

EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE

# DOORS OPEN DAYS 2025



Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 September

# Welcome to Doors Open Days!

Join us for Scotland's largest free festival celebrating our rich heritage! Every September, as part of European Heritage Days and Scottish Archaeology Month, you're invited to explore hundreds of fascinating sites—all for free.

Discover hidden gems and experience history right on your doorstep. Don't miss your chance to be a tourist in your own town! Check out the full program at [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk).

We can't wait to see you there!



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## NEW KILPATRICK CHURCH

New Kilpatrick Parish Church invites you to its open doors event, featuring guided tours of the church and graveyard from 10 am to 3 pm. Attendees can enjoy live stained-glass demonstrations and informative talks, along with an exhibit showcasing the 1934 time capsule and the creation of a new one. Refreshments will also be provided, making it a delightful day for all visitors.

Saturday 6 September 2025,  
10am – 3pm



New Kilpatrick Parish Church  
28 Kirk Place  
Bearsden  
G61 3RT

[www.nkchurch.org.uk](http://www.nkchurch.org.uk)



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## BEARSDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Discover our unique building, featuring the historic Maxholme Villa and the modern church sanctuary, set within beautiful grounds that once housed a Roman fort. Both the building and gardens will be open to the public, highlighting our Roman heritage.

This Doors Open Day enjoy guided tours, a fun trail for children, and refreshments during your visit. We'll host engaging talks about our history, alongside acoustic music and poetry readings throughout the day. A detailed timetable will be available closer to the event. We look forward to welcoming you to Bearsden Baptist Church!

Saturday 6 September 2025, 10am – 4pm



Bearsden Baptist Church  
14 Roman Road  
Bearsden  
G61 2SL

[bearsdenbaptistchurch.com](http://bearsdenbaptistchurch.com)



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## Cadder Church

Join us for a special Doors Open Day at our historic church, where for over 900 years, a place of worship has stood on this site. This year marks the 200th anniversary of our current building, featuring stunning stained-glass windows created by renowned artists such as Alf Webster and Sadie McLellan. As you explore, don't miss the intriguing graveyard, which includes a mort safe and watch hut, designed to discourage grave robbers. Everyone is welcome to admire the beautiful church sanctuary and learn about its rich heritage. We look forward to seeing you there!

Saturday 6 September 2025, 10am – 4pm



Cadder Church  
Cadder Road  
Bishopbriggs  
G64 3JJ

<https://www.cadderchurch.org/>

BISHOPBRIGGS



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# Fort Theatre

Since 1969, the Antonine Theatre Group has made its home in a charming building that was once an old barn, part of Brackenbrae Farm and dating back to the late 1700s. This facility was generously donated by the Burgh of Bishopbriggs to serve as a vibrant hub for dramatic arts in our community. Join us as our members provide guided tours of the theatre and share information on how you can become a part of our creative family. Enjoy refreshments available for purchase in our lounge bar, and don't miss our delightful children's puppet show, which will run throughout the day in the auditorium.

Sunday 7 September 2025, 11am – 4pm



The Fort Theatre  
Kenmure Avenue,  
Bishopbriggs, G64 2DW  
[www.theforttheatre.co.uk](http://www.theforttheatre.co.uk)



## Auld Kirk Museum

The Auld Kirk and its graveyard, 380 years old this year, form one of the finest and oldest sites in Kirkintilloch. The building features an 18th century pulpit and a 1663 Gerhard Koster bell, which is now part of the museum collection. In the churchyard, tombstones have been laid flat or propped against the boundary walls.

The museum within the building showcases objects primarily related to the social and industrial history of East Dunbartonshire, along with hosting temporary exhibitions. Permanent exhibits include objects spanning from the Neolithic era to Roman times, and from the industrial past to the 20th century. During Doors Open Day this year, the popular Annual Art Exhibition will be on show at the museum along with a small display of gadgets from the collection and everyday items from days gone by.

**No booking required.**

Saturday 6 September 2025, 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm



Auld Kirk Museum  
Cowgate  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 1HN

[www.edlc.co.uk/venues/auld-kirk-museum/](http://www.edlc.co.uk/venues/auld-kirk-museum/)



# KIRKINTILLOCH AND LENZIE



## St Mary's Parish Church

The striking pink sandstone neo-gothic church was built in 1914 to replace the old church which is now the Auld Kirk Museum. The building features excellent stained-glass windows and wood carvings designed by local artists.

