CARNBO HALL NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2026



(Registered Charity No: SC015354)

Update on Recent Events

Hall Talks

Thank you to everyone who has attended this year's Hall Talks. We have had some fascinating and informative speakers, and the sessions were well attended. The February talk on Saving the Red Squirrel by Polly Pullar drew in over 60 people! Our last Hall Talk of the season on **2nd March** is by *Ryan MacDonald—Exo Planets & the Search for Alien Life*.

Special thanks to James for organising this year's schedule. We will soon be seeking speakers for next season. If you have an interesting topic you'd like to share or know someone who may be willing to come along to speak, please get in touch by emailing us at carnbohall@gmail.com

Coffee & Chat

The Coffee & Chat events have continued to be a successful addition to our calendar, with some being better attended than others. It is lovely to see such a mix of age groups socialising and enjoying delicious treats together. Thank you to all the bakers and helpers. In order to ensure this event continues please spread the word to encourage people to come along. We hope to run these again during the winter months starting from October.

Children's Christmas Tree Party

We had lots of children attend our annual Children's Christmas Tree party, enjoying party food and games, followed by a Christmas story under the tree and a special visit from Santa. It was lovely to welcome new families and we hope to see them at future events. A very big thank you to Claire and Emma for organising the event and Nicola for helping.

Community Christmas Singalong & Mince Hi!

This joyful festive singalong led by Emma, accompanied by Claire on the electric piano was a great way to celebrate the spirit of the season getting us all into the Christmas mood. The singing was followed by a finger buffet. Thank you to everyone who came along or helped in any way.

Soup Saturday

We'd like to extend our thanks to everyone who braved the dreich weather and came out to support our Soup Saturday event! What a joy to see every generation of our community gathered together, sharing stories and laughter over delicious homemade soup, fresh-baked rolls, cheese scones, and home-baked biscuits!

Your participation makes these events so special. It's the community spirit that makes Carnbo Hall shine, and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you to all the bakers and organisers.

Dates for your Diary

March 2026

Saturday March 7th 10am Keep Carnbo Clean & Colourful.
Join us for a litter pick through the village. Litter pickers, bags & hi-vis vests provided.
Many hands make light work. More Info nearer the date.



CADCHA and its members send our warmest congratulations to David Roulston, who will celebrate his **100th birthday on 20th March**. David was a long-standing and active member of the Carnbo community, and many will fondly remember him & Rae opening their beautiful garden each year for others to enjoy.

April 2026

Carnbo Bowling Club open afternoon. Come and try bowling! **Date TBC** at the end of April. Whether you play already or have never played before Carnbo Bowling Club invite you to come along and give it a go! Don't worry if you don't have bowls. Please wear flat shoes. The club plays on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7pm throughout the summer. For more information contact Willie Shand on 07808225022 .



May 2026

Wednesday, 20th May @ 7pm AGM - followed by cheese & wine (See back page of Newsletter)



Sunday Social BBQs

The first Sunday during the summer months we have BBQs at the hall. Carnbo hall provide the BBQ.

BYOB, food to bbq or a picnic, and your own crockery/cutlery etc.


This is a great way to meet up with neighbours, friends and family. All Welcome!


7th June: Duck Race in the burn at east end of the village at **4pm**,


followed by BBQ at Carnbo Hall at **5pm**


5th July: BBQ @ **5pm**

2nd August BBQ @ **5pm**

6th September: BBQ @ **5pm**

At the BBQs we like to put up gazebos in case of inclement weather, help reduce windchill or if we are lucky provide shade from the sun! Helpers are always required for this, as ideally we need 6 people to erect and dismantle the gazebos to avoid buckling. If you can help please email carnbohall@gmail.com and we will add you to the Gazebo WhatsApp group.

Other Information

Hall Bookings

Hall hire rates are £10 per hour for members and regular user organisations.
£12 per hour for non- members.
Please contact Claire Mason on 07917319003 or e-mail: carnbohall@gmail.com with "Bookings" as the subject.
If you know anyone looking for a bright and cosy venue for a group or private party, please recommend our hall to them!

Membership Subscriptions

Our new financial year starts after the AGM in May

May 2026—April 2027

The annual subscription rates will remain at £10 for individual members and £25 for families (which includes all children in full time education). The Membership form is available via this link

Membership Form (2026-2027) - Google Forms

Carnbo Hall Refurbishment Project

The Hall heating was upgraded last year thanks to a generous donation from a former Carnbo Community member. The new thermostat has just been replaced due to failure of the digital display.

