

Aberdour  
Festival  
2025

Celebrating 100 Years  
of Television



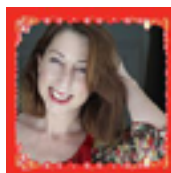
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This year we celebrate the 41st Aberdour Festival, our much-loved 10-day community event, in what many would describe as the best village in Scotland! It is because of the amazing generosity of our community, in terms of time, energy, commitment, enthusiasm, as well as skills and expertise, that this village is able to put together such an amazing 10-day event.

The committee has worked hard again this year to bring together a packed programme of music, talks, sport, dance, literature and the visual arts, and we sincerely hope that you will find there is something for everyone!

After our celebrations last year of 40 years of the festival, this year the festival will look slightly different. This year we wish to bring the festival to the heart of the village, using our established venues and beautiful surrounds. There are many benefits to this, however we would like to draw everyone's attention to the fact that the venues have maximum capacities and therefore there will be a finite number of tickets for each event. We strongly recommend that you buy your tickets early so to avoid disappointment.

The theme of this year's festival is '100 years of Television,' as 2025 marks one hundred years since the first television image was transmitted by Scottish inventor, John Logie Baird. '100 years of Television' will be the theme of Family Games Night, as well as the parade, the Sandcastle Competition, Raft Race and the Scarecrow Trail. The first television picture was



a greyscale image featuring the head of a ventriloquist's dummy nicknamed 'Stooky Bill'. Now there's an easy idea for a scarecrow perhaps?

Our children's programme is packed with fun and games for everyone, and we are delighted that the Teddy Bear's Picnic is back! The young people will once again be involved in the Crew. Every year they do a fantastic job, and we look forward to their able assistance again this year.

A big thankyou goes to the businesses and individuals who have sponsored events, donated funds or given up their valuable time to ensure that the festival is successful, to the shops, hotels, cafes and pubs for their support, and to our talented sports people, local artists, musicians and performers who make it all possible.

Please take time to look through the programme and visit our website. We thank you all once again for your support and encouragement and we look forward to seeing you all during the festival.

*Helen Pearson*

Helen Pearson, Chairperson and the 2025 Festival Committee

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Our primary method for getting in touch with people is via our social media channels and our Email Newsletter.

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# Aberdour Art Festival Friday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July



Aberdour ART Festival presents a cornucopia of work to excite, challenge and appeal, by familiar and new artists, in the heart of the village. Friday's Opening Night is a great event that helps kick-start the Festival activities and this year's promises to be as good as ever!

## Opening Times

- » Friday 25 July 6.00pm - 9.00pm Opening Night!
- » Saturday 26 July 11.00am – 5.00pm
- » Sunday 27 July 12.00noon - 4.00pm

## FREE exhibitions in various venues around the village:

### The Long Gallery, Aberdour Castle

A new venue this year – not to be missed!

### St Fillan's Church Hall, High Street

Enjoy the chance to see newly exhibited art and craft, with something for everyone!

### The Institute, Shore Road

Art and craft by local artists here, too – a must-visit venue!

### Cosagach at Harbour Studio

Take a trip down to the harbour to see the wonderful work on display, featuring local artists, designer, crafters and makers.

### eight studio, 08 Shore Road

Featuring work by Chrissie Heughan, Sarah Belle, Sheila Carnduff and Judith Rowan.

### The Signal Box Studio, Aberdour Station

Featuring work by Lynette Gray and Paul Neal.

### Other venues throughout the heart of the village

This year's Aberdour ART Festival venues also include Aberdour Heritage Centre, The Café @ Number 16, and The Drinks Cabinet. Venues will be clearly marked and free venue guides will be available to lead you around the ART Festival displays.

# Aberdour Scarecrow Hunt

Follow the Aberdour Scarecrow Trail!

Welcome to the Aberdour Festival 2025 Scarecrow Competition! This will be the 7th year that we have held this brilliant competition and what a fantastic selection of entries we've had over the past few years. So get your thinking caps on and join in the challenge! Families, groups and individuals are invited to make scarecrows with this year's theme of '100 years of Television' in mind! So, have a think about your favourite shows, favourite characters or...? We can't wait to see how creative you can be! Maps will then be available so everyone can follow the Scarecrow Trail!



Families, groups or individuals to email [chair@aberdourfestival.org](mailto:chair@aberdourfestival.org) with their name, address and scarecrow name, no later than Wednesday 23rd July to ensure your place on the map. Please ensure you receive a confirmation email by this date also.

Open to all. More than one scarecrow may be entered per household. Please mention this in your email. We would encourage you to display your scarecrows in your gardens/doorsteps during the full festival week, but they MUST BE DISPLAYED ON SATURDAY 26th JULY.

Maps/voting forms will be available for sale at £1.00 at The Purple Shop and from the Festival Box Office @ The Church Hall during Festival Week. The Winner/s will be announced at Village Sports Day, Saturday 2nd August (after the Tug of War!).

The more scarecrows, the more fun ... so please join in!!







## Spotlight On

### Arts Festival Opening Night

6–9pm – Join The Arts Festival Opening Night– More info page 6

### Ice Cream Factory

5–6pm – A Festival Classic – More info page 9

## How Close on the Jack?! Kids Bowls

tickets: Free – but ticketed  
Aberdour Bowling Club  
15:30 – 16:30

Ever wondered what it takes to master the game of bowls? Now's your chance to find out! Aberdour Bowls Club invites young participants aged 11 and over to join a fun, hands-on introduction to this sociable and surprisingly competitive sport. Learn how to deliver the perfect bowl, aim for the "Jack," and pick up tips and tricks from seasoned players. All equipment is provided—just bring flat-soled trainers and come ready to play!

Consent form required.

places: **12 per session**  
duration: **1 hour**  
category: **kids**  
age group: **11+**

## Ice Cream Factory

tickets: £4  
Tennis Club  
17:00 – 18:20

Kick off this year's festival in sweet style at the Tennis Club with our ever-popular Ice Cream Factory!

Everyone is invited to join the fun and create their own delicious Ice Cream Sundae masterpiece. With plenty of toppings and treats to choose from, it's the perfect way to start the festivities! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sessions at:

- » 17:00
- » 17:20
- » 17:40
- » 18:00

audience: **All**  
places: **30 per session**  
duration: **20 mins**  
category: **family**

## East v West Bowling

tickets: **FREE**  
Aberdour Bowling Club

Forget the football match and the tug-of-war, this year's big East v West sporting clash is taking place on the bowling green! Come along to play in, or watch the inaugural festival East v West bowls match. The competition will be a Ryder Cup style event with several rounds of pairs matches. Each pair will be a member playing with a non-member. For non-members, bowls and all equipment will be provided – just wear a pair of flat soled shoes. The Bar & BBQ will be open til late.

The green will be available from 5.00pm to 6.00pm – with members on hand to give some instruction – for rookie players to come and get the hang of the basics. No experience is necessary, as full training will be given! Eligibility: priority will go to Aberdour residents, but bowlers and non-bowlers from the surrounding area are welcome to come and join the fray.

To register interest text Johnny Phillips on 07908 797960.

doors open: **18:30**  
category: **sport**  
age group: **18+**

Fri 25th July





## Fiesta del Arte

Cafe No 16  
17:00 – 22:00

Join us for a fusion of Mexican flair and Aberdour's festival spirit! With delicious flavours, lively atmosphere, and a showcase of talented artists, it's Fiesta Del Arte at Cafe @ Number 16!

To reserve a table in advance at The Cafe at Number 16, 16 Shore Road, Aberdour: call 01383 325458, message us via fb or via email at [info@forfoodsake.uk](mailto:info@forfoodsake.uk).

When booking please advise if you would like an early or late sitting and we will advise table availability times. Walk ins will be welcome (dependant on availability).

Please notify us of any allergies at booking or upon arrival. Although every effort is made, our kitchen uses allergen ingredients.

audience: **All**  
places: **per session**  
duration: **5 hours**  
category: **food & drink**



## Spotlight On

### Crowning, Festival Parade & Beach Day

10am–9:30pm – Meet at Aberdour Castle for this year's Crowning, follow the parade through the village, end up at Beach Day! Great fun for all the family! – More info page 11

### Arts Festival

11am – 5pm – The best of Aberdour's Art  
More info page 9

## Multi-Day Events

### Yoga on the Silver Sands

10–11am – Morning Yoga  
More info page 47

### Aberdour Flower Festival

11am – 4pm – St Fillan's Church page 48



## Crowning

tickets: **FREE**  
Aberdour Castle  
10:00 – 10:30

Make your way down to Aberdour Castle for the crowning of this year's Royal Party.

What a beautiful setting for this time-houred event! We are delighted that Alison Chapman, Arts Festival Lead and long-standing supporter of the Festival, will officiate! We have four wonderful Primary 7 pupils who are excited to bring a Royal presence to this year's festivities.

