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Welcome

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ABOUT OUR TOWN.

We hope you find the information useful and it helps you to make the best of your stay here in Dufftown and the Speyside area.

Dufftown, built close to the hamlet of Laichie and originally named Mortlach, was founded in 1817 by James Duff, the 4th Earl of Fife, who financed the venture to provide accommodation and employment for returning soldiers after the Napoleonic wars.

Set in the heart of Speyside, Dufftown is situated on the banks of the River Fiddich and the Dullan Water at the foot of the Conval Hills. These excellent water sources make it an ideal area for Whisky distilling. Today it is claimed that Dufftown generates more export capital than any other town in the UK due to the high density of distilleries in the area.

Like other villages of the period Dufftown has spacious streets laid out in a regular plan converging at the iconic Clock Tower. As a community thriving on the success of the Whisky industry it became a self contained community providing all the regular shops and businesses as well as saddlers, shoemakers, jewellers, watchmakers, tailors and at one time several undertakers. Improvements in transport and travel opportunities from the 1950s meant that Dufftown declined as a commercial centre but today, steeped in history of illicit stills, battles and landmarks, it continues to present visitors with a host of activities to see and do.

Enjoy your visit and haste ye back.

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Dufftown CLOCK TOWER

STRONG AND TALL, BUILT FROM LOCAL GRANITE, THE CLOCK TOWER IS AN EMBLEM TO THE HERITAGE OF THE TOWN. THE TOWER HAS SEEN MANY USES, ORIGINALLY THE TOWN GAOL, THE BURGH CHAMBERS, ACCOMMODATION AND TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE.



Proudly chiming on the hour the clock provides reassurance and constancy. It was interrupted during March 2017, falling silent for over a year. Dufftown and District Community Association (DDCA) took action, raising funds and implementing repairs. The DDCA is working with the local council to secure its ownership and a sustainable future for it. Regular fundraising continues for both its running costs and development and repair plans. It is the hope and plan for it to remain as our iconic working clock tower, a treasured landmark by residents and visitors alike. Updates

and donations can be made via the Dufftown Community Association Facebook page.

The clock originates from Banff and is known locally as 'the clock that hung MacPherson'. James MacPherson was the illegitimate son of a Scottish laird and gypsy girl born in 1675. With his band of gypsies relieving the landed gentry of Moray of their riches and giving to the poor, he earned the reputation of a Scottish Robin Hood. He was a man of great prowess with the sword and the fiddle and survived as a freebooter with a legitimate line in horse trading. Always hounded by his arch enemy Lord Braco of Duff, MacPherson was captured twice and escaped both times.

One day, Braco's posse surprised MacPherson in Keith at the Saint Rufus Fair. He had become over confident and had a habit of visiting towns on market days. As he attempted to escape, a woman from an upstairs window threw a blanket on him allowing Braco's men to capture him along with three others. He was taken for trial to Banff where he faced Sheriff Nicolas Dunbar, who as a friend of Braco, condemned him to hang for crimes of purse-cutting and theft. The good people of the local area raised a petition to save MacPherson which went to the High Court in Edinburgh. On the 16th November 1700, just 8 days after the trial, MacPherson was led to the gallows in the early morning. Lord Braco,

AMUSINGLY, THE TOWER HOUSED AN ILLICIT STILL AROUND 1900, WHEN IT WAS STILL USED AS THE BURGH CHAMBERS.

having heard that a horse-rider was approaching with a reprieve, had the clock turned forward 15 minutes to ensure the execution was completed. Whilst in gaol MacPherson composed his 'rant' which was later rewritten by Robert Burns as 'MacPherson's Lament'. MacPherson played the rant at the gallows, then offered it to anyone in the crowd who would play at his wake. When no-one came forward he broke the fiddle on

the hangman's head and jumped from the ladder hanging himself.

Amusingly, the Tower housed an illicit still around 1900, when it was still used as the Burgh Chambers. Apparently hidden in the cellar, the smoke was discharged through an upper chimney. Excise men crossing the square daily never suspected a thing, believing an odd waft of fermentation to belong to one of the many distilleries around the town.

LEST WE FORGET

In November 2018 Dufftown came together in many ways to mark and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. Dufftown held 'Peace & Reconciliation' commemorations over a two and a half week period.

Many moving tributes to soldiers who fought for freedom and peace emerged during 2018. The Poppy waterfall, pictured, was created through lots of hard work and community spirit.

The 'There but not there' Tommy* silhouettes created a moving tribute to those who gave their lives in war. One is now a permanent fixture in the War Memorial gardens on the way to Glenfiddich. The other is on the wall as you enter the Royal British Legion.



*Tommy is a historical name for British soldiers which, it is believed, originated in 1743.

