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Ochils Festival

1-30 June 2013



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The Ochils Festival



The Ochils Festival is a varied programme of events designed to celebrate the landscape, heritage and people of the Ochils and Hillfoots area of Clackmannanshire and Stirling.

There is something for everyone - locals and visitors alike! There are walks, talks, workshops, discovery sessions, tours of historic kirkyards and fun family activities. Each event helps to encourage a greater understanding and appreciation of this unique area.

The area includes rugged glens, rapid water flow, meandering streams, carseland, peaks, upland grazing, natural sponges, planted and ancient woodland. This spectacular landscape has directly contributed to much of the area's built and cultural heritage, including that connected with the textiles and mining industries.



How to book:

- All events are **FREE!**
- While the events are all free, we expect many to be fully subscribed. Therefore, to avoid disappointment, please book in advance.
- You can book on-line at www.ochils.org.uk. Alternatively...
 - Phone: **01259 452675** or **01259 452528**
 - Email: info@ochils.org.uk
 - Post: please return the tear-off form on the back page of this booklet to: **Beatriz Jenkins, Ochils Landscape Partnership, Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB**
- If you need to cancel your booking at any point, please contact us (by email or phone as above or **07970 290868** on the day itself) so that your place can be re-allocated.
We have a waiting list for over-subscribed events.
- Children under 18 **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Please contact the Ochils Landscape Partnership if you require information about the accessibility of venues.

Grading of walks

The Ochils Landscape Partnership has followed the grading system implemented by the Ramblers. For more details on walk grading please see www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/find-a-route/ramblers-routes-difficulty-ratings.aspx
Walks are graded as follows:

Easy



Walks for anyone of a reasonable fitness level who doesn't have a mobility difficulty. Suitable for pushchairs if they can be lifted over occasional obstructions. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Paths are clearly identifiable on the ground.

Leisurely



Walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. May include unsurfaced rural paths. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.

Moderate



Walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

Important. Grades are provided as a general guide only: if you have any doubt about your fitness for a particular walk please contact the organiser. You should also bear in mind the distance of the walk, regional differences in terrain and the possibility of bad weather, which can make a walk more difficult than planned. Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit.

Event categories

Brown indicates a walking event.

Blue indicates a talk.



Red indicates a workshop.

Local transport



For information on public transport, see www.clacksweb.org.uk/transport/public/
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Mini Beast Hunt

Be a scientist for the day! Join our fun-filled walk to search for creepy crawlies and magnificent mini beasts. We will hunt out beetles, butterflies, ladybirds, centipedes and the other wee inhabitants of Dollar. We will catch them in our nets and view them up close and personal under magnifying glasses and microscopes. Prepare to be surprised at some of the fascinating facts about mini beasts!

When: Saturday 1 June, 12-3pm

Walks will leave from the Ochils Landscape Partnership stand at 12pm and 1pm

Where: Dollar Gala Day, behind Dollar Civic Centre, Park Crescent, Dollar, FK14 7AA

Event Leaders: Amanda Joaquin, Ochils Landscape Partnership Volunteer Development Officer and Kate Williamson, Activity Park Ranger

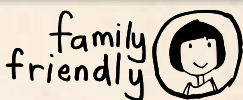
Note: Wear sturdy shoes and sun block / hat / raincoat as required! Please note that children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Booking: Please book at our stall during Dollar Gala Day; maximum 15 participants per walk.

Sat 1 June



Willow Weaving Workshop



Learn how to make willow structures for your garden. We will be tackling straightforward willow hurdles to more creative willow houses or sculptures. Beginners and those with previous experience welcome. You can take home your willow creations at the end of the day.

When: Saturday 1 June & Sunday 2 June, 10am-4pm

Where: Muckhart Nature Park, behind the church, Pool of Muckhart

Event Leader: Meriel Cairns

Note: If you have them, please bring a sharp knife, gloves, secateurs, a wee stool and a packed lunch. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear. All the willow will be provided. Please note there are no toilet facilities nearby.

Booking: Booking essential: maximum 10 participants per day

Sat 1 & Sun 2 June



Introduction to Hill Walking and Navigation in the Ochils

Join us for a moderate introduction to hill walking - ideal for people who would like to try this increasingly popular activity but haven't quite gained the confidence to buy a map and just go for it! Experienced walk leader, Gavin Clarke, will give guidance on the basic principles of navigation using a map and compass, and give valuable advice about how to keep safe and avoid going astray when the weather closes in.

When: Sunday 2 June, 10am

Approximately 4-5 hours  Moderate (see page 4)

Where: Meet at 10am at the Lower Car Park on the way up to Castle Campbell in Dollar (Grid Ref NS964990 - work this out if you can before the walk!)

Event Leaders: Gavin Clarke, in association with Alva Ecology CIC.

Note: Hill walking kit generally to include as a minimum:-

1. Layered warm clothing, e.g. fleece, base layer, non cotton trousers if possible
 2. Waterproof jacket and overtrousers and if possible gaiters and waterproof boots (if not available be prepared to get your feet wet)
 3. Hat and gloves plus food for a day in the hills AND water
 4. Mapcase or polypocket type A4 envelope
 5. OS Maps (1:50000) and compasses if available (otherwise these will be supplied).
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Booking: Maximum 10 participants

Please note that there is a minimum age of 12 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent / guardian and should be happy to walk at a modest pace for 4/5 hours.



