

FIFTH YEAR

SNOWDROP FESTIVAL

COUPAR ANGUS

16 FEBRUARY - 4 MARCH 2018

GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON

Swing Night Spring Fair
Lecture Snowdrop Cafe Ceilidh
Vintage Afternoon Tea Quiz
Arts & Crafts Cycling Bingo

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Ceilidh	Town Hall	19.00 for 19.30
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THURSDAY 22th FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Lecture	Talbot Hall	19.30
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Woodland Snowdrops	Princeland House	10.00 - 16.00
Snowdrop Bingo Tea	Town Hall	19.00 for 19.30

SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Abbey Church Spring Fair	Abbey Church	10.00 - 14.00
Snowdrop Cafe	Town Hall	10.00 - 16.00
Woodland Snowdrops	Princeland House	10.00 - 16.00
Yarnstormers' Drop In	High Street Store	11.00 - 15.00
Vintage Upcycled	Heritage Centre	11.00 - 15.00
Potting Shed Studio	East Balgersho	11.00 - 16.00
Vintage Afternoon Tea	St Anne's Church Hall	14.00 - 16.00
Vintage Bulb Arrangements	St Anne's Church Hall	14.00 - 16.00
Openspace@St Anne's Church	St Anne's Church	14.00 - 16.00

SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY

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TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Quiz	Red House Hotel	19.00 for 19.30
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FRIDAY 2nd MARCH

Snowdrop Swing Night	Town Hall	19.30
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SUNDAY 4th MARCH

Snowdrop Cycle	The Cross	10.00 and 11.00
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Window Display Competition	High Street shops	all week
Harlow's Spring Flowers	The Common	spring
Snowdrop walks	around Coupar Angus	year round

WELCOME

Welcome to our 2018 annual Coupar Angus Snowdrop Festival. Our Festival is now into its fifth year - if the Festival were a wedding this would be our 'Wood' anniversary. We have most of the old favourite events and one or two new ones for 2018.

Our Festival starts with the Pride of Place Ceilidh on Friday February 16th in the Town Hall. We follow this with our annual Snowdrop Lecture given this year by



Catherine Erskine, from Cambo in Fife. Catherine's Snowdrop Lecture back in 2015 was a highlight of our second Festival. Catherine was the founder of the Scottish Snowdrop Festival and I would recommend a visit to Cambo if you want to see a truly amazing vista of snowdrops. If you want information on the snowdrop events around the country see <http://discoverscottishgardens.org/scottish-snowdrop-festival/>. There are over fifty snowdrop events around Scotland in 2018 but the Coupar Angus Festival remains one of the few community events.

During the following two weeks we have the Abbey Church Spring Fair, a Snowdrop Quiz organised by

Coupar Angus' very own quiz master, David Carson, our usual window display competition, craft demonstrations at the High Street Store and the Potting Shed Studio, and the Snowdrop Cycle on March 4th.

We have two new events in 2018. First, on Friday March 2nd we have an exciting Snowdrop Swing Night in the Town Hall. This evening will feature music from the 40s and 50s and there will be lots opportunities for dancing or just relaxing to the sound of swing. Our second new event is a Snowdrop Cafe in the Town Hall which will be part of the Perth & Kinross Council Participatory Budgeting process. Come along on February 24th and vote for your favourite community projects.

I hope you enjoy our Snowdrop Festival.

John Palfreyman, Town Team Coupar Angus

ENTERTAINMENT

PoP SNOWDROP CEILIDH

Fri 16 February

19.00 for 19.30

Come to the Pride of Place Family Ceilidh!

Tickets are £6, with children 12 and under free. The price includes a light supper and there is a raffle. **Bring your own refreshment and cups.**

For tickets leave a phone message on 01828 628747 for Tracy and Alan.

VENUE: Town Hall, Union St

SNOWDROP BINGO TEA

Fri 23 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 any time during school hours, ideally before February 16th.** 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, Union St

ABBEY CHURCH SPRING FAIR

Sat 24 February

10.00 - 14.00

Come along to our Spring Fair: there will be community and craft stalls, tombola and a raffle. See our latest snowdrop mobile. Children and adults alike can take part in Snowdrop craft activities including printing, along with wood turning demonstrations.

Entry £2, this includes refreshments.

Soup will be on sale from noon.

Children free, must be accompanied by an adult.



VENUE: Abbey Church, Queen St

ENTERTAINMENT

SNOWDROP CAFE

Sat, Sun 24, 25 Feb

10.00 - 16.00

The 2018 Snowdrop Cafe will have a split personality this year - rather like a double headed snowdrop.