PLACES to visit



Notable buildings include Mortlach Church. The church itself was founded in 566AD by St. Moulag a Scottish Christian missionary and a contemporary of Saint Columba who evangelised the Picts of Scotland in the sixth century. Today Mortlach remains one of the oldest places of continual worship in Scotland. From the outside it looks like a 19th century church but some parts of the original church still exist, although it has been heavily reconstructed through the years between 1871 and 1931. It is rumoured that when King Malcolm II defeated a force of Danes led by Sweyn in a battle at Mortlach in 1010 he had the church enlarged by three spear lengths in celebration. Within the churchyard is an early 19th century watch house, built so that watchmen could guard the burial ground against grave robbers.

Catholics and the Rev George Gordon were also delighted with the Earl of Fife's plans for Dufftown as they had previously been praying in secret up at the Cabrach, now at last a chapel was planned. In 1824 work began and in 1825 less than a year later Father Gordon was settled in the house and people were at last able to pray in the chapel of St. Mary's next door.

The 1833 Directory recorded 170 regular attendees. Father Gordon played an important part in ensuring the chapel was improved and maintained as time went

ST MARY'S CHURCH

on, most of the money coming from the loyal congregation. He also played a major role in the revival of Scottish Church music. He edited two volumes of Sacred Music to be used by small Choirs.

Copies were supplied to parishes all over Scotland, England and Ireland and the volumes can still be found in St. Mary's today. He also provided St. Mary's with an organ. In 2013 St. Mary's was awarded a lottery heritage fund and substantial works were carried out to bring St. Mary's back to its former glory.

MORTLACH CHURCH, FOUNDED IN 566AD BY ST. MOULAG, REMAINS ONE OF THE OLDEST PLACES OF CONTINUAL WORSHIP IN SCOTLAND.



FAIRY VILLAGE



mystery fairy village appeared in 2017 and the magic has returned every year since. Many fairies find Dufftown their ideal summer holiday destination! This magical village can be visited by taking the Giants Chair walk, with a lovely picnic spot at the end.

It all began when Dave Brown, and daughter Elise made a single fairy house, placing it in the woodlands. When discovered, it was posted on Facebook causing much excitement & lots of people venturing to see it.

Dave commented "Everyone seemed to love it, so we added another and another, and its snowballed from there. It's a great feeling, making so many people happy, and reading the comments in the visitors book really makes all the effort worthwhile"

Let your imagination be captivated with a visit to the fairies.

If you want to embark on the journey to flit through the woods then follow Church Street from the Clock tower, walk past Mortlach Church and onwards past the cemetery. Turn left just before Dufftown Distillery, walk across the bridge over the river and turn right. Follow the Giant's Chair walk. This is circular and you will come back down the high road past Dufftown Distillery. Wear walking boots or sturdy shoes!

If you stay still enough once in the magical area you may catch a glimpse of red Squirrels, as well as maybe a fairy too...

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Balvenie CASTLE



Balvenie Castle - originally known as Mortlach, was built by William Comyn, who became the Earl of Buchan on his marriage to the daughter of the last Celtic Earl of Buchan. Comyn, also Lord of Balvenie, built Balvenie Castle in the 1200s. Commanding the passes into Moray from Huntly, the Cabrach, Glen Fiddich, and the Glen Rinnnes, Balvenie Castle was coveted and fought over by many.

The castle has changed hands many times over the centuries. The Comyn Clan lost it to the Black Douglas Clan during Robert Bruce's reign, and when King James II defeated the Douglases in 1455, he gave Balvenie to one of his own kinsmen, where it remained a gracious home under the Stewarts. It served as a garrison during the Jacobite rebellion, but sadly fell into decay and neglect when it was abandoned in 1720.

Notable visitors to the castle in the past include King Edward I of England, Mary Queen of Scots and the Marquis of Montrose who sought refuge here in 1644. Today it is the remains of a structure that was built and rebuilt by its several owners over the centuries to meet the needs of the era. To this day you can still see the daunting curtain wall, a rare example of 13th-century military architecture in Scotland, as well as step inside Atholl Lodging to see the layout and fine Renaissance details of this noble residence. In 2017 Balvenie Castle ranked 8th in the 13 most magical castles in Scotland by Culture Trip, and it's easy to see why.

Through the iron yett, at the main entrance you can take advantage of the sunny courtyard and lovely picnic area, it offers a wonderful spot to enjoy the surrounding scenery on a fine day.

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Ownership of the six distilleries is evenly distributed between William Grant & Sons who have The Balvenie, Glenfiddich and Kininvie Distilleries and Diageo who own Dufftown, Glendullan and Mortlach Distilleries.