We will welcome the Festival Queen, Mila Crichton with her Attendant Tsveti Adamik, and the Festival King, Owen Nicholson with his Attendant Lucas Fenton. Come and join them as they are officially crowned – the Royal Party of the 41st year of the Aberdour Festival! Go on! You know you want to...

audience: **All**  
category: **family**

## Festival Parade

tickets: **FREE**  
Aberdour Castle  
10:30 – 11:30

Join Aberdour's newly crowned Royal Party as they lead the parade through the village in true majestic style to the sounds of the wonderful Dysart Colliery Brass Band. We are thrilled to welcome back this brass band, to help us kick off our 41st Festival in true party spirit. Join the fabulously colourful crowd and if you wish, dress up as your favourite TV character to celebrate this year's theme '100 years of Television!' There will be prizes for the best costumes!

Join us for the Crowning at Aberdour Castle, after which we will walk through the Castle Gardens to Hawkraig Road to meet the Royal Tractor and Brass Band! The parade will proceed along Hawkraig Road up to Main Street, turn left and walk along the High Street to Dovecot Gates. There we will turn around and walk back along the High Street, turning right at Shore Road, and finishing our parade at Black Sands Beach, just in time to register for the spectacular sandcastle competition and join the queue for your first Festival burger of the year!

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> July



key: : Food Available : Bar Available : No Ticket Required : Fringe Event







## Beach Day

tickets: **FREE**  
Black Sands Beach  
11:30 – 21:30

## Sandcastle Competition

tickets: **Donations Welcome**  
Black Sands Beach  
12:00 – 13:00

The day will start as the parade arrives at Black Sands Beach. The 2025 Beach Day will hopefully be the biggest yet as we celebrate the Festival's 41st year! Throughout the day there will be food from the Festival BBQ, stalls along the seafront, harbour games, beach volleyball and our annual Raft Race. The Festival Beach Bar which will be open from 12noon into the evening with live entertainment after the Raft Race. Post-race Aperitivo will be available bringing a spectacular Italian flavour to this amazing day! This is truly a fantastic day so come prepared with a beach bag, sunscreen (oh yes it will be sunny), cash and a readiness for fun. The Aberdour Boat Club will also be open for teas, coffee and delicious home baking.

category: **family**



Run by Aberdour Baby and Toddler Group, this year's Sandcastle Competition's theme will be celebrating all things TV!

Event Schedule:

- » Registration: From 11:30am
- » Building Starts: 12:00pm
- » Judging: 1:00pm

Prizes: 1:30pm As always, there are four fun categories to enter:

1. Sandcastles (Groups of children and adults)
2. Sculptures (Groups of children and adults)
3. Castles or Sculptures (Individual children)
4. Castles or Sculptures (Groups of children) Bring your own bucket and spade, and let your creativity run wild, using only natural materials found on the beach! Good luck!

audience: **All**  
doors open: **11:30am**  
category: **family**



## Raft Race

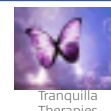
tickets: **£10.00**  
Black Sands Beach  
14:00 – 16:00

Build up from 2.00pm. Race starts at approx. 3.00 pm. Entry per raft £10, maximum 14 entries, no more than 8 persons on a raft.

The event is the highlight of Beach Day and maybe of the entire Festival. The host for this ever-popular event is Kaye Fuscone. It is a true spectacle on the sea and raft teams compete to win the Blair Jordan Trophy. There are also cash prizes for first and second places as well as for the "Best Dressed" Raft. The theme this year is '100 years of television'. Post Race Aperitivo will be served and the Pizza Oven will be fired up at 5.00pm by Sandy's Gelato Crew, bringing a spectacular Italian flavour to this Amazing Day.

Where to buy: The rules for entry are on the Abfest website. To enter please contact Kaye on 07760 413115 / Kfuscone@icloud.com

sponsored by: **niaaberdour**



## Kids Harbour Races

tickets: **FREE**  
Black Sands Beach  
16:00 – 17:00

Kid's rowing races at the harbour! Aberdour Boat Club invite the Under 12s to come and try their hand at rowing! No ticket required – just turn up! Please note: You may well get wet!

age group: **under 12s**



## Open Mic on the Forth

tickets: **FREE**  
Black Sands Beach  
17:00 – 21:30

Following the success of last year the Beach Bar will stay open in the evening with live entertainment and an 'Open Mic' Extravaganza.

For info contact  
Vincente 07389 188788

audience: **All**  
category: **family**



key: : Food Available : Bar Available : No Ticket Required : Fringe Event



Sat 26<sup>th</sup> July



# Spotlight On

## Village Market

11am-9:30pm – Food, crafts, carnival attractions, music, sport! Fun for all the family! – More info page 11

## Arts Festival

11am – 5pm – The best of Aberdour's Art More info page 9

# Multi-Day Events

## Festival Morning Worship

9:45-10:45am – More info page 48

## Yoga on the Silver Sands

10-11am – Morning Yoga More info page 47

## Aberdour Flower Festival

12noon – 4pm – St Fillan's Church More info page 48



## Village Market

tickets: FREE  
Silver Sands Playing Fields  
11:00 – 21:30

This year the Aberdour Village Market will have a European outdoor market vibe with a live music stage, quality food vendors, unique crafters and an atmosphere that will make you want to browse, eat, chill, play and stay all day!

Market Day is held on the beautiful green fields overlooking Silver Sands Beach on Hawkraig Road. The extremely popular Donkey Brae Races, attracting over 500 runners, starts and finishes at the market. The Aberdour Festival Committee will host a full bar, there will be games for all the family to enjoy, carnival attractions, food trucks and local craft vendors.

You won't want to miss the live music featuring some fantastic bands and solo performers led by our local guitar tutor, Nic Holson, from 3.00pm – 9.30pm. Additional Festival activities on the day include the Easter vs Wester Football Match (see the Aberdour Festival Programme for additional information about this event). Bring your picnic blanket and chairs, and prepare for a fun day in the sun!

audience: All



## Donkey Brae Run

tickets: £  
Silver Sands Playing Fields  
13:00 – 15:00

- » 7 mile £18
- » 2 mile £7
- » Entries only at <https://www.entrycentral.com/DonkeyBraeRaces> (closing 18th July)
- » Fun run £4/person or £10/family group>3 entries on the day

Come along and channel your inner Josh Kerr or Eilish McColgan with the annual Donkey Brae Races. There's something for everyone with the 7 mile out and back to Dalgety Bay, the shorter 2 mile option round the village or the fun run round the field. Always a great day with the village market backdrop providing food, drink and entertainment aplenty!

This year we are delighted to be supported by international renewable energy developer Boralex. <https://uk.boralex.com>

audience: All  
category: sport  
sponsored by:



## Village Football Match

tickets: FREE  
Hawkcraig Road Football Pitch  
17:00 – 19:00

The rivalry returns! It's time for the annual Easter vs Wester village football face-off – full of passion, spirit and good entertainment!

**Kicking things off:** The Ladies' Match (ages 15+) opens the evening, playing two exciting 20-minute halves as teams battle it out for the prestigious McLean Forth Trophy.

**Followed by:** The Men's Match (ages 17+), where local pride, and the Charlie Nelson Trophy, are up for grabs. Bring your A-game and competitive drive – but let's aim for no ambulances this year folks!

**Player of the Match Awards:**  
The Levein Trophies will be presented to standout players from both games.

Want to play? To join a team, contact: [easter@aberdourfestival.org](mailto:easter@aberdourfestival.org) or [wester@aberdourfestival.org](mailto:wester@aberdourfestival.org)

Allan Matthews: 07729 121144

audience: All  
age group: 15+ (ladies), 17+ (men)





## Painting & Prosecco

tickets: £25.00  
Church Hall  
19:00 – 21:30

Join Tori from Art Soup for a creative evening, paint brush in one hand, wine glass in the other! The theme of the evening is 'Summer Holiday', and working from a live set up, Tori will talk you through the process of creating a still life piece in acrylic paint. You'll go home with an original artwork on a canvas board to display. Enjoy a free glass of fizz to loosen up your creative juices. The event is BYOB and suitable for ages 18+, or 16+ if accompanied by a paying adult.

Tickets available at: [www.artsoup.uk/events](http://www.artsoup.uk/events).

audience: **Adults (18+)**  
places: **20 per session**  
duration: **2.5 hours**  
category: **art**



## Bands at the Sands

tickets: **FREE**  
Silver Sands Playing Fields  
15:00 – 21:30

After a successful debut at the Aberdour Festival in 2024, local guitar tutor Nic Holson returns to host an afternoon of performances with his students, covering a wide spectrum of genres from Scottish Folk to Hard Rock, and everything in between!

