



PITCAIRNGREEN
Village Newsletter

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the February newsletter and to 2025! Although the dark mornings persist, the afternoons are stretching and the snowdrops and crocus on the green remind us that Spring is round the corner. Phew!

Many of you will have seen the new metal sign outside the hall this month. It was crafted, painted and installed by local blacksmith and Pitcairngreen resident, Brian Meddicks. We would like to record our thanks for his very generous work and I'm sure you will agree that it is a fine addition to the village.

Gillian

Message from the Pitcairngreen Village Association Committee

As we start to move through 2025, the Committee wishes to thank residents for their ongoing support, and be candid about the increasing challenges of our work. Rising costs are affecting households in the area, and are impacting on our ability to sustainably run the Village Hall and keep the Green maintained and accessible for everyone's enjoyment. The Committee works hard to fundraise but, as a small group of volunteers, there is only so much we can do alone.

While we do have a formal Committee structure, the whole village has a stake in the work of the Association. This year, the Committee is really keen to encourage more residents to get involved in events and help us plan a programme of fundraising that can improve our financial position. We have had some initial ideas, including 'The Great Village Bake-off,' a quiz night, a cheese and wine social, or even a book group. What might be of interest to your household? How could you help us make it happen?

If you have ideas or are keen to get more involved, please get in touch via the Hall's website / Facebook page. Alternatively, you can contact any of the Committee directly.

Wishing you all the very best for 2025,

Beth Guthrie

Chair

Village Hall Events

On Sunday the 16th February the Friends of Cognac are hosting a film afternoon and Mon 24th sees the West Stormont Historical Society use the hall for an event. See below for details.



Village Lunches

The ever popular village lunches are a great way of meeting people we only see going past in their cars, catching up with friends and for new members of our community to get to know everyone. **The next one is on Monday 3rd March from 12 noon until 1.30pm.** We look forward to seeing you...



West Stormont Historical Society

January has been a great month for the Society as we welcomed in 2025 with a comedy event showcasing stand-up comic, historian and writer, Bruce Fumme at our usual Topic evening. Bruce is taking his latest tour down under and came to share his show with us – a different sort of evening for the Society but very welcome and a lot of laughs!



Our usual lecture night also offered something a little different and we had a Scottish Evening instead of a talk. Performers included local guitarist, Craig Allen with Peter Oates on fiddle, the ever popular accordionist Peter Bruce and regular performers for West Stormont, the singer songwriters, PlaidSong. A great night was had by all and some very welcome appreciation for local talent. Indeed, this led to some ideas about us hosting West Stormont Sessions, music in local historic venues, much as we did at Murthly Castle Chapel last year. Watch this space....

Our full programme and how to join us is found on our website www.wshs.org.uk

Our next evening will be our Topic Night, usual venue of Luncarty Church Centre from 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend and the topic will be Leisure and Recreation.

Our February talk will be in Pitcairngreen, on February 24th at 7.30pm. We are delighted to be hosting Lara Haggerty, from Innerpeffray Library. Her talk is entitled, A Brush With The Past: Selections From The Collection At Scotland's First Lending Library. Please join us for what will be an informative and interesting evening! Sure to inspire a visit to the library in the coming season. All welcome, members free, visitors £5.

Please see our website for other information, our full programme and links to Auld Times our regular magazine. Our full programme and how to join us is found on our website www.wshs.org.uk



St Serf's Ladies Group

St Serf's Ladies Group will meet on **Thursday 6th March** in the Almondbank Church Hall at 2.00pm.

The speaker will be Mr Doug Gillies from the Vine Trust talking to us about his work in Moshi – a town at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro. The Vine Trust enables volunteers to provide medical, home-building and care support to communities living in severe poverty in Tanzania and Peru.

Would you like to include something in next edition?

Contributions are most welcome to this newsletter. Any great photos, event info or local stories welcome. Thank you.

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