Glenfiddich and The Balvenie are open to the public throughout the year, advance booking is strongly advised to avoid disappointment during your trip.

William Grant & Sons is an award-winning independent family-owned distiller founded by William Grant (1839-1923) in 1886 and today run by his direct descendants. In 1866 William Grant took up the position of bookkeeper at the established Mortlach Distillery and he swiftly became Distillery Manager.

Around 1870 William resolved to build his own distillery, he and his family began to save all they could for this project. In 1886 he was fortunate enough to be in the position of

purchasing old distillery equipment from a Mrs Cummings, the then owner of Cardow (now Cardhu) for the sum of £119 19s 10d. He immediately followed this by purchasing part of Balvenie Mains, known as the Park of Glenfiddich from the Duke of Fife. In Autumn 1886 with his large family as a ready workforce they set about building their dream, stone by stone. Working in all weathers the

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family built Glenfiddich Distillery in less than a year. Production began on the 23rd December 1887, and the first spirit ran from the stills on Christmas Day, this first batch producing just over 229 gallons of whisky, at a rate of 2.29 gallons to a bushel, impressive

for a first distillation!

Just five years later William's success allowed him to open The Balvenie Distillery alongside the Glenfiddich Distillery site. Construction began in early 1892 and malting began in April 1893. The Balvenie has become the last of its kind; it is the only distillery that still grows its own barley and keeping faith with a

traditional floor maltings. A resident Coppersmith maintains the stills and a team of Coopers ensure every barrel used is in perfect condition.

The Balvenie is a unique range of single malts created by David Stewart MBE. The Balvenie Malt Master was awarded an MBE for services to the Scotch whisky industry by Queen Elizabeth II in 2016. David Stewart MBE has worked at Glenfiddich since 1962 and appointed Malt Master for William

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THE STILLLS OF DUFFTOWN

THE BALVENIE HAS BECOME THE LAST OF ITS KIND IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS BY GROWING ITS OWN BARLEY AND KEEPING FAITH WITH A TRADITIONAL MALTINGS FLOOR.

Grant & sons in 1974 this makes him the longest serving Malt Master of any Distillers in the industry. His key achievements include the development of two cask maturation in the 1980s, unheard of at the time, but these days an established technique referred to as 'finishing' and widely enjoyed as The Balvenie DoubleWood 12 Year Old. David's introduction of Glenfiddich Solera Reserve 15 Year Old, was also the first and only single malt to use the innovative Solera marrying process.

August 2018 bore a significant milestone in the history of the distillery with the appointment of 26-year-old Kelsey McKechnie as the apprentice malt master under the careful stewardship of one of the most respected malt masters, David Stewart MBE, who will continue his tenure as The Balvenie Malt Master while mentoring Kelsey.

On the 14th July 1990 the Grant family introduced Kininvie Distillery onto the site.



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Much of the whisky produced here being used in their vatted malt, Monkey Shoulder or in the Grants blends. There are also some Kininvie Single Malt expressions such as the 17 and 23 year old.

Diageo PLC is a relatively young global company existing in its current form since 1997 but their brands and business have a rich heritage like Bells and Johnnie Walker blended scotch whiskies.

Mortlach Distillery holds the honour of being the first legal distillery in Dufftown. Founded by James Findlater in 1823 the same year as the Excise Act. The Mortlach distillery was built

EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE FINE WHISKIES PRODUCED IN DUFFTOWN IS DEFINED BY IT'S OWN UNIQUE TASTE.

around a 'well' that had been previously used for illicit whisky.

In 2014 Diageo invested heavily in upgrading the Mortlach site, to double capacity to 7.6 million litres of alcohol. Diageo has replicated the complex distillation process at Mortlach which is based on six stills that are of different sizes, making Mortlach unique & is a true reflection of Victorian engineering by one of Mortlach's key figures George Cowie. Producing rich and powerful flavours Mortlach connoisseurs have often described Mortlach as 'The Beast of Dufftown'.

Mortlach's four new expressions are aimed at global travel and the luxury and connoisseur segment, Rare Old, Special Strength, 18 year old and a 25 year old.

Glendullan Distillery founded in 1897 by William Williams & Sons, Glendullan began production in 1898. In 1902 the Glendullan Malt was supplied by Royal request to King Edward VII as it was his favourite tippie.

The new Singleton of Glendullan has made an immediate impact described as 'exceptional'. This is aimed predominantly at the North American and travel retail markets. This much invested in site is home to a new bio power plant which is used to help power the



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Glendullan Distillery. It is an important element of Diageo's future distillery expansion plans on Speyside.