The Tillicoultry Triangle

Don't worry - there's no watery vortex here, just a triangular tour of three old burial grounds: Tillicoultry Upper Kirkyard, which contains the earliest gravestone in the county; Tillcoultry Lower Kirkyard, where you can find out how the village developed into a mill town; and Tait's Tomb, the unusual private burial ground for the Tait family of Harviestoun Castle.

When: Sunday 2 June, 1-4 pm

Approximately 3 miles  Moderate (see page 4)

Where: Tillicoultry Upper Kirkyard, Fir Park, Tillicoultry, FK13 6PX

Event Leaders: Susan Mills and Kirsty McAlister

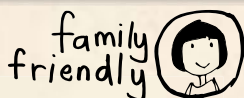
Note: The walk will take about three hours and stout footwear and suitable clothing are recommended.

Booking: Booking recommended; maximum 18 participants

Sun 2 June



The Story of Dollar Burn



Join us at Dollar Museum for a brief look at the exhibition on Dollar Burn before wandering through Mill Green to see the sites of the historic dams and lades that supplied the woollen and grain mills, as well as Dollar waterworks. We will then walk downstream and learn about the damage done by the infamous flood of 1877. Back at the Museum, have a leisurely look at old maps, photographs and other material about the Burn.

When: Tuesday 4 June, 7.15pm 🌙

Approximately 1-1.5 hours 🚶 Easy (see page 4)

Where: Dollar Museum, Castle Campbell Hall, 1 High Street, Dollar FK14 7AY

Event Leaders: Janet Carolan, Sandra Davies and Val Toon

Note: Wear sensible shoes and remember your umbrella if it's wet!

Booking: No booking necessary

Tuesday 4 June



Wednesday 5 June

The Royal Forest of Clackmannan Rediscovered

Created in the 12th century, the medieval royal forest of Clackmannan was tremendously important, both locally and nationally, for business and pleasure. Recent research commissioned by the Ochils Landscape Partnership has revealed the unexpected extent of the forest, with its four internal deer parks, suggesting that it would once have rivalled the greatest English royal forests like Clarendon and Epping. Come along to discover more about the natural and political landscape of medieval Clackmannanshire, and find out how the timber from the forest was used during the Wars of Independence.

When: Wednesday 5 June, 7.30pm 🌙

Where: Dollar Civic Centre, Park Crescent, Dollar, FK14 7AA

Event Leaders: Dr Alasdair Ross, University of Stirling

Booking: Booking recommended:
maximum 60 attendees



Handmade Tile workshop

Join ceramic artist Fiona Byrne-Sutton for the opportunity to make your own decorative tile, which can be embedded with foliage and plants from the Ochil Community Garden. Learn how to use texture imaginatively and paint your tile with clay from Gartenkeir Farm, Coalsnaughton. Tiles will be fired off-site and returned to their creators for them to keep. Learn about the history of local ceramic production and the properties of local clay throughout the session.

When: Thursday 6 June, 1-3pm

Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)

Event Leaders: Fiona Byrne-Sutton, in association with Alva Ecolodge CIC.

Note: All tools and equipment will be supplied.

Booking: Booking essential: maximum 12 participants

Thursday 6 June



Not Just a Load of Old Stones: the Historic Kirkyards of the Hillfoots

Of course they *are* full of old stones, but the historic graveyards along the Hillfoots are also so much more. They can tell us about the people who lived in and around the villages, what they did for a living, how well off they were and how they wanted to be remembered. This talk will present some of the kirkyards' highlights and set the scene for the imminent stone restoration project.

When: Thursday 6 June, 7.30pm 🌙

Where: Ben Cleuch Centre, Park Street, Tillicoultry, FK13 6AG

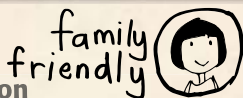
Event Leaders: Susan Mills, Museum and Heritage Officer, Clackmannanshire Council

Booking: Booking recommended: maximum 50 attendees

Thursday 6 June



Food for Free Along the Devon



A walk on the wild side! Come along and discover some unlikely sources of food and ingredients for recipes beside the River Devon. Margaret Lear will explain how wild food can be sourced from trees, shrubs and ground cover available in June. Margaret will entertain with stories about the uses of wild food and offer tips on safe identification and sustainable foraging. Everyone taking part will receive a Wild Food Information Sheet.

When: Saturday 8 June, 10am

Approximately 3 miles  Moderate (see page 4)

Where: Meet at parking / picnic area near Tait's Tomb to the east of Tillicoultry on the A91.


Event Leaders: Margaret Lear, horticulturalist, Plants with Purpose

Note: Remember to dress for the weather and bring a basket or carrier bag to hold the items you have collected. Margaret will be providing tips on safe identification on the day. Participants are strongly advised NOT to eat any foraged foods before hearing professional advice: all consumption is at your own risk. Those with allergies should take particular care. Please note there are no toilet facilities nearby.

Booking: Booking essential; maximum 15 participants

Saturday 8 June



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Bat Discovery Day

Come along to find out about the world of bats and join in with our family friendly batty activities! There will be badges for children (and grown ups!) to create and decorate, and you can make a bat box. We will organise a future volunteer day so that people can come back and help install boxes in good local spots to help conserve bats in the Ochils and Hillfoots.