Come along for a guided tour and see banners detailing the history of the church from its earliest days. Feel free to wander around the building or take some time to sit and contemplate. Pamphlets detailing the history of the church and the stained-glass windows are available.

Saturday 6 September 2025, 10am-5pm



St Mary's Parish Church

Cowgate

Kirkintilloch

G66 1JT

<https://stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk/>



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## Turret Theatre

Founded in 1923, the Kirkintilloch Players is a celebrated amateur theatre group based in the intimate Turret Theatre. Our talented adult and youth sections have brought countless award-winning productions to life, ranging from hilarious comedies to gripping thrillers. Each year, our beloved annual pantomime steals the spotlight and warms the hearts of all who attend.

During Doors Open Days, we invite curious visitors to explore behind the scenes of our cherished theatre. Guests can tour the dressing rooms and admire elaborate costume displays and experience the magic of Kirkintilloch's theatrical gem up close. Club members will be available to guide you through the various areas and share how you can become part of our friendly, vibrant community.

Saturday 6 September 2025, 10:30am-3pm



Turret Theatre  
9 Eastside  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 1PY  
[www.kirkintillochplayers.co.uk](http://www.kirkintillochplayers.co.uk)



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## William Patrick Library: Display by Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries

The William Patrick Library opened at its current location in 1994 to replace the town library at Camphill House, Peel Park. It was refurbished in 2012. The stained-glass panels from Middlecroft House, the former home of Rita Cowan Taketsuru, the mother of Japanese Whisky, are housed inside. Visit Archives and Local Studies on the first floor of the library during its opening hours to discover more about your local history.

The Antiquaries are hosting an exhibition in the foyer of the library on the theme of “Significant Personalities of Kirkintilloch and District” with a new group of personalities. The exhibition will include archive and newly taken photographs of significant residents of the district, their houses, workplaces, other sites associated with them, and their graves and memorials in the Old Aisle Cemetery. Come along on Saturday 6 September between 10am and 4pm to chat to members of the Antiquaries. The exhibition will then continue until Saturday 13 September.

Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 September 2025, 10am to 4pm



William Patrick Library  
2-4 West High Street  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 1AD



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## William Patrick Library: Architectural Archives Display

Join us for a fascinating display of architectural plans from the EDLC archives, featuring:

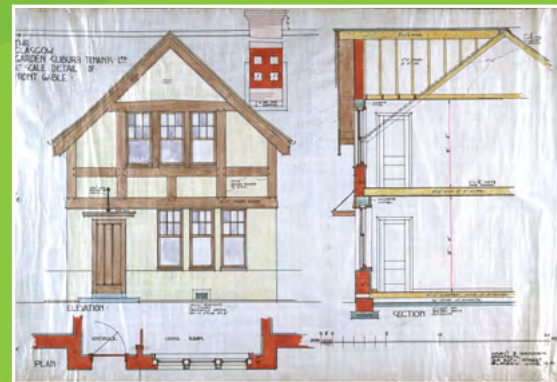
- Scotland's first garden suburb
- Monuments
- Churches
- Villas
- Schools
- Housing developments
- Civic buildings
- Cast iron structures

Don't miss this opportunity to delve into East Dunbartonshire's rich architectural history!

Saturday 6 September 2025, 11am to 3pm



William Patrick Library  
2-4 West High Street  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 1AD



# Old Aisle Cemetery: Guided Walk by the Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries

Join us for a guided walk through the Old Aisle Cemetery, where you will explore the graves and memorials featured in the Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries exhibition. The walk will take place from 2pm to 4pm, starting at the Old Aisle Road entrance, opposite the belfry. There's no need to book in advance; simply arrive at the meeting point. We will be following the laid paths. Please note that dogs are not permitted, except for guide dogs. We look forward to seeing you there!