Dufftown Distillery was founded in 1895 by two Liverpoolian entrepreneurs, it began processing in 1896, originally named the 'Dufftown – Glenlivet Distillery'. The distillery was a former meal mill located by the Dullan Water. It's water source comes from 'Jock's Well' in the Conval Hills. Home to the 'Singleton', exceptional care is taken at every stage of production to create the best taste possible. Longer fermentation and slower distillation ensures a smoothness and depth of flavor in the finest hand selected oak casks. The unique bottle shape was inspired by a traditional hip flask, while the colour of the glass reflects the blue flint glass used at the turn of the last century.

Closed Distilleries include: Convalmore in 1985 and Pittyvaich in 2002. There are still limited amounts of both Convalmore and Pittyvaich whiskies available. Parkmore closed in 1931 and today whilst the distillery still stands proud the vast warehouses are used by the Edrington Group for storage.



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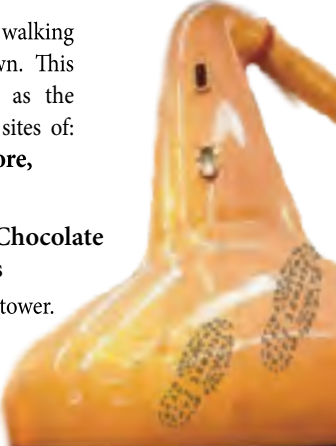

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DEC	07-08 SANTA SPECIALS - DEPARTS DUFFTOWN AT 1130 & 1415	
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10.30am

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09 JUL / 23 JUL / 06 AUG / 20 AUG

DUFFTOWN PIPE BAND

There are few more stirring sights and sounds in Scotland than the pipes, drums and dress tartans of a pipe band. Come and hear them play in the square on the dates above, or if the weather is bad, you can find them in the Royal British Legion at approx 20.00.

Visitors are also welcome at the RBL on the last Tuesday of the month from 20.30 to hear the band practice.

10 - 11 JUL SEP WHISKY NOSING AND TASTING

Every Wednesday throughout summer, there will be a different nosing and tasting evening. **£15 per person** (includes nosing glass). Tickets from the Whisky & Heritage Centre or pay at the door.

20.00 AT THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL.
Please contact Gillian McGarthland for info alfiegers@sky.com T. 01340 821513/07816070914



27 JULY 10.30am 127TH DUFFTOWN HIGHLAND GAMES

A full programme of light and heavy events, massed pipe bands, highland dancing and refreshments.
www.dufftownhighlandgames.com

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
JAN - DEC TYPICALLY 16.00 BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL	DISTILLERY WALKS MEET AT THE CLOCK TOWER	A leisurely walk around Dufftown's distilleries with a local. Tastings along the way. Booking is essential. Prices start from £38 per person. Call 07933787853 or check online calendar at speysidetours.co.uk
LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH JAN-OCTOBER	MONTHLY SOCIALS OLD TIME DANCING	Traditional Scottish night with live band. Beginners and spectators welcome. Mortlach Memorial Hall Starting at 19.30 - 22.00 Live band Spectators £4 Dancers £8
WEEKLY TUESDAYS 1930 - 2130 08 JAN - 02 APR & 24 SEP - 17 DEC MONTHLY FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 1930 - 2200 MAY-SEP	SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Visitors are very welcome to come and watch, or join in the fun! Mortlach Memorial Hall For further information please contact Jean on 01340 820428
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCES 05 APR, 2000 - MIDNIGHT	NICOL MCLAREN AND THE GLENCRAIG SCOTTISH DANCE BAND	Mortlach Memorial Hall
OLD TIME DANCE 06 APRIL, 1930-2330	IAN CRUICKSHANK SCOTTISH DANCE BAND	Mortlach Memorial Hall
OLD TIME DANCE 26 JULY, 2000 - MIDNIGHT	EWAN GALLOWAY SCOTTISH DANCE BAND	Mortlach Memorial Hall
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCES 04 OCT, 2000 - MIDNIGHT	FRANK THOMSON SCOTTISH DANCE BAND	Mortlach Memorial Hall
OLD TIME DANCE 05 OCT, 1930-2330	THE LINDSAY WEIR TRIO	Mortlach Memorial Hall
OLD TIME DANCE 07 DEC, 1930-2330	CRAEME MITCHELL SCOTTISH DANCE BAND	Mortlach Memorial Hall

**JAN -
DEC**
1930 - 2200



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19
OCT

31 | **HOGMANAY
DEC** | **CÈILIDH**



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**HOGMANAY
PARTY** | **31**
DEC

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dufftown curates...

Highlighting Dufftown creativity we've compiled a compendium of Art Happenings - particularly if there are ways to engage, either through workshops and viewings (refer to events for details) or if there is opportunity to browse and view unique local work with the potential to take a memory home. Take the time to explore your creative options...