All the performers will be joined by Nic's band, **Stay For Tomorrow**, to provide each student with the unique opportunity to play live on stage with other musicians. Stay For Tomorrow will then perform a short set, to allow those who usually are not able to attend 18+ venues a chance to witness the magic of live music.

<https://nic-holson-guitar.com/>  
<https://stayfortomorrow.com/>.

Following Stay For Tomorrow, there will be additional bands playing – please see festival website for details.

audience: **All**  
category: **music**



# Monday 28th July

## Spotlight On

### Blether & A Bevv: Life on the Bay

5–6pm – The stars from Life on the Bay come by Aberdour–  
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### Comedy Night

8–10pm – It's always a festival Highlight, Comedy Night –  
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## Multi-Day Events

### Nia at 9

9–10am – Morning Nia Work-outs. More info page 47

### Aberdour Flower Festival

11am – 5pm – St Fillan's Church  
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tickets: **£4 on door**  
Church Hall  
10:00 – 12:00

Come along to the Church Hall for our Arts & Crafts drop-in to have fun, make friends and create some artistic masterpieces! Suitable for ages 3+

All children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Consent forms required for children aged 8+ being left unsupervised.

audience: **Family**  
age group: **3+**  
sponsored by:



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key: : Food Available

: Bar Available

: No Ticket Required

: Fringe Event



## Felting with Amy

tickets: £10  
Church Hall  
09:30 - 14:00

Join local artist Amy McNeil for a fun session of needle felting! Using fluffy wool and a needle, Amy will guide you through how to create your very own felted masterpiece. All materials and equipment will be provided.

Hosted at the upstairs room at the Church Hall.

### Sessions at:

9:30 - 11:30: Age 8-11  
12:00 - 14:00: Age 11+

Consent form required.

places: **10 per session**  
duration: **2 hours**  
category: **kids**  
age group: **8 - 16**

## Seashore Safari

tickets: £5 at the beach  
Black Sands Beach  
14:00 - 16:00

Come and discover some of the amazing animals and plants that inhabit our shores. Do you know your jellyfish from your comb jellies or the difference between top shells and periwinkles? Bring wellies, a bucket and a towel. This event is a guided activity but self-led. Due to the risk of falls or other mishaps ALL children must be accompanied.

All welcome though recommended for under 10s. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

duration: **2 hours**  
category: **family**  
age group: **most suited for under 10's**

## Nerf Combat in Humbie

tickets: £4  
Humbie Park  
13:30 - 16:00

Nerf Battle in the Park! Grab your blasters and join us for an epic Nerf showdown. Bring your friends, your gear, and your best battle skills. Lets have a blast!

### Sessions at:

13:30 - 14:30: Age 8-12  
15:00 - 16:00: Age 12+

Consent form required.

places: **30 per session**  
duration: **1 hour**  
category: **kids**  
age group: **8 - 12**

## Tri-Golf

tickets: £15.00  
Aberdour Golf Club

Each team must comprise of 3 players, at least one of which must be a member of Aberdour Golf Club. Gents & Juniors off white tees, Ladies off red tees. Best two nett strokeplay scores at each hole count.  
Full Course Handicap allowance.  
All player names and handicaps MUST be noted on the card.

Scorecards to be emailed to [aberdourscores@gmail.com](mailto:aberdourscores@gmail.com) once round completed.

Contact for queries regarding the Festival Tri-Am (07779 613218), All entry fees are paid out in prize money, none are retained by the club.

category: **sport**



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## Bookbug

tickets: **Free – but ticketed**  
**Black Sands**  
16:00 – 16:30

Bookbug Sessions are full of fun, stories, songs and rhymes and perfect for families with children aged 0–5 years.

Weather permitting, the session will be on Black Sands beach (please remember sunscreen) but if it's a rainy day, we'll be in The Institute.

places: **15**  
duration: **30 mins**  
category: **kids**  
age group: **0–5**



## A Blether & a Bevv

tickets: **£7.50**  
**Church Hall**  
17:00 – 18:00

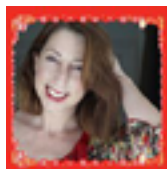
Celebrating our theme of 100 years of TV, we're delighted to welcome the production team behind BBC Scotland series Life on the Bay. Find out everything you've ever wanted to know about what goes on behind the cameras, how the camera team cope when things go wrong and broadcast deadlines are looming, and why the BBC chose to shoot this returning series on Aberdour's doorstep (Petticur Bay, Scotland's biggest family-run holiday park).

Bring your questions for Red Sky Productions, and we hope to be joined by a star of the show from Petticur Bay Holiday Park.

Tickets: £7.50 (includes a glass of wine or soft drink).

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1390627667789>

audience: **Family**  
duration: **1 hour**  
category: **talk**  
sponsored by:



Jenny Colgan  
Books



## Comedy Night

tickets: **£22.50**  
**The Institute/Library**  
20:00 – 23:00

The Aberdour Festival in association with Mirth of Forth Productions are delighted once again to present an evening of comedy with multi award-winning comedian Mark Nelson supported by Marjolein Robertson. One of the most acclaimed and sought after comedians in the UK and abroad, Mark Nelson brings a distinctive mix of cutting observations, social commentary and hilarious one liners. UK Comedians Comedian Of The Year. 5 time winner of Best Headliner at the Scottish Comedy Awards. Host of BBC's The Good, The Bad & The Unexpected and Edinburgh Unlocked. As seen and heard on Have I Got News For You, The News Quiz and Have A Word.

Possesses a talent that is simply obscene' \*\*\*\*\* The List,

A golden majestic hour of comedy. Perhaps the purest form of stand-up' \*\*\*\*\* Arts Award Voice,

Marjolein Robertson is one of the most exciting names on the circuit. Hailing from Shetland, the London-based performer was a finalist in the prestigious Channel 4 Sean Lock Comedy Awards 2024 with a full sell-out run at Monkey Barrel, and was officially named as one of the best-reviewed comedy shows at the festival by British Comedy Guide. Regularly weaving traditional Shetland folktales within her comedy, Marjolein is celebrated for her relatable yet often surreal onstage presence. She ranked third in The List's Hot 100 as one of the top Scottish cultural contributors of 2023.

The evening will be compered by award winning Scottish comedian Billy Kirkwood. 5 time Scottish comedy award winner (3 times best MC) Billy burst into stand up in 2005. quickly establishing himself as one of the UK's most watchable and versatile acts with a loveable on-stage presence.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1378438319119>

audience: **Adults (18+)**  
doors open: **19:30**  
category: **comedy**



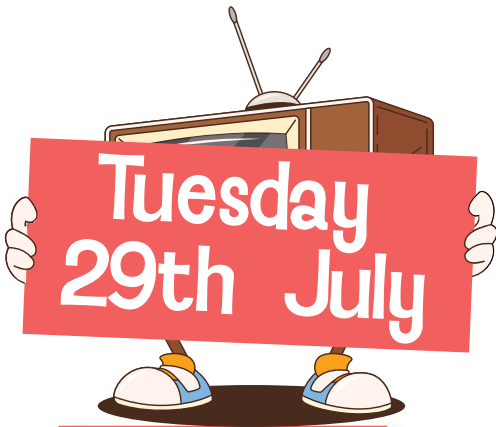
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## Spotlight On

### Blether & a Bevvv - Denise Mina

5-6am - Denise Mina here in  
Aberdour! Not to be missed!  
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### Jazz Night

7:30 - 11pm - Back For 2025 Jazz  
Night More info page 26

## Multi-Day Events

### Nia at 9

9-10am - Morning Nia Work-  
outs info page 47

### Aberdour Flower Festival

11am - 5pm - St Fillan's Church  
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## Craft with Care

tickets: £4  
Studio 72  
09:30 - 11:30

Join us for a hands-on event where  
imagination meets kindness! Crafts  
with Care is a special day just for kids to  
explore their creativity, make art and have  
fun. There's something here for everyone

Consent form required.

places: **20 per session**  
duration: **2 hours**  
category: **kids**  
age group: **8 - 12**

## Bookbug

tickets: **Free - but ticketed**  
**Black Sands**  
15:30 - 16:00



Join Julia from OnFife for a very special  
Bookbug on the Beach to celebrate  
the Aberdour Festival. There will be a  
super seaside story and fun rhymes  
and songs with a sea creature theme.

Weather permitting, the session will  
be on Black Sands beach (please  
remember sunscreen) but if it's a rainy  
day, we'll be in The Boathouse.

places: **10**  
duration: **30 mins**  
age group: **0-5**



## A Village Adventure!

tickets: **Free - but ticketed**  
**Church Hall**  
10:00 - 11:00

Join local historian Arthur Lloyd for a  
special children's edition of his popular  
heritage walk! Designed especially  
for curious minds aged 8 to 12, this  
engaging journey uncovers the secrets  
and stories hidden in Aberdour's lanes  
and landmarks. Arthur's passion for the  
village's heritage brings the past to life  
in a fun and accessible way—don't miss  
your chance to explore the fascinating  
side of Aberdour you never knew existed!