Saturday 6 September 2025, 2pm to 4pm



Old Aisle Cemetery  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 3EA





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## Lennoxtown Library

### Display by Campsie Local History Group

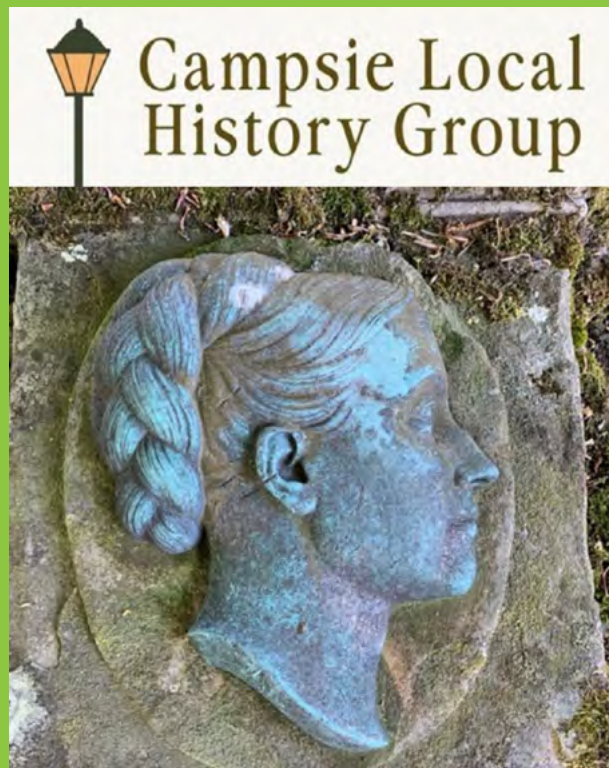
Join us at the Lennoxtown Library for a captivating event on Doors Open Day, where we will showcase a unique display that delves into the rich history of our local community. This exhibit will highlight the intriguing stories of many residents laid to rest in the local Campsie cemetery, bringing their legacies to life.

Monday 1 September to Friday 12 September 2025  
during library opening hours.



Lennoxtown Library  
46 Main Street  
Lennoxtown  
G66 7JJ

[www.campsiehistory.com](http://www.campsiehistory.com)



# LENNOXTOWN

## Campsie Cemetery in Lennoxtown

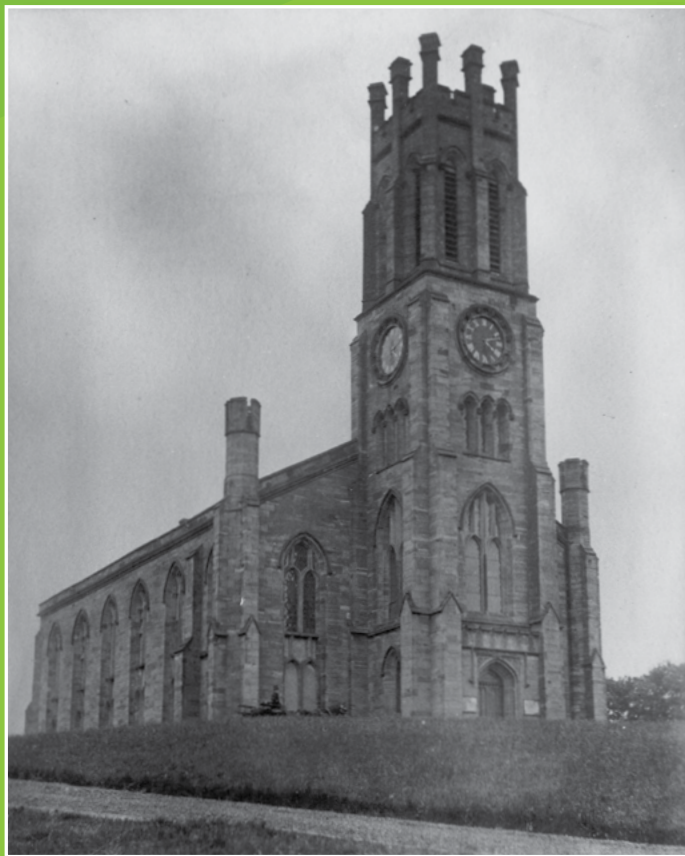
Explore the history of Lennoxtown at Campsie High Kirk, a prominent landmark since 1828. The surrounding cemetery features a variety of interesting gravestones that reflect the lives of those buried there. Join us for a guided walk-through Campsie Cemetery, where you'll hear captivating stories researched by the Campsie Local History Group and connect with the area's rich heritage.

Please contact [campsielhg@gmail.com](mailto:campsielhg@gmail.com) to book on the walk.

Sunday 7 September 2025,  
guided walk starts at 2pm



Campsie Cemetery  
41 Main Street  
Lennoxtown  
G66 7HA



## Clober Farm

Clober Farm was originally an 18th century farmhouse which was split into 3 dwellings. One of which was bequeathed to Spinal Injuries Scotland. Extensive renovations carried out in 2012 created a beautiful, tranquil holiday apartment adapted to allow easy access and living for those with a spinal injury or mobility issues. Specialised features and equipment throughout make this property a wonderful example of adapted living at its best enabling guests to enjoy a stress-free break.