Art by Andrea Dear, with thanks for feature Saltire Blue Coo. Andrea's work can be viewed at the Royal British Legion, the Coffee Pot and cards available in Rustic & Roses.

go see

01/

GEDWOOD at 2 Parkmore Distillery Cottages, specialises in bespoke wooden malt whisky tumblers made from locally sourced timber. He provides a truly unique wood craft experience for all abilities running workshops (Mar - Oct)



02/

PENNY MACKENZIE is an experienced fabric artist who teaches patchwork and textile based crafts. She is a NEOS exhibitor and always happy to welcome visitors to her studio at Parkhead Steading next to Auchindoun Castle

03/

MORAG TWEEDIE, based in Church Street works in textiles and mixed-media. She opens for studio visits, is a NEOS exhibitor and offers workshops in textile transfer printing, collage, printmaking and book making. Beginners welcome.



04/

MARK WILLIAMS is a freelance wildlife and landscape photographer and co-owns Dufftown Glassworks with his wife where he exhibits his work. He runs workshops and talks throughout the year.

05/

DICK LEVENS is an artist whose recent work concentrated on miniature etchings but now has returned to larger format oil painting. His work can be seen in Seven Stills, 'Art-in-the-Yard', during NEOS and on-line www.levens.co.uk

06/

PYOT'S CUPBOARD is a collaboration of two Moray based artists Gillian Neish and Morag Tweedie combining their love for artworks, paintings, textiles and collections and turning them into hand-made objects of desire.

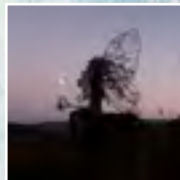
07/

"Needle-felting involves sculpting fibres into various shapes using no patterns, just imagination"

ALISON WILLIAMS generally make animals (wildlife and pets), decorations and a few off-the-wall creations. She offers workshops during the year.

08/

SHEILA WISEMAN sculpts fairy creatures from wire. Contact her about her work, or for studio visits through her Facebook page, Sheila Wiseman Fairy Sculpture. She is a NEOS exhibitor.



art workshops

TRADITIONAL WOOD CRAFT WORKSHOPS

MARCH TO OCTOBER

Rustic stool making, lathe turning, tumbler making, ash gate making etc.

Courses run 10am to 4.30pm and start from £70 per person. Booking essential.

For further details contact: info@gedwood.co.uk and www.gedwood.co.uk

WORKSHOPS IN TEXTILES AND PAPER

FEBRUARY - NOVEMBER

Learn textile techniques in transfer printing and dyeing or paper techniques in collage, printmaking and basic bookmaking. Suitable for beginners & experienced. Duration 3 hours / full day. £30 per half day

Booking essential. Call 01340820411, email moragtweedie@gmail.com or check online www.moragtweedie.co.uk

PATCHWORK WORKSHOPS

MAY - OCTOBER

Using a colourful array of fabrics create your own sewing or serviette box, jewellery roll, miniature picture or Christmas crafts. Penny Mackenzie will guide you through all sewing and patchwork techniques required to achieve the perfect result. Mob. 07789150297

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WILDLIFE TALK

VARIOUS DATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Join Mark Williams as he takes you on a journey with his own images looking at local wildlife and further afield. Full details at facebook.com/thedufftownglassworks

EXPLORE COLOUR IN GLASS AND TEXTILES

6TH APRIL, GLASS 9.30-4.30 TEXTILES 10-4

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ANDREA DEAR GALLERY SHOW

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andreadear789@yahoo.co.uk

ART IN THE SHED

3, 4, 5 MAY 2019

SPEYSIDE WHISKY FESTIVAL 4 - 6PM

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CELEBRATE THE LONGEST DAY OF SUMMER WITH PYOT'S CUPBOARD

21ST JUNE 6PM-9PM

22ND JUNE 10AM-6PM, 23RD JUNE 10AM- 4PM

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20TH JULY 10-5

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NORTH EAST OPEN STUDIOS (NEOS)

14TH - 23RD SEPT

See yellow catalogues for individual opening times.

Visit open studios in Dufftown and beyond. Growing year on year and 8 local artists will take part.