Meet outside the Church Hall.  
Consent form required.

places: **12 per session**  
duration: **1 hour**  
age group: **8 - 12**



## Enjoy-a-Ball

tickets: **£5**  
**Church Hall**  
14:00 - 16:00

Join Us at Enjoy-a-Ball -  
Where Fun Meets Fitness!

At Enjoy-a-Ball, our mission is  
to inspire children to embrace an  
active lifestyle by equipping them  
with the skills and confidence  
to stay active for life.

Whether your child is new to sports  
or looking to build on existing skills,  
our classes provide a fun and inclusive  
setting where every child can thrive.

**Sessions at:**  
14:00 - 14:45: Age 4-7  
15:00 - 16:00: Age 8-11

All children under the age of 8 must  
be accompanied by an adult.

A consent form is required for children  
aged 8+ being left unsupervised.

places: **15 per session**  
duration: **45 mins**  
age group: **4 - 11**

Tue 29th July



key: : Food Available : Bar Available : No Ticket Required : Fringe Event



## Meet Aberdour's Marvellous Moths

tickets: **FREE**  
Meet at Aberdour Primary Carpark  
20:00 – 21:30

Set up on evening of Tuesday 29th at 20.00 followed by the big reveal at 10.00 on Wednesday 30th.

Meet at the Primary School Car Park gate ready for a short walk to the site. The event is **FREE** and there will be 16 adult/ children spaces (although more children could be included). This is an opportunity to look at the amazing types of moths that live in Aberdour – not at all like the fluttery ones that attack fabrics in your home! The session will be led by Dorothy Lyle an expert on moths that live around the Forth.

The evening session will show how a moth trap works. There will also be some wine ropes set out that may attract moths on the actual evening. The next morning the light trap will be opened to show what has been trapped. Dorothy will identify what has been caught. There will be an opportunity to examine the moths in specimen containers and perhaps a chance to gently handle them.

audience: **Family**  
places: **16**

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## A Tasting Tour of Scottish Cheese

tickets: **£15.00**  
P&P Deli  
14:00 – 15:00

Join us on a tasting that will take you from The Borders to The Highlands and everywhere in between as we sample the best cheese Scotland has to offer. Learn the perfect pairings for each cheese type and hear the stories behind the artisan cheese makers. Participants can enjoy 10% off any purchase made in the deli on the day. Tickets available from P&P Deli or by phoning 01383 861571.

audience: **Adults (18+)**  
places: **6 per session**  
duration: **1 hour**  
category: **food & drink**

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## A Blether & a Bevvie – Denise Mina

tickets: **£7.50**  
Church Hall  
17:00 – 18:00

We are delighted to be joined this year by "crime writing royalty" (according to Val McDermid) Denise Mina in the week her latest novel The Good Liar is published.

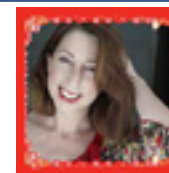
This special event gives you a chance to quiz a highly acclaimed, and extremely successful Scottish author right on your doorstep! Mina promises to give us a sneak preview of her brand new book, share where she finds her inspiration for her best-selling crime novels, and reveal how her Glasgow University Law degree helps with fiendish complex plot lines.

Hosted by Aberdour's very own international bestselling novelist Jenny Colgan.

Tickets: £7.50 (includes a glass of wine or soft drink)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1390633495219>

duration: **1 hour**  
category: **family**  
sponsored by:



Jenny Colgan  
Books

## Create the Perfect Cocktail

tickets: **£25**  
Aberdour Bistro  
18:30 – 20:00

Your evening will include:

- » a welcome glass of prosecco
- » a demonstration of how to make three different vodka-based cocktails
- » the opportunity to try making one of them yourself, for you to then enjoy
- » a small plate of savoury snacks
- » a chance to savour another of our Bistro cocktails

Numbers are limited to allow time for everyone to try their hand with the cocktail shaker! Pop into the Bistro to reserve your place.

£25 per person. The Bistro bar will remain open till late should you wish to sit back, relax and have our mixologists shake things up for you!

Tickets available from Aberdour. Bistro or by phoning 07494 569713

duration: **1.5 hours**  
category: **adult**



Tue 29th July

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## Jazz Night

tickets: £15.00 inc. charcuterie platter  
The Institute/Library  
19:30 – 23:00

After their sensational appearance last year at the marquee, back by popular demand, former Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen guitar maestro John Fenner's 'Joie de Vivre Jazz' trio will bring us an evening of pure indulgence down at the Institute. Immerse yourself in the timeless melodies of the Great American Songbook sprinkled with Blues, Dixieland standards, and probably "St. Thomas" by Sonny Rollins! Enjoy the music whilst sampling the perfect pairing of cheese platters alongside the night's most important ingredient, "swing"!

### John Fenner – Guitar

John Fenner studied with Michael Ward at the London School of Music. After 6 years at sea, he worked at Quaglinos, The Cafe de Paris, and Showboat in London. His Jazz career includes recording with American greats Bud Freeman and Wild Bill Davison. He was with Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen for 16 years, recording some 13 Albums with the band. He played at Buckingham Palace with Kenny Ball for Prince Charles and Princess Diana's wedding reception.

### Mike Daly – Cornet

Mike has been playing professionally since he was 17 and has become one of the most tasteful and exciting cornet players on the UK jazz scene. His style has been influenced by players such as Bobby Hackett and Ruby Braff. Mike has performed with various show bands and backed cabaret throughout the UK, including a variety of artists such as Dame Edna Everidge, Bucks Fizz and Rod Stewart.

### Owen Macdonald – Double Bass

Owen has performed right across the UK from London and the South coast of England right up to the North coast of Scotland and the Orkney Isles, with occasional appearances on radio and television. He has enjoyed an association with the Edinburgh jazz community for over 40 years, with the last 30 as double bassist in countless groups from traditional to mainstream in style and occasionally beyond!

audience: All  
category: music



key:



: Food Available



: Bar Available



: No Ticket Required



: Fringe Event



## Spotlight On

### Aberdour Pet Show

2:30–4:30pm – Rate a rat, Pick a pooch, the pet show is here  
– More info page 29

### Family Games Night

7pm – 10pm – The biggest night in Aberdour More info page 31

### Arthur Lloyd Talk

7pm – 9.30pm – Why is your street called what it is...?  
More info page 30

## Multi-Day Events

### Nia at 9

9–10am – Morning Nia Work-outs info page 47

### Aberdour Flower Festival

11am – 5pm – St Fillan's Church  
More info page 48



## Craft with Care

tickets: £4  
Studio 72  
09:00 – 11:00

Join us for a hands-on event where imagination meets kindness! Crafts with Care is a special day just for kids to explore their creativity, make art and have fun. There's something here for everyone.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

places: 20 per session  
duration: 2 hours  
category: kids  
age group: 3–7

Tue 29th July







## Soccer School

tickets: **Free** – but ticket required  
Aberdour Primary School  
09:30 – 11:30



## Lego Trains

tickets: **Donations to Mary's Meals**  
Church Hall  
13:30 – 16:00



## Game Zone

tickets: **£3** – on the door  
The Institute  
11:00 – 16:00



## Aberdour Pet Show

tickets: **FREE**  
Shore Road Park  
14:30 – 16:30

Tickets: Free – but booking essential

Age: open to all primary-aged children.

Love football? Come join the Aberdour Kids Football (AKF) coaches for a fun-filled morning packed with cool skills, fun games and loads of time on the ball! Whether you're a goal-scoring machine or just want to give it a go – everyone's welcome.

### What to bring:

Sports kit and boots/shin pads if you've got them, a water bottle, and don't forget your signed consent form!

places: **32 per session**  
duration: **2 hours**  
category: **kids**  
age group: **5 - 12**

LEGO trains will be running again this year with lots of LEGO activities. The children should bring along a model of their favourite TV show or character, every entry will receive a prize. We will also build an enormous mosaic – will you be able to guess what it is?

Once again there will be donations for Mary's Meals.

audience: **All**  
duration: **2.5 hours**  
category: **kids**

The Games Zone returns with a selection of video and old-school games.

Drop in, chill out and challenge your friends to some friendly competition.

Tuck shop on site – so bring a bit of change for snacks and sweet treats!

All children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Consent forms are required for children aged 8+ being left unsupervised.