On **Saturday 24th February** the Snowdrop Cafe will be held **at the Town Hall**.

We will be serving teas and coffees as well as soups and bread, savouries and cakes and biscuits. On that day, the Town Hall will also be hosting the **Eastern Perthshire Decides Participatory Budget voting event** - as well as the Snowdrop Cafe. This voting event is being run by Perth & Kinross Council and gives local groups the chance to put their pitch to voters in order to get their votes. In this event votes mean funding. There will be quite a buzz about the place with groups from up the Glens, and all points in east Perthshire through to Scone involved.



On **Sunday 25th February** the Snowdrop Cafe will be held **in the Y Hall** on Union Street with the same range of goodies as on Saturday and will have a more sedate, relaxed atmosphere. **Ideal for a light lunch with friends after a Snowdrop Walk.**

VENUES: Saturday 24 February **Town Hall**, Union St

Sunday 25 February **Y Hall**, Union St

VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA

Sat, Sun 24, 25 Feb

14.00 - 16.00

St Anne's Church will be hosting a Vintage afternoon tea over the weekend.

Relive a nostalgic time, and enjoy your tea with sandwiches, scones, home made jam and cakes including gluten free items, served on delicate china.

Catering by **Alison Jones** of Alison's Kitchen at £4.00 a head.



Great destination after a Snowdrop Walk!

VENUE: St Anne's Church Hall, Forfar Rd

ENTERTAINMENT

SNOWDROP QUIZ

Tuesday 27 February

19.00 for 19.30

2018 sees the return of the Snowdrop Quiz run by Coupar Angus' very own **David Carson**. Most of the questions will be general knowledge but we are promised a few about snowdrops. A little research before the Quiz is recommended. Teams of four are invited to come along or, if you are not in a team, just turn up on the night and we will find partners for you. The cost will be £10 for a team of four. Great prizes to be won.

VENUE: Red House Hotel, Station Rd

SNOWDROP SWING NIGHT

Fri 2 March

19.30

Dress up, dance and have fun 40s style!

The fun and games and dancing to get you in the Glen Miller mood start at 7.30pm and 40s memorabilia will be on show. Would you and your pals like to do a song or dance routine? And regarding the dancing – we have instructors to show us how to do the Jive, Lindy Hop or Palais Glide. Let us know if you'd like to learn these dances by attending fun sessions for a few weeks before the night, and we will arrange times, venue etc.

Hairstyles on the day: at The Cross in Coupar Angus, ladies can have their hair put up 40s style, for a reduced rate – book in advance with **Kim at Norrie's** on 01828-627278, and men a 40s quiff created by **Stephen at The Vintage Barber Shop** – call him beforehand on 07562 390361.

Refreshments: Bring your own 40s picnic basket with drinks, glasses and nibbles.



To avoid disappointment, book your dance ticket (£5) via Val Kidd on 01828 627145 or valkidd50@gmail.com . Under 13s accompanied by adult.

VENUE: Town Hall, Union St

'SHOW DROP' WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION

all week

Businesses participating in this competition will decorate their shop window with a Snowdrop theme. Our judges will be looking for originality and how well the display reflects the shop's own business. The winner will be presented with a little prize and their winning display can look forward to a photo shoot for the CANdo magazine.

VENUE: all over Coupar Angus

PLANTS

ANNUAL SNOWDROP LECTURE

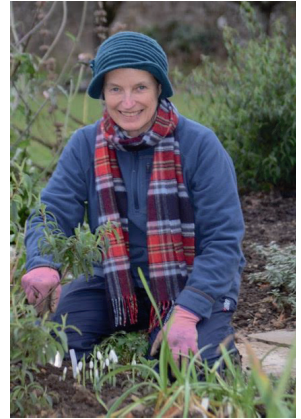
Thur 22 February

19.30

Don't put your garden to bed for the winter!

This will be our 5th Annual Snowdrop Lecture. The speaker, **Catherine Erskine** will be suggesting that we don't just forget about our gardens during the winter. As she will explain, there are plenty of other plants which look good in winter, not just snowdrops. So, if you want some colour in your garden in the winter, and something to raise your spirits during the dark days at this time of year, then come along to Catherine's lecture. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer session and a chance to purchase some of Catherine's unusual snowdrops. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served after the lecture.

VENUE: Talbot Hall, Trades Lane



WOODLAND SNOWDROPS

Fri, Sat, Sun 23, 24, 25 Feb

10.00 - 16.00

With the help of family and friends from John Munro's gardening group we have created a Snowdrop walk within a small area of woodland. We welcome visitors to enjoy, hopefully, a wonderful display of snowdrops which have been divided. These will continue to be divided to plant up the whole garden and driveway in the years to come. The walk leads to a view of the Couttie Bridge.