For further information go to www.northeastopenstudios.co.uk



GOOD VIBRATIONS WORKSHOPS - NEPALESE SINGING BOWLS

JAN - DEC

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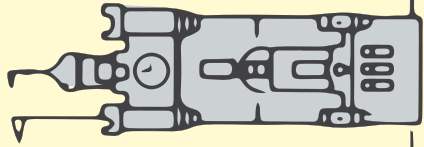
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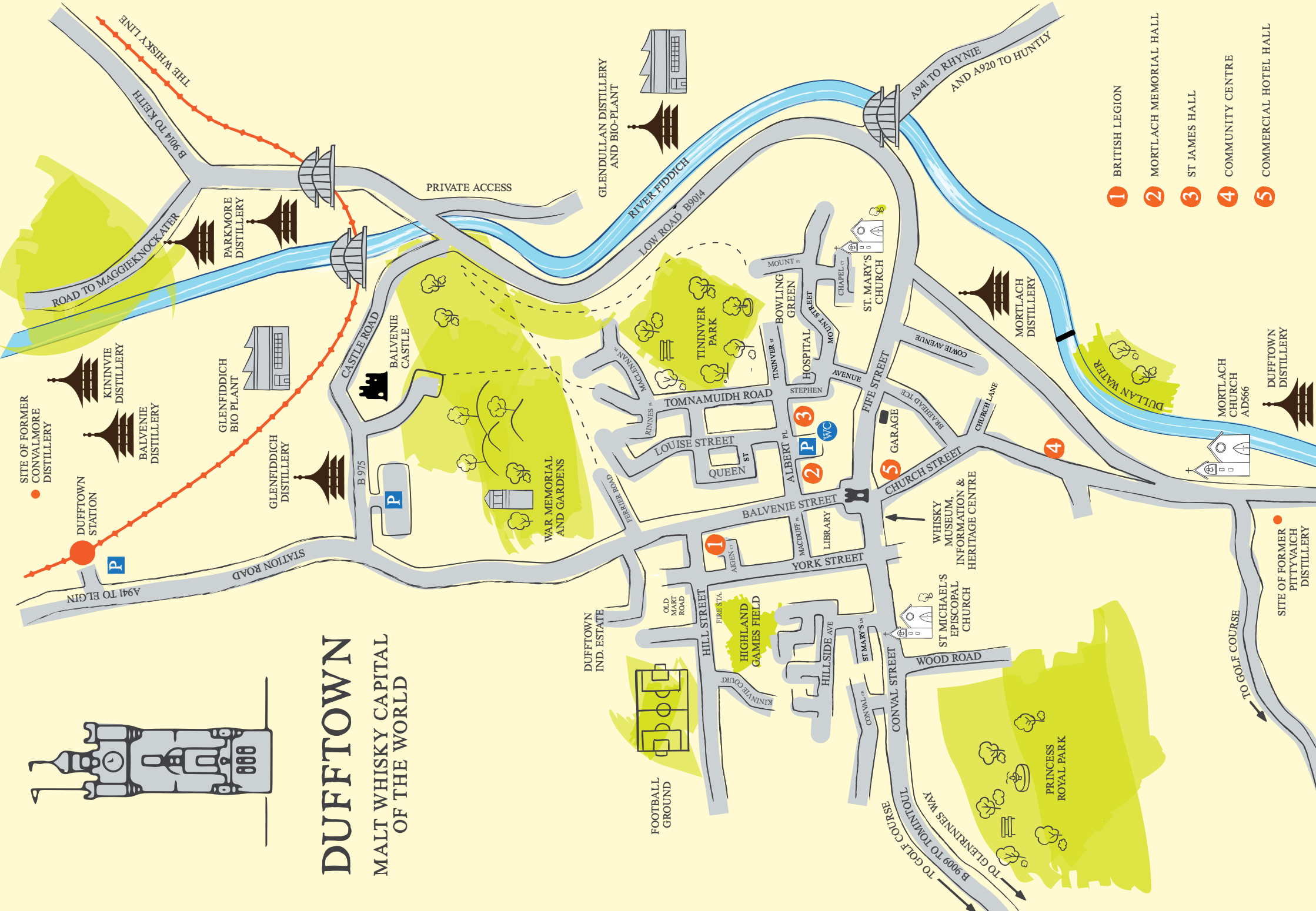
VARIOUS DATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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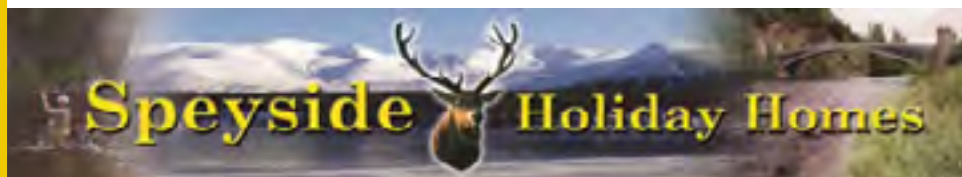
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A Cèilidh was originally a social gathering that did not necessarily involve dancing, it was an evening of literary entertainment where stories, tales were told, poems and ballads were recited and songs were sung. As time progressed the modern Cèilidh facilitated courting and prospects of marriage for youngsters in the rural Highland communities.

Today come along and just enjoy music and dancing, feel free to bring along your own instrument or borrow one from the locals. All ages welcome for a fun evening.