Unfortunately, in extreme weather conditions we are still experiencing water ingress into the kitchen. We think this may be coming in through the grill of the old ventilation system, which we are hoping to remove. We are also looking to apply for grants to cover refreshing the interior paintwork in the hall. However obtaining quotes for the work is proving to be difficult. Without quotes we can't apply for the grants. We will keep you updated.

Warmer Spaces

The Hall Talks, Coffee and Chat & Christmas Sing-along events were part of the "Warm Welcome Spaces". CADCHA applied to PKC for funding to help pay for the overhead costs for these events which made them more financially viable.

J&K Carnbo Table Tennis Club has recently been crowned **Scottish Champions**, finally claiming the title after two years as runners-up and overcoming defending champions North Ayrshire. The club previously trained at Carnbo Hall before moving to larger premises. Congratulations to everyone involved.

What's on in Carnbo Hall

BBQs: 1st Sunday in June, July, Aug & Sept @5pm
Hall Talks: 1st Monday in Oct-March @ 7:30 pm
Coffee & Chat Weds monthly Oct-March 10am-12
SWI: - Sept – June 7:15pm 3rd Monday of month

Carnbo Hall Committee 2025- 2026

Chairperson: Andrew Timmins 07897598906

Vice: Vacant

Treasurer: Val Gibson	07795828213
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How to Contact Us

Email: carnbohall@gmail.com

Follow Carnbo Hall Association's FB page for updates and lots of photos from past events

https://www.facebook.com/groups/618425774858948/

Carnbo and District Community Hall Association

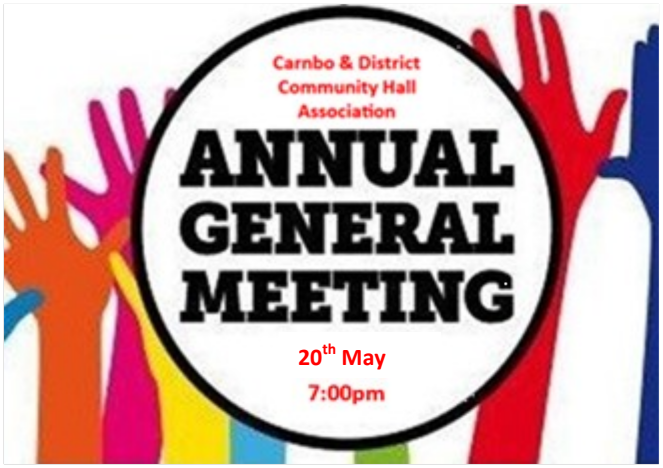
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Carnbo Hall was originally a school from 1846 to 1976. After the school closed, the community purchased it from the council in the 1980s for the nominal sum of £1. A major refurbishment followed, with local joiners, plumbers, and other community members volunteering their time to transform the old school into Carnbo & District Community Hall, which officially opened in 1990. It is now a registered charity, run by a voluntary committee who organise various social and fundraising events throughout the year to raise funds for maintaining and operating the hall for the benefit of the community. As with any community over the years properties change hands and new families move in. We hope newcomers to the village will help keep our longstanding community spirit alive by subscribing to our membership, supporting hall events, joining the committee, or lending a hand when possible. While life can get busy, contributing even a little time to your community can bring immense joy and a sense of purpose. Every small effort makes a big difference and you'll find it rewarding and fulfilling to be part of something bigger.

Carnbo Hall hosts a variety of events, including Summer BBQs on the first Sunday of the summer months, Evening Hall Talks on the first Monday of the autumn and winter months, Coffee & Chat Mornings, and a festive Children's Christmas Tree Party. Over the years, many other activities have been organised, such as quizzes, themed food and drink events, music nights, pantomimes, and plays. New ideas for events are always welcome!
Additionally, the hall serves as a meeting place for several local groups, including the SWI, Sewing Club, Upholstery Class, and Kinross Tangent.

Carnbo & District Community Hall Association AGM

Carnbo Hall's **AGM** will be on Wednesday **20th May** at **7:00pm**, followed by complimentary cheese and wine. Please come along and support **your local community asset, owned and run by those living in the Carnbo and District Community.** As some members of the committee are stepping down, we will be looking for new members and hope to diversify our committee with the inclusion of younger members.



Polite Reminder

The hall carpark is for hall users and hall members. If you would like to use the carpark on a regular basis, joining Carnbo Hall or a donation to hall funds would be most appreciated. If a car is going to be left for an extended period, please speak to a committee member. Also, please avoid parking on the septic tank at the east end. A reminder that, during the summer months, please leave space at the west end of the hall for access to the bowling green. Thank You! **N.B. Cars are Parked at Owners Risk.**