### Sessions at:

11:00 – 13:00: Age 6-12  
14:00 – 16:00: Age 12+

places: **Drop-in**  
duration: **2 hours per session**  
category: **kids**

From puppies to veteran, all dogs compete for rosettes and trophies. There are two classes for cats, and a Best Other Pet trophy, not forgetting the entertainment heights of Best Trick, and the Pet Who Looks Most Like Their Owner (the judge's decision is final!). The afternoon will round up with the traditional dog races. IMPORTANT INFO: Every pet is welcome at the Pet Show, but owners please take good care of them! especially birds, rodents and cats who might find the numbers of dogs overwhelming. Register from 2.30pm, judging starts at 3pm

Home made afternoon teas available from Aberdour Tennis Club while the pet show is on.

category: **family**

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July



key:



: Food Available



: Bar Available



: No Ticket Required



: Fringe Event



## A Tasting Tour of Continental Cheese

tickets: £15.00  
P&P Deli  
14:00 – 15:00

Take your tastebuds on a trip around Europe as we sample the best cheese on the continent. Learn the perfect pairings for each cheese type and discover what makes these artisan cheeses unique. Participants can enjoy 10% off any purchase made in the deli on the day.

Tickets available from P&P Deli or by phoning 01383 861571.

audience: **Adults (18+)**  
places: **6 per session**  
duration: **1 hour**  
category: **food & drink**

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## Arthur Lloyd's Aberdour Street Names

tickets: £7.50  
Church Hall  
19:00 – 21:30 approx

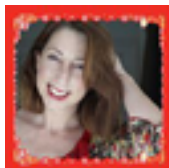
There are 39 street names in Aberdour. Each one reveals a wealth of history that has shaped the village over the last 250 years. In the early 1800s there was only one named street in Aberdour. Can you guess which one? What is the meaning of the word Cullaloe? And who was St. Fillan? Find out the answers and lots more during this not-to-be-missed relaxed and entertaining evening.

Arthur Lloyd's talk will run for over two hours and there will be two intervals with a bar.

Tickets: £7.50 (includes a glass of wine or soft drink on arrival)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1390639753939>

audience: **Family**  
duration: **2 hours 30 mins**  
category: **talk**  
sponsored by:



Jenny Colgan  
Books

key: : Food Available : Bar Available : No Ticket Required : Fringe Event

## Family Games Night

tickets: £5.00  
The Institute/Library  
19:00 – 22:00

Come along to the Institute on Shore Road for what will be a super, smashing, great, family games night. A night where you will be transported into some of the most popular television shows of the past 40 years. Please note this event will be brought to you by a brand new team of specially trained hosts, so be prepared for one of the best nights of your life.

"I can promise that this Family night is going to feel a lot better than the Steve Davis v Dennis Taylor final in '85" – Steve Davis

Sponsored by:



## Blether & a Bevvvy

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## Spotlight On

### A Village Adventure

2-3pm – It's the kid's turn to learn more about Aberdour with Arthur Lloyd – More info page 35

### Sing-a-Long Mamma Mia

7:30 – 11:30pm – Amazing Night of fun and singing More info page 37

## Multi-Day Events

### Nia at 9

9-10am – Morning Nia Workouts info page 47

### Aberdour Flower Festival

11am – 4pm – St Columba's Church  
More info page 48

### Tropic Skincare Masterclass

7:00pm – 9:00pm High Street  
More info page 48



## Kids Yoga

tickets: £7.50

Studio 72

09:30 – 12:15

Stretch, breathe and have fun, join Anthea from Eastneuk Yoga for a Beach themed yoga class suitable for children of all ages

If attending one of these sessions, please contact [hello@zenkiz.co.uk](mailto:hello@zenkiz.co.uk) with your child's age and any prior yoga experience to ensure the sessions are tailored to the participants.

#### Sessions at:

09:30 – 10:30: Age 5-7

11:15 – 12:15: Age 8-12

All children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Consent forms are required for children aged 8+ being left unsupervised.

places: 12 per session

duration: 1 hour

category: kids

## Kids Golf Taster Sessions

tickets: Free – ticket required

Aberdour Golf Club

10:00 – 11:00

Fancy giving golf a try? Members of Aberdour Golf Club are teeing up a fun-filled morning for young players to learn the basics and swing into action!

Kids will get the chance to try putting, chipping and hitting full shots in the practice nets, all under the guidance of friendly, experienced golfers.

No experience needed – just bring your enthusiasm and have a go!

All children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult – who can enjoy the outside setting and relax with a cup of coffee!

Consent forms are required for children aged 8+ being left unsupervised.

**Sessions at:** 10:00 & 11:00 (both age 5-12; kids will be split into similar age / ability groups on the day)

audience: Primary aged kids

places: 15 per session

duration: 1 hour

category: kids

age group: 5 - 12

## Felting with Amy

tickets: £10

Church Hall

10:00 – 12:00

Join local artist Amy McNeil for a fun session of needle felting! Using fluffy wool and a needle, Amy will guide you through how to create your very own felted masterpiece. All materials and equipment will be provided. Hosted at the upstairs room at the Church Hall.

places: 10 per session

duration: 2 hours

category: teens/adults

age group: 14+

## Murder or Mishap?

tickets: £6

The Institute/Library

10:00 – 14:30

There's a body in the library! Did Belinda Manikin scare herself to death reading one ghost story too many – or is there something more sinister at large? Examine the evidence left at the crime scene and help us work out what happened.

**Sessions at:** 10:00 & 13:00  
(both age 10+)

places: 24 per session

duration: 1.5 hours

category: kids

age group: 10 +

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key: : Food Available

: Bar Available

: No Ticket Required

: Fringe Event





# Fantastic Festival Magic Show!



tickets: £5 (adults must also pay)  
Aberdour Primary School  
13:00 – 14:00

Come and see Dean & Victoria's Fantastic festival Magic show . Watch as we perform feats of magic that will astonish, stun and amaze all who see them. See Scotland's only mind reading haggis pluck the thoughts from spectators' minds, gasp as we break the laws of matter and manipulate everyday objects. Laugh as our monkey senior chico steals the show,

All children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Consent forms are required for children aged 8+ being left unsupervised.

places: **50 per session**  
duration: **1 hour**  
category: **family**  
age group: **all ages welcome**

# Bubble-tastic Magic Show!

tickets: £5  
Aberdour Primary School  
15:00 – 16:00

If you love bubbles and let's face it who doesn't, you will love our Bubblytastic magic show, see bubbles that will make you gasp, find out what it's like to be inside a bubble plus get to blow your own gigantic bubbles.

Adults must also pay for tickets.

places: **50 per session**  
duration: **1 hour**  
category: **family**  
age group: **all ages welcome**

# A Village Adventure!

tickets: Free - but ticketed  
Outside the Church Hall  
14:00 – 15:00

Join local historian Arthur Lloyd for a special children's edition of his popular heritage walk! Designed especially for curious minds aged 8 to 12, this engaging journey uncovers the secrets and stories hidden in Aberdour's lanes and landmarks. Arthur's passion for the village's heritage brings the past to life in a fun and accessible way—don't miss your chance to explore the fascinating side of Aberdour you never knew existed!

Consent form required.

places: **12 per session**  
duration: **1 hour**  
category: **kids**  
age group: **8 - 12**

# Cheese & Chocolate Pairing

tickets: £20.00  
P&P Deli  
14:00 – 15:00

We're taking two of life's most delicious delicacies and pairing them in unexpected ways that will delight and surprise.

Hear about the production methods of the artisan cheesemakers and the stories behind the cocoa farmers. Participants can enjoy 10% off any purchase made in the deli on the day.

Tickets available from P&P Deli or by phoning 01383 861571.

audience: **Adults (18+)**  
places: **6 per session**  
duration: **1 hour**  
category: **food & drink**



Thu 31<sup>st</sup> July





## The Marriage of Figaro

tickets: £15.00, (£12.00 concession)  
Church Hall  
19:30 – 21:00

Fife Opera presents highlights from Mozart's masterpiece – The Marriage of Figaro. Enjoy an intimate performance of this sparkling comedy, filled with wit, charm, and unforgettable music! Conducted by Derek Clark and accompanied by a string quintet.

Tickets available online at [ticketmanager@fifeopera.org](mailto:ticketmanager@fifeopera.org).  
uk at the door or contact 01592 596904. Suitable for all ages.

audience: **All**  
fringe event: **true**



## Village Cricket

tickets: Free – just turn up!  
Aberdour Primary School  
15:30 – 22:00

### 15:30 – 17:00: Primary School Kids – Cricket Taster Session

Fancy giving cricket a go? Join us for a fun, no-pressure introduction to batting, bowling and fielding. No booking needed – just show up and get stuck in!

### 17:00 – 18:30: Under 18s – Easter v Wester Youth Match

Now it's game time! Our local under-18s go head-to-head in a friendly but competitive Easter vs Wester showdown.