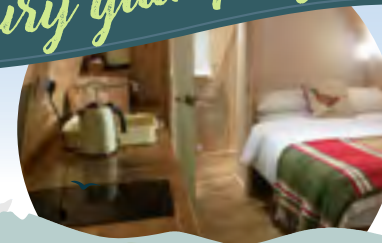
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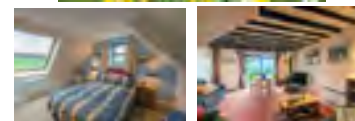


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STORY WALKS

Walks suitable for children. More information available at Whisky & Heritage Centre

BOWLING

The outdoor bowling green is open from the end of April to end of September at Tininver Street. Indoor bowling during the winter (advertised locally).

FISHING

There is easy access from Dufftown to the world famous salmon fisheries of Strathspey. There is also fishing available at Loch Park Drummuir

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LIBRARY

Balvenie Street. Internet & photocopying service available. See WWW.MORAY.GOV.UK for opening times. 01340 820272

PICNIC AREAS

Conval Street, Speyside Way and Glenfiddich Distillery.

DISTILLERY TOURS

See page 09

DUFFTOWN

Highland

GAMES

It was in 1892 when the athletes and spectators first assembled on the banks of the River Dullan near Mortlach Church to compete in the first 'Gathering'.

600 people, travelling by foot, horse and buggy, attended the event to witness the athletes compete. As time passed the name 'Gathering' was changed to the 'Dufftown and District Highland Games' which has been held every year since on the last Saturday in July.

Scotland has a long tradition and history of Highland Games where Clans would compete against each other in sporting events. Early Celts viewed such events as war games where their strongest and bravest soldiers would win the competitions.

Some say that Highland Games originated as a clan chieftain's way of choosing the best bodyguards and the fittest fighters. But not all the chief's requirements were for war - musicians and dancers were important for the prestige of his household. Choosing staff and supporters was done by holding competitions - good runners for couriers, strong men for defence and a range

of entertainers to amuse them during the winter evenings.

Many events at today's Highland Games still use items which would have been part of everyday life in the Highlands of old - round stones from river beds probably provided the original shot-putts while a Scots Pine trunk shorn of its branches is still the caber as tossed today.

THE GAMES TODAY

In recent years over 5000 people from around the world have attended the Dufftown Games, one of the most popular events on the Scottish Highland Games Calendar.

Locals and visitors mingle to enjoy events throughout the day, including Highland Dancing, piping and drumming competitions heavy events, young heavies, track and field, tug of war, and children's events. There is a grand whisky raffle

as well as various food and craft stalls.

A popular event of the day is the challenging Ben Rinnes Five Tops Hill Race. For experienced runners only, this is a 14-mile course with ascents of almost 5,000ft!

One of the many highlights is the massed pipe bands, with as many as thirteen pipe bands participating. They march from the town square to the field at 1:00 pm followed by hundreds of people who get first-hand experience of listening to over 250 pipers and drummers. The bands play on the field throughout the day with 'Beat the Retreat' in the town square at 6:00 pm bringing the games to a close.

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Overseas visitors get a chance to partake in an authentic highland games as they race once around the track in the popular overseas race. The Highland Dancing competition is also a key attraction with around 130 competitors on the day. Highland Dancing is one of the oldest forms of dance dating back to the 11th Century, and the term Highland Dancing is used today to refer to a style of athletic solo dancing which developed in the Highlands of Scotland. The Highland dancers take great pride in their appearance and are sure to entertain as well as compete.

On behalf of Dufftown Games we look forward to welcoming friends old and new. We would also like to thank our many sponsors and volunteers whom without their support the Games would not be possible.

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1 ¼ MILES » 1 HOUR

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DUFFTOWN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
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LOCAL NEWSPAPER, THE DUFFTOWN NEWS AT THE
TIME, COMMENTING ON THE AMOUNT OF PIPERS
THERE WERE IN THE DISTRICT AND SUGGESTING IT
SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FORM A PIPE BAND.

