



VICTORY HALL CENTENARY CELEBRATION

1924 - 2024

Collessie Victory Hall
March 15th, 2024

1919: FUNDRAISING BEGINS FOR THE COLLESSIE WAR MEMORIAL

Organized by an 'energetic' Committee

- Concerts
- Donations
- Gift Sale
- Fete

WAR MEMORIAL FETE AT COLLESSIE MILL.

Collessie is out for a war memorial in an energetic committee, with Mr Frazer as hon. secretary, organised the fete at Collessie Mill on Saturday with the object of adding to the funds, and the efforts were most successful.

Colonel Black of Lower Rossie performed the opening ceremony. There were music, work, pound, and miscellaneous sports and refreshments, and shooting parties and numerous games, all located in the adjoining Mr Strang's steading.

A fancy dress parade was judged by Mrs Arnot, Lochieheads; Mrs Marshall, Nimail Manse; and Mrs Storrar, Harewood. The prize-winners were:—Ladies—1 Miss Philip, Kinloch (Victorian Maid); 2 Miss Strang, Collessie Mill (Grandmother Goose); 3 Mrs David Leitch, Braehland. Gentlemen—1 Mr James Storrar, Kinloch (Hindu); 2 Mr David M'Farlane, Kinloch (Irishman); 3 Mr John Strang, Collessie Mill (Pierrot).

A signed portrait of Earl Haig brought in a high figure at the auction sale held in the evening.

Dundee Courier: August 25th 1919

THE COURIER, MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1924.



War Memorial to commemorate the war services of the whole Parish during war (WWI)- not just the fallen.

'Not only will the hall be a great asset to Collessie, but it will be also a standing example to future generations of the loyalty and spirit of the people of our district during the times of the greatest stress our nation has ever passed through.'

Words of Colonel Hutchinson read at opening ceremony

WAR MEMORIAL:
COLLESSIE VICTORY HALL
OPENING CEREMONY MARCH 15TH 1924

CARETAKING THE HALL

Irene Bennett (granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ritchie)

Recalls Granny was endlessly preparing for some event in the hall.

Recalls Grandfather stringing up the Tilly lamps across the hall for events as the hall had no electricity.

As a girl, Irene helped by dusting the benches (known as forms) and how dusty the hall was and how during an event the walls ran with condensation.



Mr. Ritchie
(known as Bob) 1924 – 1952

Mrs. Ritchie
(known as just Ritchie)
1952 – 1957





COMMUNITY LIFE IN VICTORY HALL

Celebrations, Events & Social Groups

SILVER JUBILEE OF KING GEORGE V

1935





THE WRI (THE RURAL)

The WRI in Collessie were very active and used Victory Hall to run whist drives and put on amateur dramas.

1981: THE ROYAL WEDDING OF CHARLES & DIANA

Memorable day for Collessie

The Fife village of Collessie, held its own royal wedding celebrations on Saturday and were given a marvellous day for their sports, games and barbecue.





REFURBURBISHMENT STORY: 1999 - 2000

Victory Hall in the 21st Century



MILLENIUM CELEBRATIONS

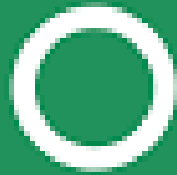
SHARE YOUR FAVOURITE MEMORIES

What do you remember?





Net Zero
Scotland
Scottish
Government



LET'S DO
NET ZERO

Victory Hall Decarbonization Project

*Ensuring the sustainability
and viability of Victory
Hall into the future.*

WHAT'S NEXT?