### 18:30 – 22:00: Adults – The Big Match: Easter v Wester

The traditional village 20:20 returns! Played with a soft ball and a few fun twists to the rules, this match is open to all adults – beginners and seasoned players alike. Equipment provided..

Spectators Welcome! BBQ,  
Bar & Tuck Shop On-Site

Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Consent forms are required for children aged 8+ being left unsupervised. ALL children staying after 18:30 are required to be accompanied by an adult.

category: **sport**  
age group: **all welcome**



**Fr** : Fringe Event



## Sing-a-Long Mamma Mia

tickets: £12.50  
Aberdour Primary School  
19:30 – 23:00

The Ultimate ABBA Experience in Aberdour!  
Calling all Dancing Queens! Join us for a spectacular evening of music, fun, and nostalgia with the Sing-Along Mamma Mia at Aberdour Primary School. Whether you're an ABBA fanatic or love the timeless hits from the smash-hit movie, this is your chance to sing your heart out and dance the night away in Aberdour's most vibrant venue.

Energetic Atmosphere that will have you on your feet, singing and dancing throughout the evening.

A one-of-a-kind night out filled with music, nostalgia, and dance.

Don't miss this unforgettable evening celebrating the magic of Mamma Mia and the music of ABBA. Fully licensed bar and Festival BBQ onsite!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1390610586699>

audience: **14+**  
Category: **Film**



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key: : Food Available

: Bar Available

: No Ticket Required

**Fr** : Fringe Event





## Spotlight On

### Blether & a Bevvv: Pictish Art

5-6pm - Professional stone-carver Alan Reid joins us for this talk with a difference - More info page 35 40

### Village Treasure Trail

6:30pm - 12:00am - Solve the mystery and identify the TV star - More info page 41

## Multi-Day Events

### Nia at 9

9-10am - Morning Nia Work-outs info page 47

### Yoga on Silver Sands

10-11am - Morning Yoga  
More info page 47

### Aberdour Flower Festival

11am - 4pm - St Columba's Church  
More info page 48

### Tropic Skincare Masterclass

7pm - 9pm High Street  
More info page 48

## Aberdour's Teddy Bears Picnic!

tickets: Free - but ticketed  
Hawkcraig Road Football Pitch  
11:00 - 13:00

"If you go down to the woods today..."

Join us for a fun-filled few hours for Aberdour's Teddy Bear Picnic! Bring your favourite teddy bear, a picnic blanket, and lunch, and head over to the entrance of the football/shinty pitches on Hawkcraig Road (next to the Silver Sands field). There'll be games led by the fantastic Active Fife team, snacks, and plenty of teddy-themed fun! Don't forget to dress your teddy in their finest outfit for the Teddy Bear Parade - kids are welcome to dress to match their bears too!

All ages are welcome. Please note that children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.

This is a free event, but booking is essential via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/aberdours-teddy-bear-picnic-tickets-1354831470399>

Meet at the entrance gate to the football/shinty pitches on Hawkcraig Road.

audience: **Family**  
duration: **2 hours**  
category: **family**  
age group: **all welcome,**  
recommended for under 8's

## John Henderson's Backwoods Adventure

tickets: £5.00  
Silersands Field  
10.30am - 3.00pm

Dare to take on the Backwoods Adventure! Robert, Charlotte and the gang are back to make sure everyone has fun. Challenge yourself in a woodland environment. Wear old clothes and shoes so that you can scramble about in the woods. Sizzling sausages provided (Vegetarian option too!) but please bring a drink. Please note - in case of allergies, this is a nut-free zone! If there are any parents/carers who want to accompany their children and assist with the Backwoods Adventure, please contact Robert or Charlotte on 07931411782

PLEASE NOTE: Meet at the top of Silersands Field (where the marquee normally is) at 10.30am. Enjoy your day and then collect your children again from the top of Silersands Field at 3.00pm.

Children can be left unaccompanied. Consent form required.

audience: **8-12**  
category: **Kids**  
sponsored by: **Robert & Charlotte**

## Create the Perfect Cheeseboard

tickets: £25.00  
P&P Deli  
14:00 - 15:00

We'll teach you the secrets of cheese board perfection. You'll taste a variety of cheese, charcuterie and other accompaniments then choose your favourites to create your very own Grazing Box to take home and enjoy (included in the ticket price). Participants can take advantage of 10% off any purchase made in the deli on the day. Tickets available from P&P Deli or by phoning 01383 861571.

audience: **Adults (18+)**  
places: **6 per session**  
duration: **1 hour**  
category: **food & drink**



Fri 1st August

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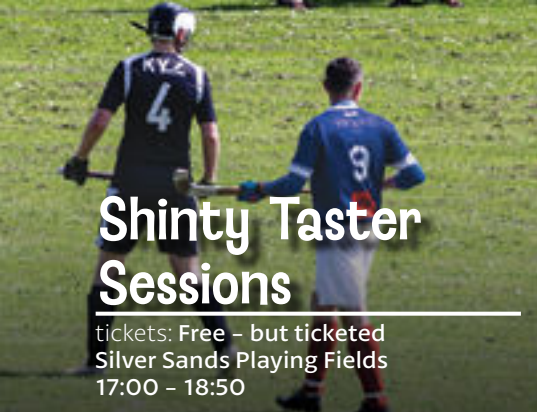
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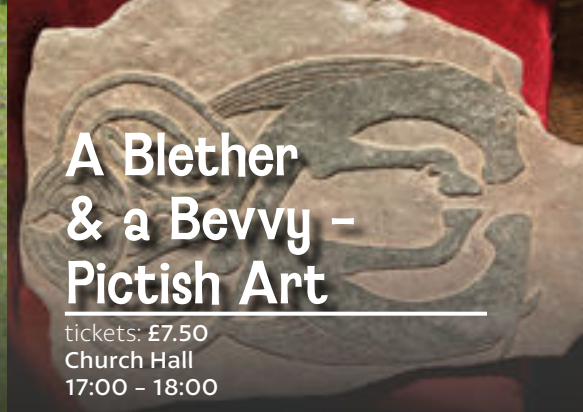






# Shinty Taster Sessions

tickets: Free – but ticketed  
Silver Sands Playing Fields  
17:00 – 18:50



# A Blether & a Bevvie – Pictish Art

tickets: £7.50  
Church Hall  
17:00 – 18:00

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> August

Aberdour Shinty Club will be hosting their popular taster sessions for kids again this year. Come along and try out Scotland's National Game – a fun, fast, skilful sport with roots dating back thousands of years. Please wear sports clothing and trainers (or football boots/shin pads if you have them). The club will supply everything else you need. Don't forget your water bottle!

Meet at the Shinty Pitch

### Sessions at:

- 17:00 (age 4–6)
- 18:00 (age 7–9)
- 18:00 (age 10–13)

All children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Consent forms are required for children aged 8+ being left unsupervised.

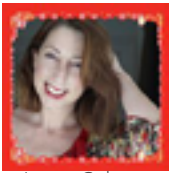
places: 20 per session  
duration: 50 mins  
category: kids

Hidden in an Aberdour basement is a top class lapidarium, full of stunning replicas of some of the best Pictish stone carvings ever discovered. Owner and professional stone-carver Alan Reid joins us for this talk with a difference. Alan's work not only tells the fascinating story of our cultural beginnings here in Scotland (some of it a bit rude!), but has been featured in top tourist sights, including the National Museum of Scotland. So we're delighted to witness how Alan creates beautiful pictures from rubbings of his intricate stone carvings, and to find out where we can discover these centuries old art originals here on our doorstep in Fife.

Tickets: £7.50 (includes a glass of wine or soft drink).

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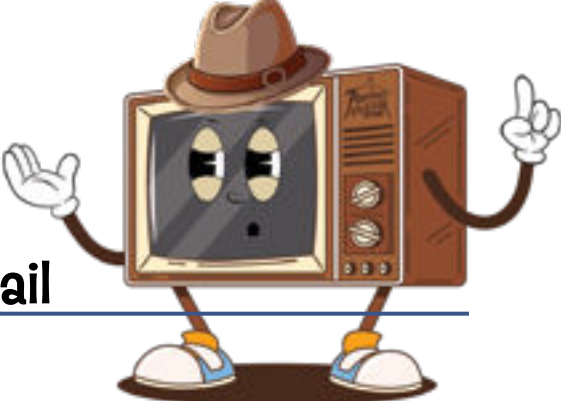
category: talk  
sponsored by:



Jenny Colgan  
Books

# Village Treasure Trail

tickets: £12.50  
The Institute/Library  
18:30 – 00:00



Calling all fans of the small screen – do you fancy yourself as a private investigator, or maybe you simply enjoy a puzzle or two? Or perhaps you just enjoy a good gossip over a drink in the local? If you are up for an evening of fun then this is the challenge for you!