When: Saturday 8 June, 12-4pm

Where: The Ochils Landscape Partnership stall at Menstrie Gala Day, Menstrie Park, Menstrie, FK11 7BA

Event Leaders: Amanda Joaquin, Ochils Landscape Partnership Volunteer Development Officer, and Jenny Eaves, Central Scotland Bat Group

Note: Please wear clothes appropriate for the weather and activity. A maximum of one box per family

Booking: Drop-in on the day, but please note that a maximum of 30 boxes can be made.


Saturday 8 June



Heritage Walk: Muckhart to Vicar's Bridge

Join us for this picturesque circular walk from Muckhart to Vicar's Bridge and Pitgober. We will walk along some of the historic tracks that were used to approach the old toll point at Muckhart. Along the way we will see some hollow-ways (or sunken roads) and an old ford - thankfully now bridged. There are some splendid views of the Ochils too!

When: Sunday 9 June, 10am

Approximately 5 miles / 3 hours  Moderate (see page 4)

Where: Meet outside The Inn at Muckhart, Pool of Muckhart, FK14 7JN


Event Leaders: Roger Pickering and Neil Ramsay

Note: This is not a hard walk but some of the ground is uneven and we shall be off the track sometimes - wear suitable footwear and bring a stick if you need one. Don't forget to bring any drinks or snacks too! Please note there are no toilet facilities nearby.

Booking: Booking essential: maximum 15 people

Sunday 9 June



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Natural Art in Alva

This is a hands-on activity which will provide fun for all the family! People will be guided and encouraged to create art in the outdoors. The art will be temporary, deteriorating over time and will use materials found locally in the environment. This is an environmentally friendly activity which will encourage people to have fun and be creative in the outdoors.

When: Sunday 9 June, two sessions: 1- 2pm and 2- 3pm

Where: Alva Glen car park, Brook Street, Alva, FK12 5JL

Event Leaders: Claire Templeton, Alva Ecolodge CIC.

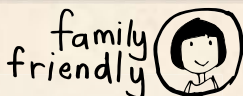
Note: Remember to dress for the weather and wear suitable footwear. Meet in Alva Glen car park.

Booking: Booking essential: maximum 12 people per session. Please note that children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Sunday 9 June



Much Ado about Muckhart



Muckhart is a fascinating place and this tour will help you to find out about it. Take a stroll around the old kirk and kirkyard, where you will see, among other memorials, a gravestone for a Japanese gardener called Matsuo. You can learn about the history of the village, near a former drove road, and explore Muckhart Nature Park.

When: Sunday 9 June, 2-4 pm

Approximately 2 miles  Leisurely (see page 4)

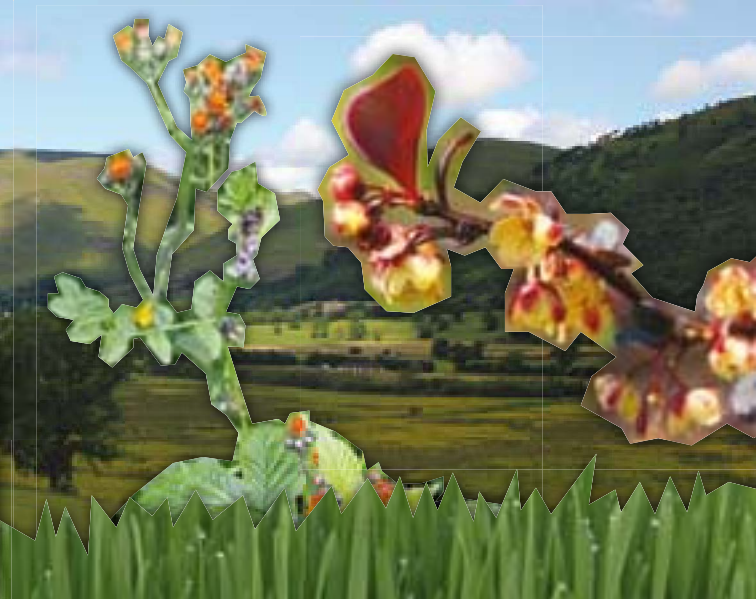
Where: Muckhart Parish Church, 8 Kirk Hill, Pool of Muckhart, FK14 7JQ

Event Leaders: Susan Mills and Meriel Cairns

Note: The walk will take about three hours and stout footwear and suitable clothing are recommended.

Booking: Booking recommended; maximum 18 participants


Sunday 9 June



Tuesday 11 June

The Devon Dawdle

Join Liz Lavery, an experienced botanist, for this gentle saunter alongside the River Devon. Liz will identify flora and fauna along the route, and explain why certain plants can be found there. Midsummer is a great time to see a glorious display of wild flowers, from wild comfrey, red campion and common spotted orchids to sweet cicely, goat's beard, wild garlic and vetches. Don't forget to bring your camera!

When: Tuesday 11 June, 10-1pm (approx)
Approximately 3-4 miles / 3 hours  Leisurely (see page 4)

Where: Meet at the Devonvale Hall, Moss Road, Tillicoultry, FK13 6NS

Event Leaders: Liz Lavery


Note: Remember to dress for the weather and bring your camera and sturdy shoes!

