdrop walks	around Coupar Angus	anytime