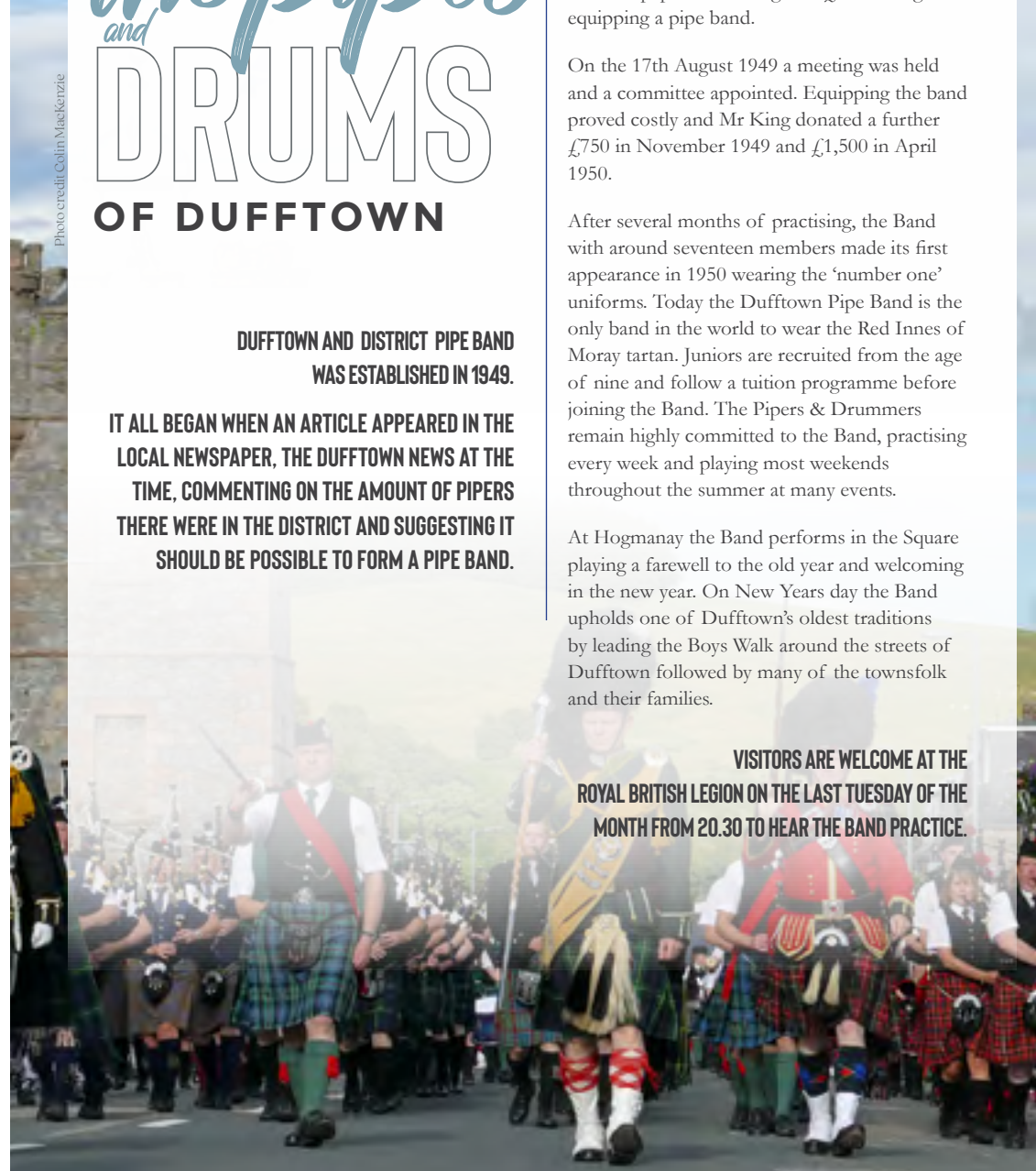
The article was read by Mr George King, who resided in Cape Town, South Africa but who was a native of Dufftown. After corresponding with the newspaper editor he gifted £750 to begin equipping a pipe band.

On the 17th August 1949 a meeting was held and a committee appointed. Equipping the band proved costly and Mr King donated a further £750 in November 1949 and £1,500 in April 1950.

After several months of practising, the Band with around seventeen members made its first appearance in 1950 wearing the 'number one' uniforms. Today the Dufftown Pipe Band is the only band in the world to wear the Red Innes of Moray tartan. Juniors are recruited from the age of nine and follow a tuition programme before joining the Band. The Pipers & Drummers remain highly committed to the Band, practising every week and playing most weekends throughout the summer at many events.

At Hogmanay the Band performs in the Square playing a farewell to the old year and welcoming in the new year. On New Years day the Band upholds one of Dufftown's oldest traditions by leading the Boys Walk around the streets of Dufftown followed by many of the townsfolk and their families.

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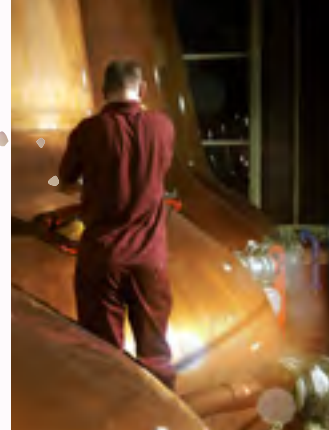
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