

SIXTH YEAR

SNOWDROP FESTIVAL

COUPAR ANGUS

15 - 24 FEBRUARY 2019

GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON

Antiques Road Show Snowdrop Fair
Lecture Snowdrop Cafe Walks
Vintage Tea Quiz Photo Competition
Arts & Crafts Cycling Bingo

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Cycle for Cake	Cycling Hub	9.15
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SATURDAY 16th FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Cafe	Town Hall	10.00 - 15.30
Community Choices	Town Hall	10.00 - 15.30
Photo Competition Judging	Town Hall	15.00
Antiques Road Show	Town Hall	13.00 - 16.00
Woodland Snowdrops	Princeland House	10.00 - 16.00
Learn new Crafts	Cycling Hub	11.00 - 15.00
Pop-Up Snowdrop Art	East Balgersho	11.00 - 16.00

SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY

Woodland Snowdrops	Princeland House	10.00 - 16.00
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WEDNESDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Quiz	Cycling Hub	19.00 for 19.30
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THURSDAY 21st FEBRUARY

Annual Snowdrop Lecture	Cycling Hub	19.30
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FRIDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Bingo Tea	Town Hall	19.00 for 19.30
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SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Abbey Church Snowdrop Fair	Abbey Church	10.00 - 14.00
Design in Coupar Angus	Heritage Centre	11.00 - 15.00
Vintage Tea	St Anne's Church Hall	14.00 - 16.00
Openspace@St Anne's Church	St Anne's Church	14.00 - 16.00

SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Design in Coupar Angus	Heritage Centre	11.00 - 15.00
Vintage Tea	St Anne's Church Hall	14.00 - 16.00
Openspace@St Anne's Church	St Anne's Church	14.00 - 16.00
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Snowdrop Cycle	Cycling Hub	10.00 and 11.00

Window Display Competition	around the town	Festival days
Bulbs on the Common	around the Common	spring
Snowdrop walks	around Coupar Angus	year round

WELCOME

Welcome to our 2019 annual Coupar Angus Snowdrop Festival.

Our Festival is now into its sixth year - if the Festival were a wedding this would be our 'Copper' or 'Wool' anniversary. Items made of these represent warmth, so fingers crossed for this year. We have most of the old favourite events and one or two new ones for 2019.

Our 2019 Festival is a special one. Its main sponsor is the Climate Challenge Fund, the CCF.



The CCF gives money to local groups who are trying to reduce the carbon footprints of their communities. In Coupar Angus we have funds to encourage growing of local food, active transport (cycling) and reuse (the Charity Shop). We also have a Climate Cafe, a Climate Literacy course, work with local schools and lots more.

For further information about the Coupar Angus CCF project please contact Ian Simpson on iansimpsonic@gmail.com.

Our Festival starts with a Snowdrop Cycle on Friday February 15th. On the 16th we have a variety of community events and an 'Antiques

Road Show' and lots more in the Town Hall. We have craft workshops in the Cycling Hub (former Bowling Club) and another Snowdrop Cycle on the 24th February. On the 23rd February we have the Abbey Church Snowdrop Fair and an exhibition of work by local artists in the Heritage Centre. And if you want to join in with the "Carbon Reduction" theme then please come to these, and the following events on foot or by bike! Our annual Snowdrop Lecture is on the 21st February, given by Catherine Erskine, from Cambo in Fife. One thing she will mention is how the snowdrop season is changing, probably due to global warming. Catherine's Snowdrop Lecture back in 2015 was a highlight of our second Festival. 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 2019 but the Coupar Angus Festival remains one of the few community events.

During the two weeks of the Festival we also have a Snowdrop Quiz organised by Coupar Angus' very own quiz master, David Carson, our usual window display competition, Snowdrop walks and a range of events at St Anne's Church including Alison Jones' famous Vintage Teas. And don't forget to look at the Bulbs on the Common. I hope you enjoy the Festival described here.

ENTERTAINMENT

SNOWDROP CAFE

Saturday 16 February

10.00 - 15.30

Our Snowdrop Cafe welcomes you with food and entertainment.

The youngsters from Coupar Angus Youth Activities Group (CAYAG) will be helping serve teas, coffees and light lunches. An ideal venue to take a rest after a bracing Snowdrop Walk. Alongside the Snowdrop Cafe there will be interesting displays and events: get involved in **Community**



Choices, take part in the **Photography Competition** and our **Antiques Road Show!**



If you would like to run a stall in the Town Hall let **John Palfreyman** know on palfreyman85@gmail.com asap.

VENUE: Town Hall, Union St

COMMUNITY CHOICES

Saturday 16 February

10.00 - 15.30

Community Funding in Coupar Angus: our chance to see what's on offer and help make choices.

