

# Autumn Newsletter

## Upcoming Events in the Hall:

- ⇒ **Armistice Day Service, Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:45 am** Please join us for this year's Armistice Day service at Collessie Victory Hall. Services begin at 10:45 am and we are honoured to be joined by members of Giffordtown & District Community Council, Cllr. Gary Holt and representing his majesty, the Deputy Lieutenant for Fife.
- ⇒ **Tom's Quiz Night, Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm** Join us for another fun evening of 'friendly' quizzing! Doors open at 7:15 pm and entry is £3 per person. BYOB
- ⇒ **Art Day, Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2 pm** Let's get Artsy! Join us for an afternoon of camaraderie, creativity and craft- refreshments included. To kick off the holiday season, we are organising space to come together to create and be inspired- the best gifts are those that we make. You can bring your own supplies or use some of ours, in addition we will be sharing a nature inspired monoprint technique using gelli plates. Have a project on the go, bring it!
- ⇒ **Annual Christmas Gathering, Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm** Join us for mulled wine, mince pies and holiday good cheer!



## Results of the Decarbonisation Survey

Last April, we invited the community to share their thoughts and feedback in a community survey regarding a proposed project to decarbonise the hall. Central to our considerations was to determine the best course of action regarding a new heating system. Do we replace the existing boiler or seek out a more carbon neutral alternative, and what was most feasible? The results of the survey were then shared and discussed at the AGM on May 20th and priorities set for the coming year. Based on the survey's feedback, our top priority

was to proceed with the purchase of a new boiler before the winter. In addition, feedback suggested focus should be on maintaining the structural integrity of the building and a priority was set to seek out grant funding for a new roof. The survey also showed strong support for reducing our emissions and we identified two opportunities which we

will focus on seeking grant funding for in the coming year: upgrading the lighting in the hall and draft proofing the doors.

### Summary of survey results:

- 86% of respondents supported the aim of the project to become carbon neutral with a remaining 14% indicating maybe. Comments suggested the integrity of the building be a primary focus over decarbonisation and support for decarbonisation was strong, as long as it did not put the hall at economic risk.
- A primary theme throughout the survey was an expressed concern about the imminent need for a new boiler; however, feedback indicated there was also a concern that the option of an air source heat pump was not adequate to heat the hall and that current technologies were not yet sufficient to be useful for a hall

such as ours.

- The top four stated reasons in support of reducing emissions included: reduction of energy consumption and running costs, making the hall more resilient and sustainable for the future, improving for the benefit of the community and to keep the cost of hiring the hall down.
- The survey indicated that respondents use of the hall was diverse with hall sponsored events being the largest proportion of use.

The survey has indicated there is an appetite to prioritize efforts to achieve Netzero, and we will support this by continuing to identify opportunities, seek grant funding, and work to complete tasks economically and sensibly. A big thank you to everyone who participated. The full survey result presentation can be found on the Collessie website: <https://collessievil-lage.godaddysites.com/documents>

## We need you!

Our hall committee has shrunk, but the volume of work required to keep up with maintenance, events, grant writing, etc, remains the same. There are many ways to help, some big and some small, all is appreciated!

- Join the committee
- Help out with occasional events
- Help with funding applications
- Take on small tasks
- Make a donation

Every little helps! If you are interested in helping out, big or small, please contact Julie Reekie at

[Napajewel@gmail.com](mailto:Napajewel@gmail.com)

## New Boiler

If you have recently attended an event in the hall; yoga, country dancing, or an art exhibition, then you may have noticed a pleasant ambient temperature! Based on feedback from the community and decisions taken at this year's AGM, we have proceeded

with the installation of a brand new and more efficient boiler. The old oil tank has also been replaced, due to weathering and cracks, with a new and larger tank (allowing us to purchase at more cost-efficient volumes). The new boiler can operate on

oil as well as bio-fuel or a mixture of both, giving us the option to reduce emissions by adding cleaner burning fuels. We hope everyone will enjoy a more comfortable winter of events and activities in the hall!



## Collessie Victory Hall

**The Coffee Hub is back!**

**Wednesday Morning @ 10:30 am**

November 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

December 11<sup>th</sup>

January 8<sup>th</sup>

February 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

March 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>



*"They shall grow not old..."*

Come and join us in  
A Service of Remembrance  
on  
Armistice Day  
Monday, 11th November 2024  
To Commemorate The Fallen of Collessie, Giffordtown  
and District.

This year the Service is at Collessie's Victory Hall,  
COLLESSIE, Fife.

Parking on the Newton of COLLESSIE Farm Road.

Gather at 1045 and enjoy a cup of tea with us afterwards.

*A short gathering, reading of the names and Silence will be observed at  
Giffordtown War Memorial, at 1030, on Monday 11th November 2024.*

Ann Leitch shows off her amazing  
painting & living garden dress



Paintings by Hazel Crabtree



### Hall Maintenance Day

**Thank you! Thank You! Thank you!**

A big thank you to all of you who participated in the Hall Maintenance Day & Pizza Party on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was more than we could have hoped for, as many of you showed up and mucked in, cleaning, digging, fixing, installing and painting...making the hall gleam! The hall looks great, and we couldn't have done it without you!

Couldn't attend, clash of commitments? We can always use additional funds. Contact the hall to make a donation or drop in carpark donation post.



John & Hans admiring the newly re-installed  
Community Bulletin Board

### Calling all Enthusiasts!

Member of social group that is looking for a home? The hall is available for special interest groups (art, photography, dance, gardening, etc.). See contact details on our website.

## Cultivating Community Art Exhibition

Last Spring, the hall committee launched the Cultivating Community Art Project. With grant funding from Heids & Hearts, the aim of the project was to inspire connection and community through art and nature, pairing gardeners and artist to create works of art that celebrated our beautiful gardens and green spaces. The project organised an Art in the Den day out and supplied art materials for participants to get creative and try their hand using different materials. The outstanding results were shared last Sunday,

in the Cultivating Community Art Exhibition. Turns out we have a lot of very creative people in our community! A huge thank you to all of you who turned up to support us, as well as a cracking congratulations to all of you who contributed your amazing work! The hall committee would like to especially thank Clare Lewis-Robertson, who was the real champion and organiser behind this project.

**Thank you Clare!**



Watercolors by Clare Lewis-Robertson



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