You will be given an informative tour of the apartment's features which make it such a special place for those with mobility problems to have a holiday. We will also cover the rich history of the house and the story behind the changes the house has gone through.

Join us on Doors Open Days with a tour from our knowledgeable guides to provide insight into the building's history and the thoughtful adaptations that make it such a welcoming space.

Saturday 6 September 1.30 to 5.30pm &  
Sunday 7 September 2025, 10-5pm



Clober Farm  
7 Clober Farm Lane  
Milngavie  
G62 7HW  
<https://www.cloberfarm.co.uk/>



## Gavin's Mill

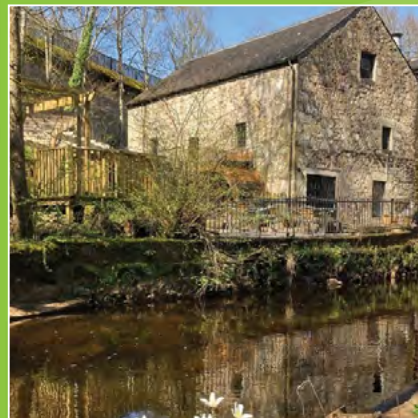
Gavin's Mill is one of the oldest buildings in Milngavie, dating from at least the 16th century. Powered by the Allander Water, it operated as a grain mill and latterly as a sawmill until about 1960 when a fire gutted the interior. It was bought and reconstructed by architect Bert Morris and functioned as an office and restaurant until 2014. In 2017 the Gavin's Mill community project took it over and opened as a fair-trade shop and café.

Enjoy guided tours, an exhibition of photos and artefacts, a demonstration of milling with quern stones, and a Memories Corner. The waterwheel will be running at intervals throughout the day.

Gavin's Mill is open from 10am – 4pm on  
Saturday 6 September.



Gavin's Mill  
3 Gavin's Mill Road  
Milngavie  
G62 6NB  
<https://www.gavinsmill.org>





## Lillie Art Gallery: Guided tour of the Gallery Store

The Lillie Art Gallery is a purpose-built gallery opened in 1962. It owes its existence to local banker and artist Robert Lillie (1867-1949), who left a substantial number of his own artworks as well as funds to build the gallery.

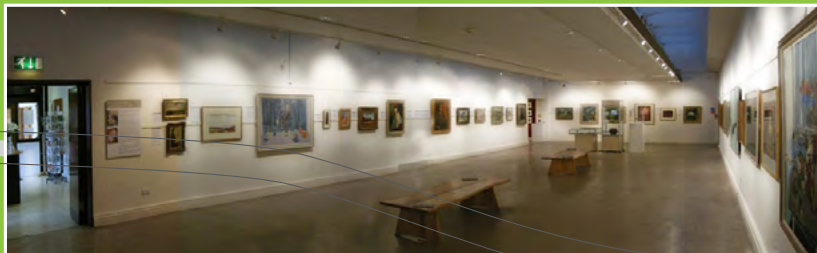
Since 1962, this founding bequest of artworks has been developed to form a collection of Scottish art dating from the 1880s to the present day. Around 450 works are contained in the collection, which includes paintings, prints, drawings and a small collection of sculpture and ceramics.

Enjoy a peek behind the scenes in the store of the Lillie Art Gallery.

Tours are at 2.15pm and 3.15pm and will last approximately 30 minutes.

Booking is essential, please phone the gallery to book on 0141 956 5536.

The Lillie Art Gallery will also be open from 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm on Saturday 6 September. Exhibitions on display will include Michael Durning, and Jessie M King.



Lillie Art Gallery

Station Rd

Milngavie

G62 8BZ

<https://www.edlc.co.uk/venues/lillie-art-gallery/>

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## Milngavie Library: Display by Milngavie Heritage Centre Group

Held within the Milngavie Library, The Milngavie Heritage Centre group's next heritage exhibition explores the fascinating history of Mains Estate and its connection to the Douglas Family. The "Douglas" name is very familiar in Milngavie; think of Douglas Academy, Douglas Street and Douglas House (formerly the local cinema). The name derives from one of the oldest landowning families in the Milngavie area. Their old estate of Mains has been largely developed for modern housing in a semi-rural setting. It also an opportunity to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Mains Estate Residents Association, which was founded in 1975.

10am – 5pm on Saturday 6 September and will run till Saturday 8 November 2025 during normal library opening hours.