Rumour has it that a TV star is moving to Aberdour and speculation is rife about who it might be. It's understood that they are trying to keep it quiet but a disgruntled PR agent has left a series of clues around the village to help us work out their identity. An early evening expedition around Aberdour might just help us put all the rumours to rest.

In accepting this challenge you will be tested in riddles and puzzles, physical dexterity and creativity! There will be stops along the way, where you might be able to purchase an alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink, should you wish, and some food will be available should you make it to the supper stop!

This Team Challenge kicks off at the Institute at 7.00pm sharp. Please arrive in good time or you will miss the briefing. The stops will range across the village. This event includes walking, including steep steps and some uneven ground. It is open to all ages over 18 but is not suitable for those with limited mobility. Each team will need to bring at least one mobile phone with a camera. Open to singles, couples, groups of up to six. Please look out for your safety and that of other team members. If you drink alcohol, please do so responsibly. The organisers accept no liability for accidents or injury while undertaking this event. You should aim to get back to the Institute by 10.00pm. While results are being collated you can enjoy the sweet sounds of Clark & Boj and refreshments from the Festival Bar, both available until 12midnight.

Ticket price includes a Festival burger.

audience: Adults (18+)  
age group: 18+  
sponsored by:



Fri 1<sup>st</sup> August



## Spotlight On

### Village Sports Day

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### Nia at 9

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### Aberdour Flower Festival

11am – 4pm – St Columba's Church  
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key: : Food Available

: Bar Available

: No Ticket Required

: Fringe Event

## Aberdour Bistro Curry Evening

Aberdour Bistro  
18:00 – 20:30

Open from 17:00– 23:00,  
Food orders from 17:00 – 20:30

We will be open for you to enjoy your choice from Matt's selection of starters and curries, including classic creamy Korma, warm intense Bhuna, hot spicy Rogan Josh and fragrant, flavourful Thai. Menu details available from the Aberdour Bistro.

Bookings available from Aberdour  
Bistro or by phoning 07494 569713.

audience: **All**  
category: **food & drink**

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## Gala Day/ Village Sports Day

tickets: **£FREE**  
Aberdour Primary School  
11:00 – 15:00

On your marks! Go! Head down to Aberdour Primary School for fun races. There are novelty races for all ages and all levels of fitness and traditional trophies to be won for the more competitive athletes. There will be lots of fun, novelty races, opportunities to compete for some of Aberdour's village trophies including the traditional Easter v Wester Tug o' War!

The Festival BBQ will be all fired up and ready to refuel you. A tuck shop will be available, as well as a bar from 12noon.

Please note that trophies can only be awarded to Aberdour residents, pupils at Aberdour Primary School or Aberdour SDC players.

audience: **All**  
category: **sports**



Sat 2nd August

Get Your  
Hands on Some  
**MERCH!**

Check it out

\*: Design may vary... this is our first shot at it!





## Family Ceilidh with Off-Centre Ceilidh Band

tickets: £2.50 in adv. or £5 on the night  
Aberdour Castle  
19:00 – 22:30

Get down to Aberdour Castle with your dancing shoes on!

What a spectacular venue for this amazing annual event at the Festival!  
Please bring your picnics, food, drink, blankets and seats.

The wonderfully exhilarating Off Centre Ceilidh Band ([www.offcentreceilidh.co.uk](http://www.offcentreceilidh.co.uk)) are coming back by popular demand to give us traditional ceilidh music that will be sure to get you off your picnic rugs! The evening suits all ages and abilities and our amazing Paul Murray, caller and musician with the band, will keep everyone right.

audience: **All**  
Category: **Family**

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

### Fizz & Chips

tickets: £45.00  
The Drinks Cabinet, Aberdour  
18:00 – 20:30

Raise a glass of fizz to toast the end of the Aberdour Festival!

Learn how sparkling wine is made and how fizz & chips is the perfect combination. There will be fizz. And there will be chips. Can you think of a better way to spend a Sunday with friends?

Buy tickets in advance directly from  
The Drinks Cabinet, Aberdour!

audience: **Adults (18+)**  
places: **20**  
duration: **2.5 hours**  
category: **food & drink**



### Try-a-Sail

tickets: £5 per head (day membership)  
Aberdour Boat Club  
9:00 – 12:00

Come and try sailing on one of our member's yachts.

No booking required – just turn up on the day and we'll register you then. We'll operate first-come first served and likely have a number of trips during the morning.

Please bring waterproofs and suncream – we'll provide life jackets.

audience: **Ages: 12+ (under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)**



Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> August

## Comedy Night

28th July

p.21

Billy Kirkwood

Marjolein Robertson

Mark Nelson

Tickets







## Poems & Pints

tickets: Free  
Aberdour Hotel  
16:00 – 22:00

Local Musician Sandy Tweedale  
Hosts an Open Mic from 4–10pm,

Full menu on and bar open  
from 12pm Until Late,

Barbecue and Garden Bar  
Sponsored by Madri

audience: Adults (18+)



## Gardens by the Forth

tickets: Free, not required  
10 Manse Street  
13:00 – 16:00

Open gardens 2025 and it is the turn  
of Easter Aberdour to show their  
gardens for the Aberdour Festival on  
Sunday 3rd of August so come along  
and support them and charity at the  
same time. Let me know if you would  
like to join in. Re Caroline Cameron  
[eccameron@btinternet.com](mailto:eccameron@btinternet.com)

audience: All



# Multiday Events

## Nia at 9

date/time:  
Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Jul :-: 09:00  
Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Jul :-: 09:00  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Jul :-: 09:00  
Thu 31<sup>st</sup> Jul :-: 09:00  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Aug :-: 09:00

venue:

Silver Sands  
Beach

tickets:

£8 per day  
or £30 for  
all 5 days

ran by:

Nia Aberdour



Start the day with joy! For your mind, body and soul! Using headsets to allow a more  
sensational experience, we will dance to uplifting music, from around the world  
boosting fitness, confidence and energy. Nia is a fun all round workout and is a blend  
of martial, dance and healing arts. Suitable for all abilities and beginners more than  
welcome. Bring drink and yoga mat/blanket. Afterwards have a coffee together from  
Sands or join Yoga Peggy for some more healing. Or even bring your swimmy!!!!

Alternative venue will be arranged if inclement weather. Bookings via: <https://bookwhen.com/niaaberdour> or message Phil on 07900084484

12+ Booking essential as spaces limited

## Yoga on the Silver Sands

date/time:  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Jul :-: 10:00 – 11:00  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Jul :-: 10:00 – 11:00  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Aug :-: 10:00 – 11:00  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug :-: 10:00 – 11:00  
Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug :-: 10:00 – 11:00  
Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Aug :-: 10:00 – 11:00

venue:

Silver Sands  
Beach

tickets:

£5.00

ran by:

Yoga Peggy



Come to the Silver Sands to move, breathe and relax by the waves. Class is open  
to all, whether you love yoga already or are interested to try. Class is geared  
towards adults, although children with genuine interest in participation alongside  
their adult are welcome. Bring a yoga mat. No pre-booking as sessions are  
weather dependent, so check Yoga with Peggy on social media for updates.

£5/class or £10 unlimited, cash on the day.

Questions? Email [yoga.reiki.peggy@gmail.com](mailto:yoga.reiki.peggy@gmail.com)

Join The Aberdour  
Festival Committee

Help Make  
the Magic  
Happen

Drop us an email to [Chair@AberdourFestival.org](mailto:Chair@AberdourFestival.org) and join the fun.

Multiday Events



# Tropic Skincare Masterclass



date/time:	venue:	tickets:	ran by:
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul :-: 19:00	9 High Street, Aberdeen	£15.00	Deborah Coutts
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug :-: 19:00			

Join us for a relaxed, friendly evening exploring Tropic Skincare. Whether you're new to the brand or looking to refresh your routine, enjoy expert tips, tailored advice, and the chance to sample our full range, including body care, sun care, and makeup. Plus, enjoy delicious nibbles, refreshing drinks & gift bag!

Tickets to be purchased in advance from 9 High Street, Aberdeen.

Spaces are limited, bring a friend and indulge in some well-deserved self-care!

