



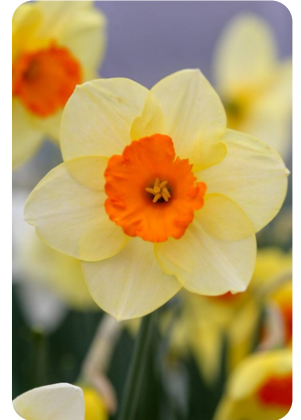
FACT



Monthly Newsletter - March 2023

Forres Area Community Trust is enjoying the signs of Spring that are peeping through and we are looking forward to seeing the daffodils bloom this year. Have you ever seen the magnificent display of daffodils at Brodie Castle which is home to one of the National Collections of Daffodils?

This is the **Fortune's Crest Daffodil** which was bred by Major Ian Brodie, the 24th Brodie of Brodie, and it was cross-bred from the famous Fortune Daffodil bulb.



We are lucky to have attractions like Brodie Castle on our doorstep and we enjoy building relationships with local businesses as our ethos is:

To make the Forres Area a better place to live, work and visit.

Forres Academy & **FACT** Catchment / Support Area



Forres Area Community Trust supports the area covered by the **Forres Academy Catchment** & the surrounding Primary schools: Alves, Andersons, Applegrove, Dyke, Kinloss, Logie & Pilmuir.

We also have links with the local **Community Councils**: Dyke Landward CC, Finderne CC, Findhorn & Kinloss CC, Forres CC and Heldon CC as well as the **Forres Area Forum** and **Moray Council**. The business community in the Forres Area is also supported by FACT and FABA - the **Forres Area Business Association**.

Recently **FABA** have been focusing on developing **Sustainability**. Go to their website: www.foresareabiz.co.uk to book your **FREE place** on their next event featuring Commercial Sustainability Experts.

Moray Council are beginning to develop the next **Local Development Plan**. Find out more at their **FREE Event** on **Saturday 4.3.23** at **Forres Town Hall**.



Community Engagement Event



Forres Town Hall, 10am - 3pm, March 4 2023

Drop in Exhibition with an overview of projects and investment happening across Moray and in Forres.



6pm on 16.3.23 at Brodie Castle

Nick



Say Hello!

Audrey



We have welcomed **Nick Clark** to the FACT Team as our new **Operations Manager**. Nick has already proved to be a massive asset to the Team and has organised additional Staff Training as well as met many Town Hall User Groups at their Meeting last week.

Nick may be known to some of you as he has worked as a Police Officer in Forres and Elgin for over 20 years and his calm, can-do approach will be a huge benefit to the whole Team.

Audrey Boyd has also recently joined our Team as our new **Finance Manager**.

The eagle eyed among you will see that the Operations and Finance Manager role has been split between two people, which means that FACT can benefit from Audrey's financial expertise as well as Nick's practical and organisational skills.

Audrey has a great eye for detail and has worked in the finance sector for over 30 years with many different organisations which will be invaluable for our Budget Reports to Funders.

It is fantastic to welcome two more friendly and helpful people to our FACT Team.

JOIN OUR TEAM

Development Manager

FACT are currently looking for a new **Development Manager**.

This is a full time role at **35 hours per week**, to be worked flexibly in line with the needs of the business, with a salary of **£35,500 per year**.

Please see our website for the detailed Job Description and Application Forms.

General Assistant

FACT are also looking for a new **General Assistant**.

This is a supervisory role for **21 hours per week**, to be worked flexibly in line with the needs of the business, at **£11.35 per hour**.

This role includes cleaning as well as supervising the Cleaner and external Cleaning Agencies as needed.

Befriending Support

Thanks to additional funding that we have secured, we are looking for a **Befriending Support Worker**.

This is a new role that will help support individuals on a 1 to 1 basis for **8 hours per week** at **£10.90 per hour**.

A successful PVG Check will be needed to undertake this role.

To apply for these roles, please see email nick@forresarea.org, phone 01039 674388 or look at our website: www.forresarea.org for more details.