Booking: Booking required; maximum 15 participants



River Devon Trail: Vicar's Bridge to Glenfoot

Join us on this linear walk from Vicar's Bridge to Glenfoot. The River Devon Trail passes along the riverside and through woodland, offering a diverse habitat for wildlife, flora and fauna. It passes historic mine workings, old mill buildings and former linen bleach fields. Learn about the work that has already been done by volunteers to improve the path and what improvements are planned for the future.

When: Wednesday 12 June, 9.30am
Approximately 6.5 miles / 4-5 hours  Moderate (see page 4)

Where: Meet at Glenfoot car park
(Marchglen, Tillicoultry, grid reference NS910964)

Event Leaders: Mick Rice and Karen MacBean

Note: Please ensure you dress for the weather and bring any drinks and snacks you will need. Transport has been arranged to take us from the meeting point at Glenfoot to the start of the walk at Vicar's Bridge (grid ref: NS985979). From there we will walk back to Glenfoot. Due to the length of this walk, it is not suitable for young children.

Booking: Booking essential due to transport arrangements; maximum 12 people.

Wednesday 12 June



Historical Food Workshop

In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to make food and drinks from the past. We will make (and then sample!) a three-course meal from foods representing three different ages. The main ingredients will be those that were readily available in the Ochils landscape at different times in history, including some that can still be found locally. Prepare to use some unusual ingredients and combinations! Participants will take away recipe cards with instructions on how to recreate the foods they have made

When: Wednesday 12 June, 6.30-8.30pm 🌙

Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)


Event Leaders: Claire Templeton, Alva Ecolodge CIC.

Note: There is a minimum age of 12 for this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent / guardian. All consumption at your own risk. Please inform the group leader about any food allergies or intolerances you have.

Booking: Booking essential: maximum 12 people.

Wednesday 12 June



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Join us for this fun-filled family day to celebrate and investigate the environment and heritage of the Ochils and Hillfoots. Check www.ochils.org.uk for regular updates about newly added events and start times.

Some events have limited resources or spaces so it might be best to arrive early or book in advance to avoid disappointment.



There will be much more on the day, including face painting, circus skills, juggling, balloon modelling and a bouncy castle!

When: Saturday 15 June, 11am - 3pm

Where: Dumyat Centre and grounds,
Main Street East, Menstrie, FK11 7BL

Event Leaders:

Ochils Landscape Partnership

Note: Children under 18 must be accompanied at all events. Please keep dogs on leads as there will be live birds, animals and reptiles on-site.



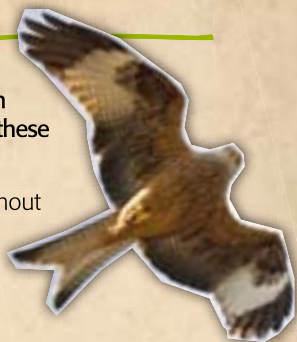
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Here are just some of the many **FREE** activities for all the family...

World of Wings

Come along and see a selection of our amazing birds of prey. Chat with our falconer and find out all about these wonderful birds.

Note: We'll be at the stand throughout the day but the main flight display will be at 1pm.



Tree Cookies



Join us to make some adorable wee 'tree cookies'. We cut small disks from tree branches before being painted with a design of your choice. The disks are then threaded on to cord to make necklaces or key chains.

Event Leaders: Anna Hamilton, Volunteer Development Officer with The Conservation Volunteers

Note: Drop-in session (maximum 10 people at a time). Each cookie will probably take around 30 minutes to cut and paint. Please note these 'cookies' are NOT edible!

Butterfly Hibernation Box Building

Butterflies are not only beautiful, they also help to pollinate fruit and flowers. Test your building skills by making a home for them to hibernate in. These easy-to-assemble wooden boxes will provide winter shelter for butterflies and encourage more into your garden. Come along and try!



Event Leaders: Gillian Barrie, Central Scotland Forest Trust

Note: Drop-in session. All materials and equipment provided (one hibernation box per family).

Saturday 15 June, 11am - 3pm

Fochils Fest

Saturday 15 June, 11 - 3pm

Dumyat Centre,
Menstrie

Magical Moths and Beautiful Butterflies

Come along to our illustrated discovery session on the moths and butterflies of the surrounding area. Find out the differences between moths and butterflies. See pictures of bright and colourful insects, and help identify and release live moths caught locally the previous day.

Event Leaders:

Duncan Davidson,
Butterfly Conservation

Note: Event begins at 12.15



Animal Magic: Close Encounters



Get up close and personal at this live animal handling session! Meet an Egyptian hedgehog and an African python - compare these exotic animals with their native Scottish counterparts.

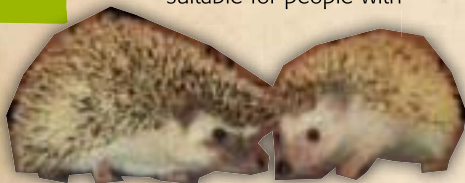
Event Leaders:

Laura Rennie, Animal Magic

Note: Drop-in session. Live animals are involved in this presentation, which is thus not suitable for people with



allergies to or phobias of birds, mammals, reptiles or amphibians.