Approx time 10 mins. Stout walking shoes

required. Sorry no dogs. **Please park outside**

the grounds and walk up the drive from the lodge house entrance on Blairgowrie Road.

VENUE: Princeland House, Blairgowrie Rd PH13 9AU

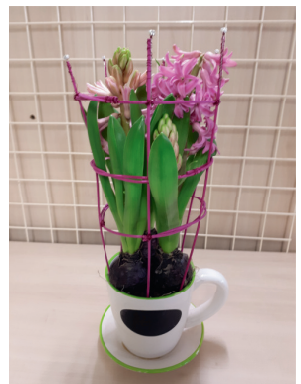
VINTAGE BULB ARRANGEMENTS

Sat 24 February

14.00 - 16.00

Kate Gregory from Moyness Garden Centre in Blairgowrie demonstrates how to display bulbs in different containers. The theme is 'Vintage'.

The demo items will be on view over the weekend and are for sale.



VENUE: St Anne's Church Hall, Forfar Rd

ARTS & CRAFTS

YARNSTORMERS' DROP IN

Sat, Sun 24, 25 Feb

11.00 - 15.00

The High Street Store, our community shop, supplies locally grown fruit and veg and a wide range of healthy foodstuff. It also showcases and sells local artists' work. Our artisans also organise workshops.

Why not pop in this weekend for a browse, and let our Yarnstormers show you how to knit, crochet or felt.

VENUE: High Street Store, The Cross

VINTAGE UPCYCLED

Sat, Sun 24, 25 Feb

11.00 – 15.00

Come to see the work of two local artists who are part of the ever growing movement of upcycling! **Mary Meldrum Brown** and **Cornelia Weinmann** will convince you that vintage furniture and household accessories can be turned into colourful unique show pieces. There will also be paintings, prints and cards.



VENUE: Heritage Centre, 8 George St

POTTING SHED STUDIO

Sat, Sun 24, 25 Feb

various hours

The studio of mixed media artist **Roz Arno-Button** is set within an allotment space just on the outskirts of Coupar Angus, where she will have her hand made cards and mixed media works for sale.

There will be a drop-in demonstration of stencilling, machine embroidery and hand stitching revolving around the Snowdrop theme.

The studio is open

Saturday 11.00 - 16.00, Sunday 14.00 - 15.00.

You may wish to combine a visit to the Potting Shed Studio with one of the walks or cycle events.

This is a free event, all welcome! Parking.

VENUE: East Balgersho, Coupar Angus PH13 9JD



CYCLE & QUIET SPACES

SNOWDROP CYCLE

Sun 4 March

10.00 and 11.00

Our 2018 Snowdrop Cycle will as usual start from The Cross. If you fancy a cycle of 20 or 30 miles then come along at 10.00. For a shorter cycle, up to 10 miles, you will need to be at The Cross at 11.00. The cycles will feature displays of snowdrops around Eastern Perthshire (Cateran Country) and if you know of any displays that we have missed in previous years then please let **John Palfreyman** know (contact details on back). If you would like to borrow an electric bike, a tandem, or just a bike then contact **Grant Murdoch** on cachub@outlook.com or **John Palfreyman**. If it is a while since you have been on a bike and would like to have a 'pre Snowdrop Cycle' then give John a call. Finally, if your bike needs a service then contact Grant or come along to the Cycle Store at the Cross (Tuesday to Friday 13.30 to 16.30 or all day on Saturday). After the cycle there will be refreshments in the Y Hall on Union St.

START: The Cross



OPENSOURCE@ST ANNE'S CHURCH **Sat, Sun 24, 25 Feb** **14.00 - 16.00**

All welcome to absorb the peaceful atmosphere of the Open Space at St. Anne's Church, which will be filled with snowdrops and candlelight.

VENUE: St Anne's Church, Forfar Rd

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Sun 25 February

16.00 -16.30

All welcome. More details from Charmian 01828 627229.

VENUE: St Anne's Church, Forfar Rd

HARLOW'S SPRING FLOWERS

Following the loss of our precious daughter Harlow in October 2016, we were gifted a beautiful memorial bench, which was installed on the Coupar Angus common. Providing a quiet spot for reflection, the bench was a heartfelt and much appreciated show of support from the local community. Looking to add a perennial touch, the Pride of Place team decided a river of crocus and snowdrops planted around the bench would add to the already beautiful feel of this tribute. With the help of many local volunteers, the bulbs were planted and what followed in the spring of 2017 was nothing short of breath-taking! Indeed, such was the beauty, that a photograph of the scene, taken by a local photographer, won a cash prize in a competition! The prize money was kindly donated to Pride of Place, more bulbs were purchased and duly planted, and we now look forward to seeing the results in the coming months and years, as we enjoy the annual tribute to our very own little flower.