Alongside the Snowdrop Cafe and stalls will be a Community Choices exhibition. This will be at a series of displays from the local groups that are keen to win your votes to obtain funding from the Community Choices Fund of Coupar Angus and Bendochy Community Council.

This opportunity is a one off at present. If we make a success of it then we may well get further community funding from the Scottish Government, in future years. So please come along, get involved and help develop your community.

VENUE: Town Hall, Union St

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION JUDGING **Saturday 16 February** **15.00**

In a new venture we will be running a Snowdrop photographic competition this year. **Competitors will submit their photos in JPEG format Friday 15th February to John Palfreyman at palfreyman85@gmail.com.**

Judging and Keynote/Powerpoint presentation in the Town Hall on Saturday at 15.00. There will be a small prize for the winner and their photo will be used on the cover of CANdo and in next year's Snowdrop Festival Programme. We would also hope to get the prizewinning photograph in the local paper.

VENUE: Town Hall, Union St

ENTERTAINMENT

ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW Saturday 16 February 13.00 - 16.00

Joe Richards, a local antique dealer and chairman of Coupar Angus and District Heritage Association, will be giving appraisals and valuations of a wide range of antiques and collectables. His specialist areas include gold and silver, coins and medals, military items, farming and medical, furniture and local history and more. Each item you wish valued will cost 50 pence. All money goes towards the Snowdrop fund.

VENUE: Town Hall, Union St

SNOWDROP QUIZ Wednesday 20 February 19.00 for 19.30

2019 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: Cycling Hub (former Bowling Club), 1 Forfar Rd PH13 9AL

SNOWDROP BINGO TEA Friday 22 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

ENTERTAINMENT

ABBEY CHURCH SNOWDROP FAIR Saturday 23 February 10.00 - 14.00

Wide range of community and craft stalls, a tombola and raffle, with a new snowdrop mobile on display, made by the Children's Ministry. There will be snowdrop craft activities for children and adults alike, making your own mobile, trying your hand at printing and badge making, face painting plus wood turning demonstrations.

Entry £2.50, this includes refreshments. Soup will be on sale from noon.

Children free, must be accompanied by an adult.

VENUE: Abbey Church, Queen St



VINTAGE TEA

Sat, Sun 23, 24 February

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 £5.00 a head.

Great destination after a Snowdrop Walk!

VENUE: St Anne's Church Hall, Forfar Rd



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: around Coupar Angus

PLANTS, ARTS & CRAFTS

WOODLAND SNOWDROPS **Sat, Sun 16, 17 February** **10.00 - 16.00**

The Snowdrops at Princeland House have been divided for the last three years. From a small area of woodland they are being planted around the gardens to extend the Snowdrop Walk. Visitors are welcome to meander through the snowdrops. Donations will be gratefully received and go towards the Breast Cancer unit at Western General Hospital.

No cars, parking available on School Road and further past the school at the Common. Walk up the drive from the lodge house entrance on Blairgowrie Road. No dogs please.

VENUE: Princeland House, Blairgowrie Rd PH13 9AU



ANNUAL SNOWDROP LECTURE **Thursday 21 February** **19.30**

For our 6th Annual Snowdrop Lecture we are delighted to invite back **Catherine Erskine**, the initiator of Snowdrop Festivals across Scotland. With her huge



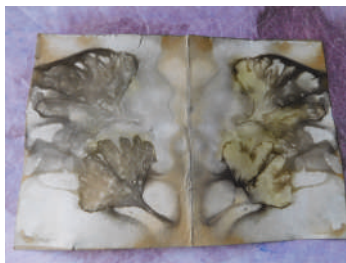
knowledge of everything to do with snowdrops we are ensured a fascinating evening of useful information and interesting anecdotes about our favourite winter flower. In addition we can expect thoughts about how to get colour into our gardens by introducing other winter flowering plants. The lecture will 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: Cycling Hub (former Bowling Club), 1 Forfar Rd PH13 9AL

LEARN NEW CRAFTS **Saturday 16 February** **11.00 - 15.00**

Local artist **Alison Knight** will demonstrate painting with acrylics on slate. Our **Coupar Angus Yarnstormers** will show you how to make pompoms and hold a Knitting Surgery. If you have a problem piece of knitting or crochet please bring it along and we will see if our experts can help sort it out. **Sue Ferguson** will be teaching Tunisian Crochet. **Maggie Langelaan** and **Phyllis Campbell** will show you Eco Printing on Paper.

The local **Mens Shed** will be demonstrating wood turning and other practical skills. You can expect some interesting viewing and the Shed members will definitely be doing something snowdrop related. Come along and have fun! Suitable for all ages. Tea and Coffee available.