Saturday 15 June, 11am - 3pm

Citizen Science with The Conservation Volunteers

The Conservation Volunteers will have a mini laboratory set up with microscopes and hand lenses where people can drop in and get 'up close and personal' with the local wildlife. There will be a range of other activities for people to participate in, including wildlife recording and guided walks.

Event Leaders: John McFarlane,
Environment Development Officer with
The Conservation Volunteers

Note: Walks at 11.30 and 1.30 (45 minutes long). Maximum 15 per walk. Remember to wear suitable outdoor clothing and shoes.



Animation Station

Join us in the main hall to watch the animations made by children at Menstrie, Tillicoultry, Alva, Coalsnaughton, Strathdevon and Muckhart primary schools working with Amanda Joaquin, the Ochils Landscape Partnership's Volunteer Officer. Each focuses on a different aspect of the local environment and uses a range of materials to tell a unique story.

Note: Drop-in session.



The Horribly Historical Cartoon Challenge

The challenge is to make an animated film (similar to those being shown at Animation Station) in just 90 minutes! Individuals / pairs / families / teams will choose an event from local history and re-enact it with their own animated cartoon characters. All films will be put on the Ochils Landscape Partnership's website, www.ochils.org.uk and the winning team wins a prize!

Event Leaders: Jim Stirk, Red Kite Animation

Note: Workshops at 11-12.30 and 1.30-3pm. Booking essential: maximum 15 participants per workshop.

Saturday 15 June, 11am - 3pm



Virtual Landscape Exploration

Discover our new 'Virtual Visitor Centre', complete with a high-tech CGI film about the history of Alva Estate and Ice House and a great new geo-caching trail.

Note: Drop-in session.

Introduction to Geo-caching

Learn from our very own Amanda Joaquin how to get started. She will explain the main aims and show you how to use GPS co-ordinates to navigate around the countryside. This would be the perfect time to start as we are running a geo-caching competition during June, with great prizes!

Event Leaders: Amanda Joaquin

Note: Sessions at 11.30 and 2pm (approximately 30 minutes long). Maximum 15 per session. Bring your Smartphone or GPS device if you have one. If not, you can try ours! Don't worry if you don't have a GPS device or Smartphone as you can take away a paper-based version of our trail and join in just the same. Remember to wear suitable outdoor clothing and shoes.



Childhood Across the Ages

Check out our amazing collection of toys from the last 80 or so years. Guess the game and test your own skills! Make your own superhero or celebrity peg doll, or make your own Subbuteo figure and play with it on an original Subbuteo board.

Event Leaders: Mark Nixon and Kevin Kerrigan, Scottish Independent Touring Exhibition

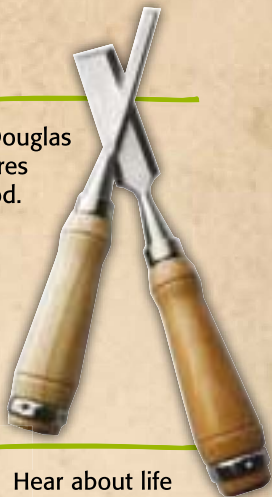
Note: Drop-in session. All materials provided.

Saturday 15 June, 11am - 3pm

Wood Carving Demonstration

See master wood carver Richard Douglas in action. Watch him create creatures and art from simple blocks of wood. Sign up for a free wood carving workshop (on 18 June) to get the change to have a go for yourself.

Note: Drop-in session.



Spinster's Tales



Hear about life as a spinster in Hillfoots textile mills from the (almost real) thing! Learn about the strict rules and regulations and what

workers used to eat in their packed lunch. Hear stories about the dangers of mill work, and of the work children used to have to do.

Event Leaders: Evelyn Wilson, Heritage Interpretation

Note: Drop-in session, with story-telling (Ochils Fairytales and Legends) at 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm.

Archaeology for All

Try your hand at archaeology - dig up a skull and other buried treasures! Learn more about the Ochils Landscape Partnership's archaeology projects in Dollar Glen and at the Alva Ice House.

Note: Drop-in session



Saturday 15 June, 11am - 3pm

Place-name Exhibition and Talk at Dollar Museum

Exhibition

The Scottish Toponymy in Transition team at the University of Glasgow is researching the place-names of a number of areas of Scotland, including Clackmannanshire. The project will ultimately produce a book on Clackmannanshire place-names but, in the meantime, you can drop in to Dollar Museum to see the project's exhibition about the place-names of Clackmannanshire, with a special focus on those of Dollar.

Talk

This talk about the place-names of medieval Clackmannanshire will be given by Dr Simon Taylor of the University of Glasgow, who is a renowned expert in the study of place-names. Simon will explore the influence of the British, Gaelic and Scots languages on these names, and enlighten us about what the names can tell us about the medieval landscape and daily life in the Wee County.

When: Exhibition, Weekends of 15-16 and 22-23 June (11-1pm and 2-4pm on Saturdays and 2-4.30pm on Sundays). The Museum will also be open on Tuesday 18 June to allow visitors to view the exhibition on the first day of the project's place-name walks. (see page 31 of brochure).

