



INTRODUCING SHEILA KINNINMONTH

Born and brought up with the stories and traditions of Fife, Sheila loves telling stories to audiences of all ages. With a wide repertoire from all over the world, she particularly loves telling Scottish folk and fairytales, in Scots when appropriate.

For younger audiences, Sheila tells traditional and original stories in a fun, interactive way, with plenty of opportunity to join in, have a laugh and help the story along by using songs, rhymes, actions and props. With a background in early years education, she believes storytelling is a vital learning tool for all children, not only helping meet many curriculum outcomes, but also passing on our rich heritage and culture. Sheila gets invited to speak to a wide range of adult groups where she adopts a more traditional style, introducing them to local tales of characters and events which inhabited the landscape of Fife in days gone by, from her book, *Fife Folktales*.

She has been instrumental in establishing storytelling for family audiences at many local events where she continues to perform year on year, both on her own and in collaboration with other storytellers, developing specific programmes of stories for each event.



2022 has been designated Scotland's Year of Stories. This will be a year in which stories inspired by, created, or written in Scotland will be showcased and celebrated.

The love of stories is hardwired into us all; it is one of the strongest ways we connect with one another and share our experiences. Great stories, well told, can evoke indelible images in our minds and bring contemporary and traditional cultures to life. Every culture has its stories to tell, and Scotland has a particularly rich heritage of stories and storytelling to spotlight and celebrate. These include our local tales, oral traditions, great stories told in books or on screen – all inspired by our country, our culture and reflected back by many diverse voices and across the widest range of forms. Stories are vital to every part of Scotland. Every community has its own tales to tell, places to highlight as inspiration for well-known books and films, visitor attractions that showcase our literary and storytelling heritage and all kinds of places and spaces where stories, old and new, can be enjoyed.

Scotland's stories reflect who we are and shape how others see us. 2022 gives us the opportunity to work in partnership to further harness this powerful means to engage and thereby inspire locals and visitors to discover, celebrate and share their own stories of Scotland.



Heids and Herts Scotland (Scottish Charity SC051039) was established in June 2021 to create, inspire and promote social connections in the Howe of Fife through community arts projects.

Please join professional storyteller Sheila Kinninmonth for a celebration of diverse stories and reminiscences about rural living. Mixing with neighbours to share tales and stories about the local characters, traditions and family tales that help nurture our sense of place and belonging.

ALL AGES WELCOME

SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Letham Woodsday Celebration

Children from Letham Primary School and The Secret Garden have been exploring some of the wildlife of the woodland and surrounding neighbourhood. Help us celebrate the woods and how it benefits us all. Home baking, tours of the woods, local produce and crafts, nature-based activities and games, bat, moth and swift specialists, animal tracking and story sharing activities.

From 2 pm in Letham Woods

THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Coffee and Chat Get-Together

People make places – places make people. In 1897, Hugh Veitch Haig of Ramornie gifted the Jubilee Hall to the community, who have continuously owned and run it since then. The hall was expanded to take in the building next door in 1966. Back in August this year, neighbours gathered to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the hall as a hub of community life.

Join us and help us remember our stories and characters.

Jubilee Hall, Burnturk
10.30 am – 12.30 pm

THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

The Voices of Falkland panel, Betty Gilchrist, Bob Beveridge, Dave Dryburgh and Bert Dalrymple, have shared their memories and reminiscences on www.voicesoffalkland.com. Two of our panel, Dave and Betty, are Falklanders born and bred. Two are not Falkland-born, Bert and Bob, but they settled in Falkland many years ago. They all have unique and special memories recorded for posterity and many more to share.

Falkland Community Hall
7 pm – 9 pm

WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Soup and Homemade Bread Lunch

A historic building set in lovely grounds, Giffordtown Village Hall is a community-owned, community-run centre providing a hub for the local hamlets of Giffordtown, Charlottetown, Edentown and Kinloch. Join us for a bit of a blether, an opportunity to meet new people, socialise and reminisce.

Giffordtown Village Hall
12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

First Friday Lunch Meeting, Gateside Memorial Hall

In the 1800s, Gateside was a thriving community and the location of Gateside Mill. By the 20th century, the mill employed around 80 people and produced bobbins and shuttles, primarily shipped to India for the jute and hessian industries. Today, community life centres around the village hall, a vital resource in bringing the community together. Join us for a special lunchtime celebration and swap a few stories of your own.

The Memorial Hall, Gateside
12 pm – 2 pm

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Thursday Cafe

For more than 100 years, "The Morison Duncan Hall" has been the main focal point for many village-based community activities. The Thursday Cafe is one of the many regular initiatives organised by local people designed to bring the community together. Join us for a session with Sheila our storyteller and swap some stories of village characters old and new.

Morison Duncan Hall, Gauldry
10 am – 11 am

WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

A special celebration with the congregation of St Johns Parish Church and Fife International (formally Migrants) Forum on St Andrews Day. Stories and music reflecting on belonging and place, together with members of the Conversational Café and broader international communities who now call North East Fife their home.

St Johns Parish Church, Cupar
7 pm – 9 pm