VENUE: Cycling Hub (former Bowling Club), 1 Forfar Rd PH13 9AL

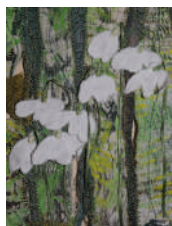
ARTS & CRAFTS

POP-UP SNOWDROP ART

Saturday February 16

11.00 - 16.00

Celebrate the snowdrop in paint and stitch! Various local textile artists will demonstrate their craft, together with a range of unique hand crafted gifts and paintings for sale. All welcome to participate and try your hand at a new craft. Suitable for children accompanied with an adult. Free demonstrations. Artist **Roz Arno-Button** will be exhibiting from her studio which will be transformed into a 'Snowdrop Den' with handcrafted mixed media items for sale including cushions, small canvases and painted tiles. Enjoy playing with the sewing machine using images of snowdrops to make cards with **Margaret Young**, Spectra Textile Artist. Local crafter **Lynn Link** is currently working on projects using denim, burlap, wool and velvet. She will be on hand to give a demonstration for children who have the opportunity to make a Snowdrop Plaque, and she will be showing you what can be made



using an old pair of jeans. Textile artist **Pam Canning** specialises in hand and machine embroidery creating pieces based on wildlife, gardens and landscape. She will show you how to create beautiful snowdrop miniatures using simple hand stitches. Local artist and illustrator **Helen Welsh** will be exhibiting her framed and

unframed artworks.

This is a free event, all welcome! Parking.

VENUE: The Barn at East Balgersho, Coupar Angus PH13 9JD



DESIGN IN COUPAR ANGUS

Sat, Sun 23, 24 February

11.00 – 15.00

Three local artists turn the Heritage Centre into a pop-up showroom:

Ann Napier creates expressive abstract art, contemporary upcycled furniture, and transforms objects of historical, sentimental or visual value into quirky artwork for home interiors. **Cornelia Weinmann** shows her colourful upcycled furniture painted in bold designs. **Mary Brown** exhibits mixed media work like hand



painted and dyed decorative screens, decoupaged items and multimedia pieces. We also have prints and cards and Ann's one-off hand woven art pieces.

VENUE: Heritage Centre, 8 George St



CYCLE & QUIET SPACES

SNOWDROP CYCLE FOR CAKE

Friday 15 February

9.15

Our normal C4C cycle will incorporate a note of snowdrops found on the route. The best displays will feature on the Snowdrop Cycle on Sunday 24th February.

START: Cycling Hub (former Bowling Club), 1 Forfar Rd PH13 9AL

SNOWDROP CYCLE

Sunday 24 February

10.00 and 11.00

Our 2019 Snowdrop Cycle will as usual start from the Cycling Hub on Forfar Road. 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 Cycling Hub at 11.00.

The cycles will feature displays of snowdrops around Eastern Perthshire. If you would like to borrow an electric bike, a tandem, or just a bike then please contact **Charlie** on charliesmith91@icloud.com. If it is a while since you have been on a bike and would like to have a 'pre Snowdrop Cycle' then give **John Palfreyman** a call on 07703 766087. Finally, if your bike needs a service then contact **Grant** or come along to the Cycling Store on Forfar Road (Tuesday to Saturdays 09.30 - 16.30) and ask for Charlie. After the cycle there will be refreshments in the Events Room at the Cycling Hub.



We will be joining Perth based ByCycle this year so are expecting lots of cyclists.

START: Cycling Hub (former Bowling Club), 1 Forfar Rd PH13 9AL

OPENSOURCE@ST ANNE'S CHURCH Sat, Sun 23, 24 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

TAIZE SERVICE

Sunday 24 February

16.00 - 16.30

All welcome.

VENUE: St Anne's Church, 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 **Town Hall**. Just past the Town Hall the **letter C** is to be found in the grass verge of the large flower bed (the one with the flag pole) just to the town side of **Clyde the Horse** sculpture. From there walk south past the Red House Hotel and at the roundabout by Balhousie Care Home take the exit towards **Candlehouse Lane** and the Health Centre.

At the first bend turn left and then carry on along the track (do not take the turn off to Thorn Alley). Cross the little bridge over the burn and you will see the track bears round and down to the right, where it can be quite muddy. The **letter O** is at the top on the right before the track dips down.

From here, go down the slope and onto the track on the south side of the high wire fence. Take care, there may be water, ice or mud. Follow this path as it twists and turns and head to **Larghan Park**. ***If this track is flooded, walk to Larghan Park by turning around and following the proper footpaths past the Red House Hotel, 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

WALKS

a little further up Caddam Road or about 200 m down the Kemphill 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 beside 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 were once covered in a lovely display of snowdrops which hopefully are re-establishing themselves after the burn was cleared for flood prevention measures in 2015. 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 a 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 right 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 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 of Coupar Angus for refreshments.

The Snowdrop Festival Venues in Coupar Angus



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