

Friends of The Old Kirk Newsletter



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Kirkcaldy Old Kirk Come & Sing

Kirkcaldy Old Kirk Trust

invites all Fife singers to come and sing in celebration of the 775th year anniversary of Kirkcaldy Old Kirk

'FROM SEA TO SKY'

by Bruce Fraser

Also music by Macmillan and Ken Johnston

Alistair Digges

Musical Director

This work for SATB choir, written by Fife composer Bruce Fraser, is about the history of the Old Kirk. It was commissioned by the Old Kirk Trust in 2014.

It has four movements aptly called The Kirk Sessions:

1. about the Wode Psalter used in the early church in Scotland
2. about the witches locked in the tower
3. about Adam Smith

4. one cultural mix in the 21st century

The piece is written for choir, baritone soloist, piano, violin and harp and will form the framework of the programme. The rest of the night will include music from the instrumentalists and singers.

The cost to take part is £5 to help with music and heating and a soup lunch will be provided on Sunday for a modest donation.

Wednesday

11th March

7pm- 9.30 pm
and Sunday

15th March

10am -5pm

Kirkcaldy Old Kirk

Please book your place as soon as possible at rosemary.nairne@blueyonder.co.uk

From Sea to Sky - Come and Listen!

Tickets for the Old Kirk 775th Anniversary Concert on Sunday 15th March at 7.30pm featuring "From Sea to Sky" are available from members of the Old Kirk Trust or the office at 01592 265499 or okheritage@blueyonder.co.uk

Tickets cost Adults £12, Concessions £10, Children £5

KIRKCALDY OLD KIRK

775th

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

SUN. MARCH 15th

7.30pm

FROM SEA TO SKY

with KOS string quartet, and Nancy Crook on piano

Book before 1st March for Early Bird Discount

- Adults £10,
- Concessions £8,
- Children £4

All funds raised will go towards the Old Kirk Tower Restoration Fund.

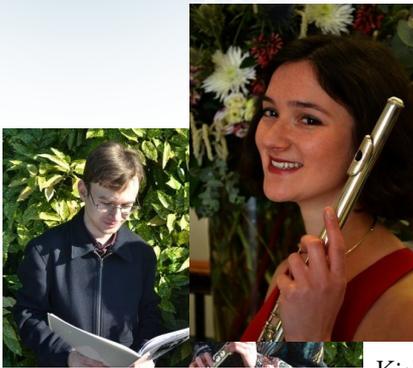


Unfortunately, due to family illness, Andy Paterson was unable to give his "Stars of the Silver Screen" presentation to Kirkcaldy Civic Society and interested friends on Tuesday 11th February as planned. We wish him well and look forward to his talk later in the year.

Anne McIntyre stepped up to deliver a splendid alternative talk on "Kirkcaldy Cinemas & The History of the ABC", which was much appreciated by all present.

Two Spring Concerts: KMS & KOS

Kirkcaldy Music Society host Meera Maharaj (flute) and Dominic Degavino (piano) - a young award-winning duo - in the Old Kirk on Wed. 18th March at 7.30pm. Tickets £14 concessions £5 available at the door.



Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society, our resident orchestra, play on our Finale Weekend with their Spring Concert in the Old Kirk : Sun. 22nd March at 3pm. Tickets £9 adults, £4 children at the door.

Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society
Leader: Vincent Gray - Musical Director and Conductor: Graeme Wilson
Season 2019-2020

Family Connections
6 & 7 Spring

Friday 20 March 2020[†]
7.30pm | St Columba's RC High School | Dunfermline

Sunday 22 March 2020^{*}
3.00pm | Old Kirk | Kirkcaldy

with **Sam Duzinkewycz** Tenor Horn

Concerto in E for Horn Mozart | Concerto for Orchestra (Old Kirk Concerto No.2) Gourlay
Danzon no.2 Marquez | Gloriana Dances Britten | Duke of Cambridge March Arnold
Music from Henry V Walton | Wedding March Mendelssohn | Funeral March of a Marionette Gounod

TICKETS (all prices include free programme)
[†] 20 March (Dunfermline promotional event) £5 Adults, £1 Child/Student
^{*} 22 March, £9 Adults, £4 Child/Student
available from orchestra members and by contacting
kirkcaldyorchestralsociety@gmail.com or phoning 07770 332812

www.kirkcaldyorchestralsociety.org
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Medieval Kirkcaldy: Kirk and Society

Next Double Bill: Thursday 19th March

5.30pm Galleries Kerry Briers: Peek into the Vicar's Grange Box

7.30pm Old Kirk Joe Fitzpatrick: Archaeological Discoveries at East Lomond Hillfort

Ever wondered what living in Kirkcaldy was like at the time of the Old Kirk consecration in 1244? Kirkcaldy Old Kirk's celebration year commemorating that event 775 years ago made some curious and on **Thursday 20th February Simon Taylor** stepped forward with some answers in a well-attended talk to Kirkcaldy Civic Society.

Simon is a senior lecturer in the University of Glasgow, whose specialist interest in this period of history took us from Roman times to Dysart as St. Serf's centre of Christianity and on to the Old Kirk and the shadowy figure of St. Bryce.

Simon is particularly well-known for his study of Scottish place-names and their derivations, and his extensive knowledge in this field was key in unravelling



the clues in local place-names to what may have gone before.

Thursday 20th February was also the day of Kirkcaldy Galleries' first teatime talk, this time by Sara Smith on "Treasures of The Kirkcaldy Local Studies Collection"

Kirkcaldy Civic Society has teamed up with the Local Studies Section of the Galleries to make these monthly Thursdays a

Double Bill for those interested in Kirkcaldy local history and we are offering teas, coffee and refreshments in Kirkcaldy Old Kirk from 6.45pm especially for those travelling over from the Galleries to hear the Civic Society talk.