The Edwards Family

VENUE: The Common, Forfar Rd

WALKS

Snowdrop Walk 1: 'Coupar Angus' spelled in snowdrops

THESE WALKS CROSS SOME BUSY ROADS AND SECTIONS ARE ALONGSIDE A BUSY ROAD. PLEASE BE A SAFE, RESPONSIBLE WALKER. A circular walk starting and finishing in the town centre. It takes about 1.5 hours and is approximately 3 km long, includes a short hill and has several view points. From **The Cross** head towards the car park of the **Red House Hotel**. The **letter C** is in the grass verge, beside the main road, just to the south of the car park entrance. 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 Butterybank 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 Kemphill 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. Feel free to look around! For more great views of the Grampians and Sidlaws walk a little further up Caddam Road or about 200 m down the Kemphill Track.

WALKS

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 town centre for refreshments.

Snowdrop Walk 2: Coupar Angus to Lintrose and back












A circular walk starting and finishing in the town centre. 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.

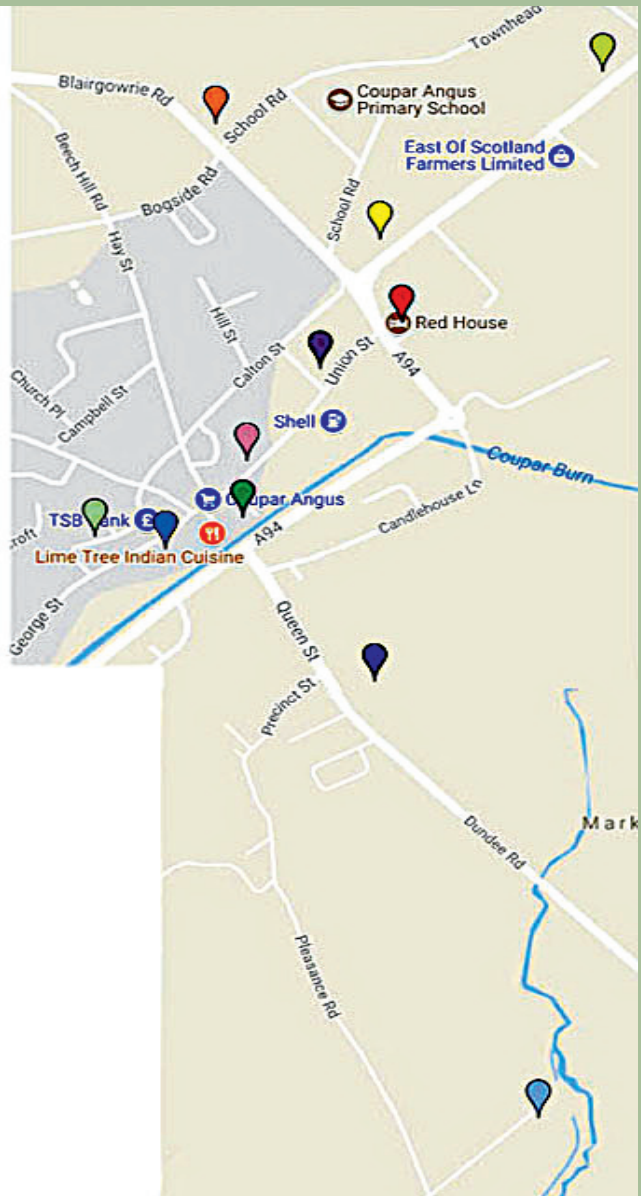
Leave the town centre and make your way to the traffic lights opposite the **White House** on **Queen Street**. Set off up the road to Dundee, admiring Roz Arno-Button's large snowdrop mural on the window of the house next to the Steeple tower.

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**. You are welcome to drop in and take a look at the work of this local artist. 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 - we have learned that snowdrops don't like main road verges and the winter salt spray off the roads! Make your way back to the town centre for refreshments.

The Snowdrop Festival Venues in Coupar Angus

Snowdrop Festival 2018

-  The Common
-  Princeland House
-  Saint Anne's Church and Hall
-  Red House Hotel
-  Town Hall
-  Y Hall
-  The Cross, High Street Store
-  Heritage Centre
-  Talbot Hall
-  Abbey Church
-  East Balgersho



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