Talk, Saturday 22 June, 2pm

Where: Dollar Museum, Castle Campbell Hall, 1 High Street, Dollar, FK14 7AY

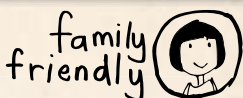
Event Leaders: Scottish Toponymy in Transition members, including Eila Williamson, Simon Taylor and Pete McNiven. The project is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council 2011-2014.

Booking: No booking required but space is limited in the Museum.

Sat 15 June - Sun 23 June



Mining Mania



Come and see us at Tillicoultry Gala Day, where Evelyn Wilson will present the story of local mining. Hear about the jobs that women, children and animals used to do in the coal mines, and find out what miners used to wear and eat. Did you know that silver was found in the Ochils in the early 18th century? Find out how a fortune was won and lost by the landowning family, who were linked to the Jacobite rebellion of 1715.

When: Sunday 16 June, 12-3pm. Living history sessions at the Ochils Landscape Partnership stand at 1pm, 1.45pm and 2.30pm


Where: The Ochils Landscape Partnership stall at Tillicoultry Gala Day, Tillicoultry Public Park, Park Avenue, Tillicoultry, FK13 6BW.

Event Leaders: Kirsty McAlister and Evelyn Wilson

Booking: Booking not required

Sunday 16 June



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Guided Tour of Alva Old Kirkyard

Alva Old Kirkyard is intriguing: there are the relics of St Serf's Church, interesting early gravestones and a plaque in memory of Dr Robert Erskine, who became Chief Physician to Tzar Peter the Great of Russia. There is also the Johnstone Mausoleum, built c.1789 by John Johnstone, who bought the Alva estate from the Erskine family in 1775. This fine building contains the burials and memorials of many members of the Johnstone family through to the present day. It has been restored and recent repairs to the floor have revealed new information about its construction. This guided tour will illuminate the stories of the kirkyard and the many people buried there.

When: Sunday 16 June, 1-4 pm and Sunday 23 June, 12-2 pm

Where: Alva Old Kirkyard, Ochils Road, Alva, FK12 5JP

Event Leaders: Susan Mills, Museum and Heritage Officer, Clackmananshire Council and Lillas Barron

Note: The ground is uneven and it may be damp underfoot (even in June), so make sure you wear suitable footwear.


Booking: No booking required - just drop-in for a tour.

Sunday 16 June



Place-name Walk from Dollar to Harviestoun

Have you ever wondered about the origins of names such as Harviestoun, Sheardale and the Burn of Sorrow? Join the members of the Glasgow University Scottish Toponymy in Transition project on our circular walk from Dollar to Harviestoun and find out about the language and landscape history of the area through its place-names. There will be an opportunity to visit the project's exhibition at Dollar Museum on the days of the walks too.

When: Tuesday 18 and Saturday 22 June, meeting at 9.30am
Approximately 5 miles / 3.5 hours  Moderate (see page 4)

Where: Meet outside Dollar Museum, Castle Campbell Hall, 1 High Street, Dollar, FK14 7AY

Event Leaders: Scottish Toponymy in Transition members, including Eila Williamson, Simon Taylor and Pete McNiven

Note: Walkers are advised to wear stout footwear and bring a snack / water. There will also be an option to join the project team for lunch after the walk (lunch option is at walkers' own expense).

Booking: Booking essential; maximum 25 participants Day; maximum 15 participants per walk.

Tues 18 & Sat 22 June



Woodcarving Workshop

This workshop is designed to give participants the experience of using hand carving tools on wood. The main aim is to give people the opportunity to use unfamiliar tools in a unfamiliar way, but every effort will be made to ensure that everyone can take something home - something that is not simply a bit of firewood!

When: Tuesday 18 June, 2-4pm

Where: Wee County Crafters Workshop, Cobden Street, Alva, FK12 5AA

Event Leaders: Richard Douglas, in association with Alva Ecolodge CIC.

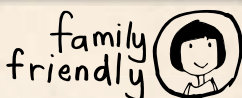
Note: Minimum age: 16 (under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

Booking: Booking essential: maximum 12 participants. All wood and tools supplied!

Tuesday 18 June



Natural Dyeing Delights



Join us for this celebration of the colours of the Ochils landscape using natural dyes taken from the environment. Explore the different effects that can be achieved using plants and other materials in their raw or processed forms. Learn how different design techniques can be achieved so that you can create your own unique pieces.

When: Wednesday 19 June, 6.30-8.30pm 🌙

Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)

Event Leaders: Claire Templeton, Alva Ecolodge CIC.

Booking: Booking essential: maximum 12 people. Please inform the group leader about any allergies you have.

Wednesday 19 June



The Tillicoultry Weavers' Strike of 1837

In 1837, while the better-known Glasgow Cotton Spinners' strike was raging in the west, the weavers of Tillicoultry were engaged in a bitter dispute with local mill owners, who were trying to force through a cut in wages. Following an attempt to introduce strikebreaking workers from other villages, Tillicoultry faced unprecedented trouble which led to the prosecution of some local men for 'riotous assembly'. Drawing on the evidence produced for the trial, Mark Nixon will describe what happened and place the Tillicoultry dispute within the wider picture of industrial relations and working-class politics in 19th-century Scotland.

