

Blackford GALA WEEK



5th - 12th June 2022

**In the village
By the village
For the village**

Come and join this wide range of events as we get out and about with family, friends and neighbours. Share your week through the Blackford Gala Facebook Page.





Gala Bunting

We have another box of our red and yellow bunting as we'd love to see more houses joining in this part of the week with a strip of bunting. We join with the Community Fund (who paid for it as a part of their support for Blackford Gala) by encouraging you **to store and reuse bunting each year.** This year's new supply can be picked up from Ballantrae House on Moray Street or Beildy Cottage on Stirling St or at Gala events as stocks last.



Foundation
Scotland

Scarecrows

With the Platinum Jubilee Holidays coming up, we'd love to start Gala Week with scarecrows all around the village.

The Taylors at Longfauld Farm will put a straw bale in the church grounds from Wednesday 1st June and then the sky's the limit on our characters and creations.



Entries with name and address by Monday evening through the clipboard in the village shop, Blackford Gala Facebook page or by email to gala@blackford.org.uk Results will be announced on Gala Day.

If you're looking for some scarecrow inspiration, you'll find two films on the church website page capturing the creations from 2020 and 2021: blackfordparishchurch.org/flyingtheflag (note there's no ".uk")

Art Competition

Having attracted new age groups and participants over the past two years, we are keeping the Art Competition open to the following age groups

pre-school | P1-P4 | P5-P7 | secondary | adults

The theme for all age groups is **A Celebration of 2022.** Please hand in your entry (the actual entry—not a photo this year) at any of the Gala Events from Sunday to Wednesday. Please add name, address and age group but ideally not where the judges will see them. Results will be announced on Gala Day when entries can be collected.



Sunday 5th June

10:00am Gala Church Service

Parish Church

The Parish Church gets the Gala party started as it has done since the Queen's Silver Jubilee launched Blackford Gala in 1977. In celebrating Pentecost, the Bible passages will be read by our 2021 and 2022 Queens, Maisie Shedden and Evie Head who will also plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Canopy.

Last year we crowned Queen Maisie, with attendants Peggi Beck and Beth Forsyth, in front of the largest gathering possible under COVID restrictions. This year we hold the crowning over until next Sunday's Gala Parade.



2:00pm Bike Ride (plus tea & cakes)

Meet at the church

Join us for a bit of exercise and then some refreshments. We'll take the same route as 2019 through the gWest grounds on the core path and a gate opened especially for us then back via Gleneagles and a bit of an off-road section on the right of way.



All U-16s must have an adult along who is taking responsibility for them even as part of a group (i.e. not necessarily one-to-one).

Monday 6th June

6:30pm Basketball

All Weather Games Court

Whenever you last played, come along for an hour's bounce game and "shoot some hoops" at the court behind Allanwater Gardens.

Open to all ages; come on and show those young folk a thing or two.

6:30—7:30 Children and Families

7:30—8:30 Teens and Adults



Gala Day

**1:00pm Floats & Fancy Dress Parade
Leave Moray Institute to go down Moray Street and
up Stirling Street led by the Comrie Pipe Band**

**This year we launch the John (Jock) Aitken Trophy
for the “Best in Show” Fancy Dress.**



Come on, get in the parade this year!

Cash prizes for individuals of all ages, for groups and for floats. Plus a trophy for “Best Float.”

If you are preparing a float and the weather is bad, phone 07740 923822 or check our Facebook page for judging information.

The Crowning of the Queen and the judging of remaining costumes would then be in the Moray Institute.

Sunday 12th

1:30pm Arrival back at the Highland Games Field
Crowning of the Blackford Gala Queen 2022 - Evie Head
By Blackford Gala Queen 2021 - Maisie Shedden
Attendants: Emily Gordon and Ellie Robertson
Security Team: Jacob Campbell, Logan Campbell,
Peggi Beck & Flynn Crompton-Howe



Let the games begin

Races and competitions for individual cash prizes.
Team challenges for points for the Village Trophy.

Free kids' inflatables. Free tea/coffee/juice. Burgers on sale.
Prize Raffle Draw—tickets on sale in the village during Gala Week
and in the Games Park on the day.

Please support the local businesses who donate prizes.

Tuesday 7th June

6:00pm Blackford PS Bingo & Beetle Drive Moray Institute

An evening of indoor competition and fun for everyone. Bingo has gone online over the past two galas but we're in-person tonight led by the school staff.



Wednesday 8th June

6:30pm Walking Treasure Hunt

Join us out in the streets with the perfect opportunity to stare in windows, up trees, across fences and down at pavements. Open to all ages with separate competitions for children and adults.

Bowling Club



Building on our experience from the past two years, there is also the option to complete the treasure hunts in your own time earlier in the week. The questions will be available from the Blackford Gala box by the community noticeboards at the Moray Institute from Sunday. Entries must be returned for judging by this evening (instructions will be on the sheets).

Remember, adult winners create next year's courses.

Thursday 9th June

2:00pm Senior Citizens' Film Afternoon

Bowling Club

Margaret Guthrie has collated and edited films from previous Blackford Galas. With afternoon tea provided too, it's an opportunity to re-live and re-tell some of the great village stories and characters.



Thursday 9th June
6:30pm Family Games Night

We've always had a great summer evening for this. We play a bit of rounders and nukumball; it's a bit of exercise and it's good to get out in the sun together of an evening.

The football goals will be up for those who prefer that.

Highland Games Field



Friday 10th June
9:30am Blackford Toddlers Moray Institute

It's not a Gala event, but the Blackford Toddler Group meets as usual this Friday morning. This week Lyndsey Thomas joins them again from 11am for a Bookbug Session of story, song and rhyme. Usual charge: £3 per family; bring your own snack



7:00pm Car Treasure Hunt

Hand over your £5 entry fee and your team name and you'll get a set of clues to follow around the roads and lanes of the area.

The winners set the 2023 course and become the holders of the Julie Shankland Trophy.

Bowling Club



Saturday 11th June
10:00am Magic Show for primary pupils

Magic Pete was a great success when he was with us in 2013 (right). Younger children are welcome too and are sure to enjoy his hour long Family Magic and Puppet Show.

Parish Church



Saturday 11th June

2:00pm **Combat Archery**

We're hoping this is going to be a big draw for secondary pupils looking to add another string to their bow. Using modified arrows (!) and face masks, (at least we're used to them now) Combat Archery involves playing several games within a managed space.



Highland Games Field

7:30pm **Family Quiz Night**

The quiz is for families or teams of four with some questions aimed at children. £5 entry per team. Sign up on the night. Enjoy the evening regardless of who wins the trophy. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.



Moray Institute

Sunday 12th June (Continued)

6pm **Bowling Competition**

The final event of Gala Week. Enter (£1) as a bowler or a non bowler (Age 16+) by submitting names to the Bowling Club or Village Shop by Sunday morning or at Gala Day.



Blackford Bowling Club

Pairs will be set by the Bowling Club. Flat shoes only—no trainers.

Blackford Gala is put on through fundraising, grants from the Community Fund and support from local businesses and individuals.

It's parents and carers (rather than the organisers) who are responsible for their children during events.

Blackford Gala cannot be held responsible for any personal injury or loss of dignity, credibility or sense of humour sustained during the events of Gala Week. All participants join at their own risk to life, limb and reputation and help to create the fun that Gala Week brings us together to enjoy. Why not join us to plan Blackford Gala Week 2023?

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