Collessie Victory Hall Decarbonisation Survey

Survey closes Friday, March 29th, 2024

As we mark Victory Hall's Centenary year, the hall committee has begun investigating the potential for decarbonising the hall, seeking to make the hall sustainable for the future. The project is timely as the hall's antiquated oil boiler needs replacing and is costly to run, the window's let in water and leak heat, and the current lighting system is costly to run. In short, the hall leaks energy, equivalent to an estimated 9,925 car miles per year. Last June, we commissioned a report from Business Energy Scotland, to identify opportunities to improve our energy efficiency. The report identified the following key opportunities to reduce our carbon footprint to 0%:

- Solar PV + Battery Storage
- Air Source Heat Pump (or alternately air to air)
- Internal Wall Insulation
- Double Glazing
- LED Lighting Upgrade

COMMUNITY SURVEY:
SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Survey Closes
Friday, March 29th, 2024

CENTENARY YEAR EVENTS:

Vintage Tea

Saturday, April 27th 1:30 – 4:30

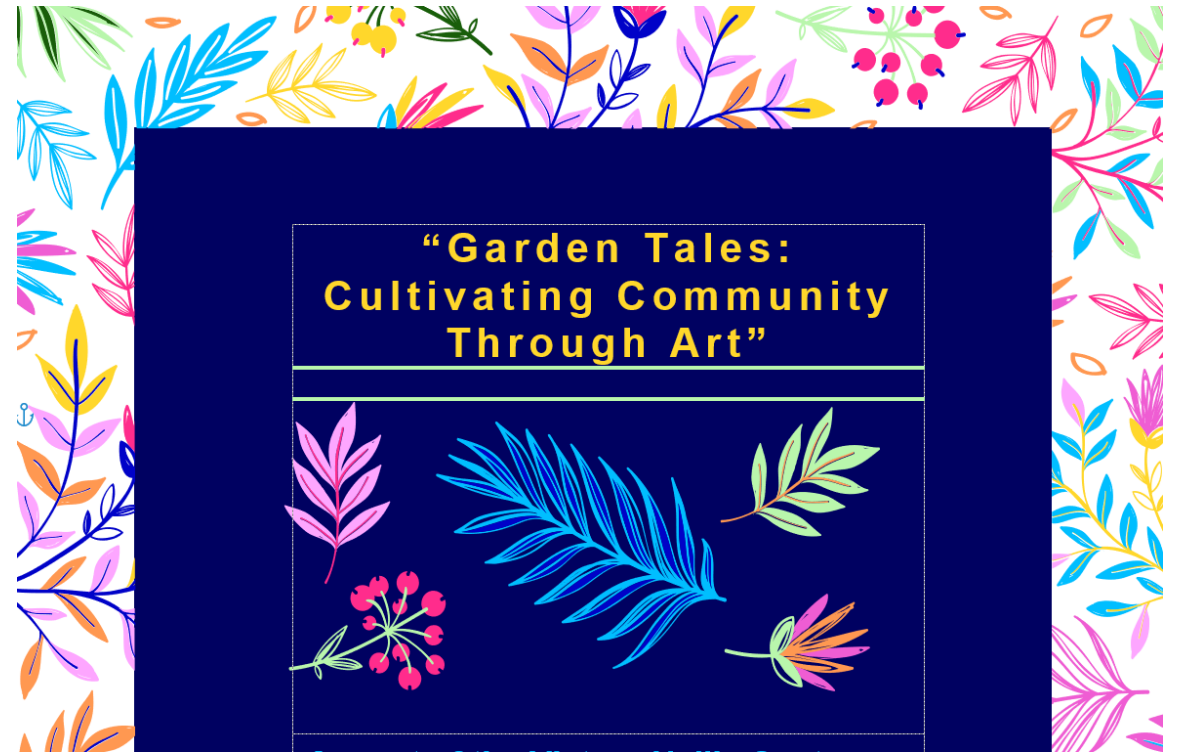
Garden Tales: Cultivating

Community Through Art

Spring/Summer

Hall Committee AGM

May 20th 7-8 pm





COLLESSIE SOCIAL EVENTS

We are looking for people who just want to have some fun organizing events in the community



THANK YOU
FOR CELEBRATING WITH US

Join us for cake and
refreshments