When: Thursday 20 June, 7.30pm 🌙


Where: Ben Cleuch Centre, Park Street, Tillicoultry, FK13 6AG

Event Leaders: Dr Mark Nixon

Booking: Booking recommended: 50 attendees

Thursday 20 June



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Guided Tour of Old Logie Kirk and Kirkyard

There has been a centre of worship at Logie since the 11th century, a fact which can be confirmed by the presence of two Norse hogback gravestones in the old kirkyard. The ruined kirk, built around 1598, has recently been lovingly restored, and there are many interesting 17th-century gravestones with mortality and trade symbols. Drop in for a guided tour of the highlights of the kirkyard, and look through the records in the small interpretive centre that has been set up in the original Watch Hut (once used to deter grave robbers).

When: Saturday 22 June, 10-4pm & Sunday 23 June, 2-5pm

Where: Logie Old Graveyard, Logie, FK9 4LB

Event Leaders: Eleanor and Joe Young

Note: Please ensure you wear suitable footwear - the ground is uneven and it may be damp underfoot, even in June! Please note there are no toilet facilities nearby.

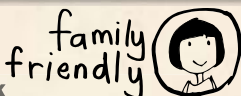
Booking: No booking required - just drop-in for a tour.

Sat 22 & Sun 23 June




Saturday 22 June

Dumyat Archaeological Walk



Join Stirling Council's archaeologist Murray Cook to explore the many archaeological secrets of Dumyat. Did you know that Dumyat was the capital of a lost Iron Age people, the Maetae, who challenged the Roman Empire? In addition, there's a deserted farm at Fossakie, a 6000-year old quarry and much, much more!

When: Saturday 22 June, 1pm-4pm
Approximately 3-4 hours  Moderate (see page 4)


Where: Meet at the Dumyat car park on the road from Logie to the Sheriffmuir Inn.

Event Leaders: Murray Cook

Note: Please bring appropriate footwear and wear suitable outdoor clothing. The ground is uneven so sturdy footwear is a must. Remember any water / snacks you may need too.

Booking: Booking essential: maximum 20 people



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Bird-box Building Blitz

Visit Muckhart Nature Park for this bird-box making workshop. There will be help on-hand and advice will be provided about the best construction techniques. All the materials will be provided and you can take your box home with you afterwards.

When: Sunday 23 June, 3 x 1-hour sessions at 11am, 12 noon and 1pm

Where: Muckhart Nature Park, behind the church, Pool of Muckhart, FK14 7JQ

Event Leaders: Pat Jordan and Terry Hollis

Note: Please wear clothes appropriate for the weather and activity. A maximum of 10 boxes can be made per hour (one box per family). Please note there are no toilet facilities nearby.

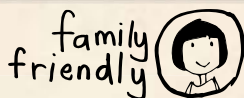
Booking: Booking essential: maximum 10 people per session

Sunday 23 June



Wednesday 26 June

Sketching Social



Join artists Meriel Cairns and Sheila Fisher on the bonnie slopes of Seamab in Muckhart Nature Park to draw and paint either the lovely views or details of trees and wild flowers. Excellent tuition for beginners. Peace and tranquillity for artists!

When: Wednesday 26 June, 10am-4pm


Where: Slopes of Seamab in Muckhart Nature Park, behind the church in the Pool of Muckhart

Event Leaders: Meriel Cairns and Sheila Fisher

Note: If you have your own sketch book, drawing pencils, watercolour pencils, paints, stool or any other art materials, please bring them along. Basic materials, such as drawing boards, pencils and a few easels, will be provided. Please bring drinks / snacks / lunch. Please note there are no toilet facilities nearby.


Booking: Booking essential: maximum 10 participants.



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Photographing Wildlife and Landscapes in and around the Ochils

A pictorial presentation by local Wildpix Scotland and RSPB Wildlife and Landscape photography tutor, Dave Taylor, illustrating the great diversity of natural and built heritage on and around the Ochils and River Devon. The talk includes hints and tips on achieving great photographic wildlife and landscape compositions and capturing unseen animal behavioural characteristics. Dave will also discuss conservation, climate change, the welfare of animals and other countryside issues.

When: Wednesday 26 June, 7.30pm 

Where: Dollar Civic Centre, Park Crescent, Dollar, FK14 7AA

Event Leaders: Dave Taylor, Associate to the British Institute of Professional Photography, in association with Alva Ecologde CIC.

Booking: Booking recommended: maximum 60 attendees

Wednesday 26 June



Thursday 27 June

Handmade Paper Workshop

This paper making taster session offers an easy introduction to the process of making paper at home. Learn how to make your own pulp and deckle frame - what that is will become clear on the day! After that, you're ready to pull your very own sheets of paper. No previous experience is necessary.

When: Thursday 27 June, 2-4pm

Where: Ochil Community Garden, Glenochil Nursery, Menstrie, FK11 7EG (between Menstrie and Alva)

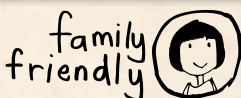
Event Leaders: Lynne Knox, in association with Alva Ecolodge CIC.

Note: All materials and equipment will be provided although it would be appreciated if participants could bring a packet of kitchen J-cloths. Paper making involves lots of water and wet hands, so you may wish to bring hand lotion for afterwards.