Milngavie Library is closed on Sundays



Milngavie Library  
Allander Road  
Milngavie  
G62 8PN

<https://www.edlc.co.uk/venues/milngavie-library/>

MILNGAVIE

# Historic Mains Estate Walk: Walk by the Milngavie Heritage Centre Group

Join us for a guided walk around the historic Mains Estate, where we'll explore the natural and physical remnants of this former landed estate on the outskirts of Milngavie. Utilising a collection of historical maps, you'll gain insight into the estate's rich history as we navigate its perimeter.

The walk spans approximately three miles and will take around 1 hour and 30 minutes to complete. We recommend wearing waterproof boots and clothing to ensure a comfortable experience. Booking is FREE but essential, so contact 0141 956 3541 to reserve your spot today!

Sunday 7 September 2025 2-4pm



Mains Estate  
Milngavie





## Caldwell Halls

Caldwell Halls, once the village school for Torrance, has a rich history that begins with its two-storey section, built in 1813. The upper floor served as the residence for the schoolmaster and was accessible via a staircase at the rear of the building. Classes were conducted on the ground floor, which is now the foyer.

Join us for an engaging event featuring displays that celebrate the village school, complemented by a Handling Kit provided by EDLC. Attendees will have the chance to explore the history of school life over the years, including opportunities to try out traditional children's games. Cycling has long been popular in Torrance and the wider Campsie area, making it a favoured resting spot for cyclists from urban locations.

In celebration of their centenary, Nightingales Cycle Club, alongside the Ivy Cycle Club, will showcase a captivating exhibition of bikes and cycling artifacts for enthusiasts to enjoy. Additionally, we will feature heritage displays and a visual archive exhibition focused on the history of Torrance and Baldernock. This event is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to drop in, explore, and connect with the community. Tea and coffee will be provided for your enjoyment. We look forward to welcoming you!

Community Hall open 7 days a week 9am to 9pm

Sunday 7 September 2025, 12:30pm to 4pm



Caldwell Halls  
16 Campsie Road  
Torrance  
G64 4BN  
[www.caldwellhalls.co.uk](http://www.caldwellhalls.co.uk)

# TORRANCE



# Ready to explore more?



If Doors Open Day has sparked your interest in local history and heritage, why not contact us at [archives@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:archives@eastdunbarton.gov.uk) or call 0141 777 3142 for more information on our Archives and Local Studies department which is situated on the first floor of the William Patrick Library.

Here you can enjoy free access to a wealth of archive and local history material including local newspapers from 1883 to the present day, a vast collection of 40,000 photographs and a large and varied selection of local books and maps to enjoy. There are also over 300 archive collections covering councils, schools, businesses, industries, cemeteries, clubs, individuals, families, poor relief, valuation rolls, burial records and building plans.

Curious to learn more about local people, places, and history?  
Consider purchasing one of our local publications!  
Contact [Libraries@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:Libraries@eastdunbarton.gov.uk) for more details or visit [www.edlc.co.uk/heritage-arts/local-history/local-publications](http://www.edlc.co.uk/heritage-arts/local-history/local-publications) to view our complete list of titles.





Psst! Curious to hear some interesting stories? Dive into “Overheard Conversations” — a creative journey through East Dunbartonshire’s past!

A project in collaboration with S2 pupils from St Ninian’s High School has reimagined dialogues from key social history events, to create an engaging audio series paired with Local Studies photographs. Curious about what was said back then?

Visit <https://www.edlc.co.uk/heritage-arts/projects/overheard-conversations-project/> to find out more!

Did you know that Trails and Tales is a Heritage and Arts Project that connects artists with communities to delve into their local history and heritage? This initiative has sparked research, engaging conversations, and creative interpretations, resulting in a series of outdoor sculptural arts and heritage trails across 11 local communities.

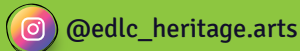
You can explore East Dunbartonshire with our nine downloadable maps available on our website.

For more information, visit [www.trailsandtales.org](http://www.trailsandtales.org)



# Stay Connected with East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust!

To keep in the loop with all the exciting happenings in your area, follow us on social media:



Dive deeper into your local heritage by exploring our online collections catalogue:  
[www.collections.edlc.co.uk](http://www.collections.edlc.co.uk)

Don't miss out on all the great events and resources available to you!

## Other formats

This document can be provided in large print,  
Braille or in audio format and can be translated  
into other community languages.

Please contact the Council on 0300 123 4510

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