# Aberdour Flower Festival



St Fillan's Church Display	date/time:	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> :-: 11:00 – 16:00 Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> :-: 12:00 – 16:00 Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> :-: 11:00 – 17:00 Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> :-: 11:00 – 17:00 Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> :-: 11:00 – 17:00	venue: St Fillan's Church
St Columba's Church Display	date/time:	Thu 31 <sup>st</sup> :-: 11:00 – 16:00 Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> :-: 11:00 – 16:00 Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> :-: 11:00 – 16:00 Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> :-: 13:00 – 16:00	venue: St Columba's Church

# Church Activities



Festival Morning Worship	date: Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> of July	time: 9:45 – 10:45	venue: St Fillan's Church
Festival Songs of Praise	date: Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of August	time: 19:00 – 20:00	venue: St Columba's Church

Come and raise the rafters at the Songs of Praise where favourite hymns are sung and local people share why they are significant to them



# Get Tickets

For those events listed in the programme as admission by ticket, these can be bought in person at the Festival Box Offices. Children's tickets will be available from The Purple Shop between Monday 23 June and Thursday 24 July. Tickets for Evening events and for the Talks programme 'A Blether and a Bevy with...' will be available from Aberdour Bistro between Tuesday 24 June and Thursday 24 July. From Friday 25 July, all remaining tickets will be available from The Box Office @ The Church Hall. Tickets for some evening events can also be bought online at EventBrite.

## Children's Events

Tickets will initially go on sale Saturday 21 June at the Church Hall from 9.00am – 11.00am. From Monday 24 June to Thursday 24 July they will be available at The Purple Shop. Please note that some children's events require a parental consent form. This is available when purchasing tickets or on our website. The completed form should be taken to each relevant event. Where required, children without a consent form will not be allowed to participate.

## Festival Box Offices

There are three Festival Box Offices for all ticketed events:

### Aberdour Bistro

(Evening Events and Adult Talks – A Blether and a Bevy with...) – cash and cheque only. Opening times: Tuesday to Friday and Sunday 1000–1600 and Saturday 0900–1700 and 1830–2300.

21 High Street  
07494 569713

### The Purple Shop

(Children's Events) – cash and cheque only

59–61 Main St  
01383 860405

### Box Office @ The Church Hall

Credit/debit cards accepted

The Church Hall, 36 High St, Aberdour, Burntisland KY3 0SW (from Friday 25 July)

Please remember that these businesses are helping the Festival voluntarily. If the shop is busy with customers, please be patient or call back later.

## Fringe Events

Please note that events with this icon are Fringe events organised by others and not the responsibility of the Festival.



# Festival at a Glance

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of July

Time	Event	Type
12:00am - 12:00am	Follow the Festival Scarecrow Trail	Family
3:30pm - 4:30pm	How Close on the Jack?! Kids Bowls	Kids
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Easter V Wester Bowling	Sport
5:00pm - 6:20pm	Ice Cream Factory	Family
5:00pm - 10:00pm	Fiesta del Arte	Fringe
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Aberdour Arts Festival	Art

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of July

Time	Event	Type
11:00am - 5:00pm	Aberdour Arts Festival	Art
11:00am - 16:00am	Flower Festival	Fringe
10:00am - 11:00am	Yoga on the Silversands	Sport
10:00am - 10:30am	Crowning	Family
10:30am - 11:30am	Festival Parade	Family
11:30am - 9:00pm	Beach Day	Family
12:00am - 1:00pm	Sandcastle Competition	Family
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Raft Race	Family
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Kids Harbour Races	Kids
5:00pm - 9:30pm	Open Mic on the Forth?	Family

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of July

Time	Event	Type
9:45am - 10:45am	Festival Morning Worship	Family
12:00am - 16:00am	Flower Festival	Art
10:00am - 11:00am	Yoga on the Silversands	Sport
12:00am - 4:00pm	Aberdour Arts Festival	Art
11:00am - 9:30pm	Village Market	Family
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Donkey Brae Run	Sport
7:00pm - 9:30pm	Painting & Prosecco	Fringe
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Village Football Match	Sport
3:00pm - 9:30pm	Bands at the Sands	Music

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of July

Time	Event	Type
9:00am	Nia at 9	Fringe
	Tri-Golf	Fringe
9:30am - 2:00pm	Felting with Amy	Kids
10:00am - 12:00am	Arts & Crafts drop in	Family
11:00am - 17:00am	Flower Festival	Art
1:30pm - 4:00pm	Nerf Combat in Humbie	Kids
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Seashore Safari	Family

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of July (cont)

Time	Event	Type
4:00pm - 4:30pm	Bookbug	Kids
5:00pm - 6:00pm	A Blether and a Bevv - Life on the Bay	Talk
8:00pm - 11:00pm	Comedy Night	Comedy

## Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of July

Time	Event	Type
9:00am	Nia at 9	Fringe
9:30am - 11:30am	Craft with Care	Kids
10:00am - 11:00am	A Village Adventure!	Kids
11:00am - 17:00am	Flower Festival	Art
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Enjoy-a-Ball	Kids
2:00pm - 3:00pm	A Tasting Tour of Scottish Cheese	Fringe
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Bookbug	Kids
5:00pm - 6:00pm	A Blether and a Bevv - Denise Mlna	Family
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Create the perfect cocktail	Fringe
7:30pm - 11:00pm	Jazz Night	Music
8:00pm - 9:30pm	Meet Aberdour's Marvellous Moths	Fringe

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of July

Time	Event	Type
9:00am	Nia at 9	Fringe
9:00am - 11:00am	Craft with Care	Kids
9:30am - 11:30am	Soccer School	Kids
11:00am - 4:00pm	Game Zone	Kids
11:00am - 17:00am	Flower Festival	Art
1:30pm - 4:00pm	Lego Trains	Kids
2:00pm - 3:00pm	A Tasting Tour of Continental Cheese	Fringe
2:30pm - 4:30pm	Aberdour Pet Show	Family
7:00pm - 9:30pm	Arthur Lloyd's Aberdour Street Names	Talk
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Family Games Night	Family

## Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> of July

Time	Event	Type
9:00am	Nia at 9	Fringe
9:30am - 12:15pm	Kids Yoga with East Neuk Yoga	Kids
10:00am - 12:00pm	Felting with Amy	Teens/Adults
10:00am - 11:30am	Murder or Mishap?	Kids
10:00am - 11:00am	Kids Golf Taster Sessions	Kids
11:00am - 16:00am	Flower Festival	Art
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Fantastic Festival Magic Show!	Family



Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> of July (cont)

Time	Event	Type
2:00pm – 3:00pm	A Village Adventure!	Kids
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Cheese & Chocolate Pairing	Fringe
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Bubble-tastic Magic Show!	Family
3:30pm – 10:00pm	Village Cricket	Sport
7:00pm	Tropic Skincare Masterclass	Fringe
7:30pm – 9:00pm	The Marriage of Figaro	Fringe
7:30pm – 11:00pm	Sing-a-Long Mamma Mia	Film

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of August

Time	Event	Type
9:00am	Nia at 9	Fringe
10:00am – 11:00am	Yoga on the Silversands	Fringe
11:00am – 1:00pm	Aberdour's Teddy Bears Picnic!	Family
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Flower Festival	Fringe
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Create the Perfect Cheeseboard	Fringe
5:00pm – 5:50pm	Shinty Taster Sessions	Kids
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Bevvy and a blether – Pictish Art: Scotland's cultural origins	Family
7:00pm	Tropic Skincare Masterclass	Fringe
6:30pm – 12:00am	Village Treasure Trail	Family
10:30am – 3:00pm	John Hender-son's Backwoods Adventure	Kids

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of August

Time	Event	Type
10:00am – 11:00am	Yoga on the Silversands	Sport
11:00am – 3:00pm	Gala Day/ Village Sports Day	Family
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Flower Festival	Art
6:00pm – 8:30pm	Aberdour Bistro Curry Evening	Fringe
7:00pm – 10:30pm	Family Ceilidh with Off-Centre Ceilidh Band	Family

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August

Time	Event	Type
9:00am – 12:00am	Try-a-Sail	Fringe
10:00am – 11:00am	Yoga on the Silversands	Fringe
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Flower Festival	Fringe
4:00pm – 10:00pm	Poems & Pints	Fringe
6:00pm – 8:30pm	Fizz & Chips	Fringe
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Festival Songs of Praise	Fringe
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Open Gardens by the Forth	Fringe

Committee Details



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## Venue Details

- ① St Columba's Church
- ② Church Hall
- ③ Foresters Arms
- ④ The Institute/Library

- ⑤ Tennis Club
- ⑥ Aberdour Boat Club
- ⑦ The Clock
- ⑧ Aberdour Castle

- ⑨ St Fillan's Church
- ⑩ Aberdour Primary School
- ⑪ Silver Sands Playing Fields
- ⑫ Studio 72

- ⑬ Aberdour Hotel
- ⑭ Aberdour Bistro
- ⑮ P&P
- ⑯ The Drinks Cabinet

# Celebrating 100 Years of Television

It's a packed 10-day programme of music, events and culture that has something for everyone, all set in the beautiful Fife village of Aberdour.

We're celebrating 100 Years since John Logie Baird transmitted the first television picture.

From Scarecrow shows

to village parades we'll be celebrating everything on the small screen.

With events tailored for kids, teens, adults and the whole family with comedy shows, music, sport and a whole load more, we're sure you'll find something you'll love.



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