We look forward to hearing from you.



TOWN HALL TALES



FACT have recently been successful in being awarded Funding to support our Town Hall Tales Project. This is YOUR chance to share YOUR stories, memories of fun times or magic moments that are connected to Forres Town Hall.

Did you see The Silver Beatles play on the stage?

Did you meet your partner on the Dance Floor?

We will be gathering stories during March and April. Please let us know on 01309 674388 or info@forresarea.org if you have any photographs or mementoes that we can make a copy of for our Town Hall Tales Project.

In April we plan to have a Town Hall Hoolie - watch out for more news in the next Newsletter and on our **Facebook Pages**: search for '**Forres Town Hall**' and '**Forres Area Community Trust**'.



Congratulations!



Well done to Robin, James & Tracy who have all completed a 'Getting Started with Canva' Course. Canva is the Design Tool that the FACT Staff have been using for the last year to create our Social Media posts & Newsletters. Enjoy creating new posters!

Dates for your Diary in March 2023

Forres Online Drop-in Sessions: Every Tuesday: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Forres Online Drop-in Sessions: Every Friday: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Employability Sessions: Every Thursday: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Forres Online Outreach: Dyke & District Village Hall: **Wednesday 29th March**

Dungeons & Dragons Table Top Games | Minimum Age: 18 years

Starting on **Saturday 4th March in the North Room at 2.30pm** - then every 2 weeks

Laptops, dice, paper & refreshments provided.

FREE Gentle Seated Exercise & Drumming Class with Esther

Every Tuesday: 10.30am - 12 noon including a cuppa & a chat.

FREE Fitness MOTs - Every Tuesday at 12.30pm, 1.00pm or 1.30pm

Transform Tuesday - FREE Intermediate Exercise Class with Esther

Every Tuesday: 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Email: esther@forresarea.org to book a place



Cameron Project Classes - supported by tsiMORAY



FREE Yoga Classes with Valentina - Wednesdays until 15th March in the Lesser Hall

Slow Yoga: 10.45 - 11.45am | Minimum age: 16 years

FREE Drawing & Painting Classes with Andrea

4 week course in April 2023 | Minimum age: 16 years

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for more details.



Needle Felting with Dawn - £20 for a 1 day Workshop

Friday 17th March: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Booking is essential for all activities.

Contact us on info@forresarea.org or 01309 674388

See our website for up-to-date listings: www.forresarea.org



Coffee Mornings - Saturdays: 10.00am - 12 noon

March 4th - NO Coffee Morning

March 11th - in aid of Dyke Primary School

March 18th - in aid of FACT

March 25th - in aid of Film Forres



Pop Up Pantry in the Lesser Hall

Saturday 4th & 18th March: 10.00am - 12 noon

Friday 10th & 24th March: 2.00pm - 4.00pm



Here are the details of the Moray Council Community Engagement Event.

Community Engagement Event



moray
council

Forres Town Hall, 10am - 3pm, March 4 2023

Drop in Exhibition with an overview of projects and investment happening across Moray and in Forres.

Facilitated sessions to inform the next Moray Local Development Plan, influencing the way people live, work and relax.

MORNING

SESSIONS AVAILABLE

AFTERNOON

10:30 -10:50 am	Economy - town centre, employment land, skills and jobs	13:00 – 13:20 pm
10:50 – 11:10 am	Greenspaces - open space, play and recreational provision	13:20 - 13:40 pm
11:10 – 11:30 am	Climate change - adapting to the impacts, reducing carbon and biodiversity	13:40 - 14:00 pm
11:30 – 11:50 am	Transport - active travel connections and public transport	14:00 - 14:20 pm
11:50- 12:10 pm	Housing - town centre living, vacant and derelict land, land for housing.	14:20 - 14:40 pm
12:10 – 12:30 pm	Community facilities, amenities and cultural venues	14:40 - 15:00 pm

Refreshments available

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF FORRES