The next Double Bill will be on Thursday 19th March when Civic Society member and volunteer at the Galleries Kerry Briers will be giving a "Peek into the Vicar's Grange Box" in the Galleries at 5.30pm., followed by Joe Fitzpatrick in the Old Kirk at 7.30pm describing "Archaeological Discoveries at East Lomond Hillfort."

Tickets for the Galleries talk cost £3 and can be booked at Kirkcaldy Galleries.

Entry to the Civic Society talk at the Old Kirk is free. A small donation is requested for refreshments.

Tower Restoration Project : Community Consultation in the Mercat - March 14th

In the past few months the Tower Restoration Project Team has been hard at work. We have appointed Graeme Scoon as our Project Manager and Arc Architects as the lead professionals in the Design Team. Sandra Macrae is helping us with updating our Business Plan and with fund raising applications to meet the total required in the budget.

The Trust is very

grateful for the financial support of sponsors and donors to the project, demonstrated in the £13,000 contributed so far.

However, in seeking funds from grant-giving bodies for the £80,000 still to be raised, we have been asked for further documentary proof of community support for the project.

Here is where you come in! We would love to have a few lines from you indicating

your support for the project to restore the tower and keep it open for local folk and visitors to see Kirkcaldy's heritage and to climb to the top for the magnificent views.

If there was any doubt about the need for work to the tower to secure its future, this fortnight's wind and rain have shown it, with the floors soaked from the leaking roof and the blown-out window-panes. "It's raining inside!"



exclaimed the roofer.

There will be an extra chance to see the plans and register your support on **March 14th** when we plan a **Community Consultation in the Mercat Community Space between 10am and 2.30pm**. Come in to see us there -and bring your friends and families!

Finale Weekend : 21st March 2020

Saturday 21st March 2020 brings to a fitting finale our 775 Anniversary year, as the date in 1244 when our church was consecrated by Bishop de Bernham. Finale is the right word because on that day



Hannah Gibson

Hannah Gibson, young award-winning Scottish organist at Newport-on-Tay, will be giving an organ recital in what was to have been the last one in the 775 Organ Recital Series.

However such has been the support for the Series that we have

extended it to December 2020 with an exciting list of topnotch organists to listen to on our fine Gern organ. Check out the new list overleaf or pick up your copy at Hannah's recital on 21 March at 1pm. As usual, entry is by donation (£5 minimum suggested) and the hour-long



recital is followed by a light buffet lunch.

Cherise White : "Life as a Traveller"

Kirkcaldy Civic Society's next afternoon meeting at **2pm on Tuesday 10th March** will hear a talk from Cherise White on "Life As a Traveller".

Cherise is one of the White family, known for

their part as showmen in the Links Market, and she is now owner of the Links Fish Bar in Burntisland.

The meeting is open to all and will be followed by refreshments.



Tuesday March

10th

2pm



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maintaining Kirkcaldy's heritage for the community

Organ Recitals 2020



Kirkcaldy Old Kirk 775th Anniversary Organ Recital Series 12pm

Sat. 20th April 2019	Robin Bell
Sat. 18th May 2019	Nancy Crook
Sat. 22nd June 2019	John Kitchen
Sat. 20th July 2019	Krystian Sokolowski
Sat. 17th August 2019	Marion Lees McPherson
Sat. 21st September 2019	Dr. John Willmetts
Sat. 26th October 2019	Richard Michael
Sat. 23rd November 2019	Norrie Milne
Sat. 11th January 2020	Howard Duthie
Sat. 21st March 2020	Hannah Gibson
Sat. 16th May 2020	Christopher Bragg
Sat. 13th June 2020	Kamil Mika
Sat. 4th July 2020	Andrew Forbes
Sat. 8th August 2020	Alan Ireland
Sat. 10th October 2020	Morley Whitehead
Sat. 14th November 2020	Nancy Crook

*Celebrating 775 years of the Old Kirk
 Entry by donation (min. £5)
 Snack lunch refreshments afterwards*

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Royal Scottish Geographical Society

Tomorrow's Cities - Reshaping the Future of Urban Disaster Risk

16th March, 2020 at 7:30pm in Kirkcaldy Old Kirk

Tickets are on sale via Eventbrite; RSGS members and students are entitled to free entry on the door.

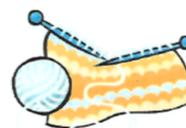
Prof Iain Stewart

Over two billion people are exposed to floods, earthquakes, landslides, volcanos and cyclones in cities of low-to-middle income countries. And this figure is expected to double by 2050. To coordinate disaster risk management in such places, a new £20 million research initiative, *Tomorrow's Cities*, has been developed for Kathmandu, Istanbul, Nairobi and Quito. RSGS President Iain Stewart will explain how this project aims to better protect the poorest, most marginalised populations living in our planet's riskiest cities.



Tomorrow's Cities: Reshaping the Future of Urban Disaster Risk

Kirkcaldy Knit Club



We're a small friendly group of knitters (& crocheters) of all ages. Knitting for ourselves & charitable causes.

Like to learn to knit? We can assist you! Promoting crafting & social inclusion.

Mondays 7-9pm, Old Kirk, Kirk Wynd. £2 includes refreshments
 Email: knitclub@aol.com or find us on Facebook.

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Kdy Music Society concert	Wed 18
Double Bill talks in Galleries & Old Kirk	Thurs 19
Organ Recital—Hannah Gibson	Sat 21
KOS Concert	Sun 22
Nancy Crook—Piano Recital	Sat 4 April

SAD PARTY

for all but specially for those suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder
 Beat the Blues!