Booking: Booking essential: maximum 8 people



Blairlogie Art Attack



Help us decorate the Hillfoots Way. Of course it's already beautiful but some natural art can always enhance an area; build a sculpture, create a collage, frame a favourite view – the choice will be up to you, using natural materials found on or near the route.

When: Thursday 27 June, 4-6pm

Where: Meet at Blairlogie Car Park, East of Blairlogie, on the A91.

Event Leaders: Claire Bird, Stirling Ranger Service

Note: Come prepared whatever the weather: wear your favourite artistic dungarees or your best thinking hat. Please note there are no toilet facilities nearby.

Booking: Drop-in session: no booking necessary

Thursday 27 June



Pictish Tillicoultry

Dr Alasdair Ross from the University of Stirling will investigate Tillicoultry's hidden Pictish history. He will present the possible reasons why davochs (Pictish units of land assessment) can be found in the historical record relating to the parish of Tillicoultry. Delving as far back as the 8th century, the presentation will relate Pictish settlement on the north bank of the Forth to other davochs across northern Scotland.

When: Thursday 27 June, 7.30pm 🌙


Where: Ben Cleuch Centre, Park Street, Tillicoultry, FK13 6AG

Event Leaders: Dr Alasdair Ross

Booking: Booking recommended: maximum 50 attendees

Thursday 27 June



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Hillfoots Geo-caching Competition

Geo-caching is an outdoor treasure hunting game - an excellent activity for all the family! The aim is to use GPS-enabled devices (or plain old paper if you prefer) to follow clues and discover caches (i.e. containers) hidden in the environment.

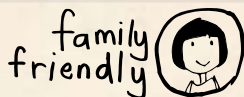
The Ochils Landscape Partnership has created our very own Geo-caching Trail in the Ochils and Hillfoots. We are also running a Geo-caching competition during June, with fantastic prizes to be won.

To help you get started we are hosting an Introduction to Geo-caching session during Ochils Fest on 15 June at the Dumyat Centre, Menstrie. We will explain the main aims and show you how to use GPS via your GPS device or Smartphone to find the caches. Don't worry if you don't have a GPS device or Smartphone as you can take away a paper-based version of our trail and join in just the same. You might even win a GPS device if you enter the competition! Prizes for the paper-based version of the competition include GPS, which will allow you to do the more high-tech version next time round!

Come and discover the unique caches and create your very own outdoor adventure!

NB: This competition ends on 30 June 2013.
visit **www.ochils.org.uk** for more information.

Geo-caching competition



Join in our Volunteer Conservation and Environmental Monitoring Programmes

The Ochils Landscape Partnership needs volunteers!

There are opportunities to take part in a wide range of activities, including tree and wildflower planting, path maintenance, and scrub and pond clearance.

You can also learn how to identify and record local flora and fauna, and take part in environmental surveying. We are looking for volunteers to help record data (text and photographs) on everything from butterflies, bees and beetles, to ancient trees and earthworms, and on air quality and water levels - and much more! This is all vital to protecting and improving our environment. These will be uploaded to www.ochils.org.uk each month so you can track the changes across the seasons.

Training is available in conservation skills and wildlife identification. We have volunteer days midweek and at weekends.

For more information on volunteering on our conservation programme or environmental monitoring project, visit: www.ochils.org.uk or contact **Amanda Joaquin**: 01259 452520 or ajoaquin@clacks.gov.uk



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Booking Form

Title _____ Name _____

Postal address _____

Phone number _____

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Unless you indicate a preference for post, we will normally contact you by email

Please tick here if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive newsletters and information about future events

Please tick here if you are interested in volunteering

Events

Please insert the number of people you wish to book places for in the box next to the event, and add their ages on the line below.

Please note that Under 18s MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult

Sat 1 June

Mini Beast Hunt
Ages _____

Willow Weaving Workshop
Ages _____

Sun 2 June

Introduction to Hill Walking and Navigation in the Ochils
Ages _____

Willow Weaving Workshop
Ages _____

The Tillicoultry Triangle
Ages _____

Tue 4 June

The Story of Dollar Burn
No booking required

Wed 5 June

The Royal Forest of Clackmannan
Ages _____

Thu 6 June

Handmade Tile Workshop
Ages _____

Not Just a Load of Old Stones: the Historic Kirkyards of the Hillfoots
Ages _____



Sat 8 June

- Food For Free Along the Devon
Ages _____

Bat Discovery Day
No booking required

Sun 9 June

- Heritage Walk: Muckhart to Vicar's Bridge
Ages _____

- Natural Art in Alva
Ages _____

- Much Ado About Muckhart
Ages _____

Tue 11 June

- The Devon Dawdle
Ages _____

Wed 12 June

- The River Devon Trail: Vicar's Bridge to Glenfoot
Ages _____

- Historical Food Workshop
Ages _____

Sat 15 June

Ochils Fest

- The Horribly Historical Cartoon Challenge
Ages _____

No booking required for all other events

Sun 16 June

Mining Mania
No booking required

Guided Tour of Alva Old Kirkyard

No booking required

Tue 18 June

- Place-names Walk from Dollar to Harviestoun
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- Wood Carving Workshop
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Wed 19 June

- Natural Dyeing Delights
Ages _____

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Ages _____

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Ages _____

Place-names Talk in Dollar Museum

No booking required

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No booking required

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