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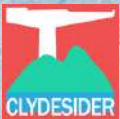
1 - 31 May 2026

Across West Dunbartonshire

Festival programme

40+ FREE events

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Fully accessible - the event and venue is accessible to wheelchair users and there is an accessible toilet



Partially accessible - some elements of the event are accessible for wheelchair users, or the activity can be adapted. Please check full programme online for more information and contact details for organisers



Family friendly - this event is suitable for children

All film screenings will be subtitled

Unless stated otherwise, all events are free and there is no need to book - just show up on the day

Full programme and booking links: clydesider.org/festival

Friday 1 May

Local Activists Film Screening

6pm - 8pm

OKFP, Old Kilpatrick, G60 5JH



Screening of short films highlighting local activists past and present
Spaces limited - book on Eventbrite

Saturday 2 May

Maid of the Loch Hard Hat Tour

11.30am and 2pm

Maid of the Loch slipway near Balloch pier



Reduced entry (£5) for tours - book online. Free entry to exhibition

Skylark IX rowing taster session

10am - 12noon

Denny Ship Model Experimental Tank, G82 1QS



Try rowing on dry land & hear story of Skylark IX. No experience needed

Open Day at Kilmarnock Old Kirk

10.30am - 4pm

Kilmarnock Old Kirk, Gartocharn



Visit newly renovated Kirk and explore new local heritage display

In Peace and Revolution Photography Exhibition

11am – 5.30pm

Lomond Galleries Shopping Centre,
Alexandria, G83 0UG



*Inspirational local activists captured
in portraits and interviews*

Until Thursday 7 May

Sunday 3 May

Maid of the Loch Hard Hat Tour

11.30am and 2pm



As above

Monday 4 May

'Agitators, Activists & Campaigners' with Florence Boyle

7.30pm - 8.30pm

Dalmuir Barclay Church, 1 Durban
Ave, Dalmuir, G81 4JH



*Jimmy Reid, Jane Rae & many more
- stories of WD's fierce activists*

Tuesday 5 May

Foraging Walk at the Saltings

2pm - 3.30pm

Meet at Erskine Ferry Road car
park, Old Kilpatrick



*Learn about medicinal plants found
locally with Jean Senior*

Book via Eventbrite

Wednesday 6 May

Threads of Time - Stories of People, Place & Pride

10.30am – 12.30pm

Community Links, 63 Kilbowie
Road, Clydebank, G81 1BL



*Make your own cushion cover or
tote bag from Bankie Spirit fabric!*
Book ahead - info@comlinks.org.uk
/ 0141 952 4382



Wednesday 6 May (continued)

Folklore Frolic

11am - 12.30pm

Meet at Balloch Castle



Celebrate Beltane with a walk around Balloch park
Book via Eventbrite

Celebrating the Life of Margaret Harrison

2pm - 4pm

Alexandria Library



Local peace activist celebrated by those who knew her & launch of book about her life



Brew and Blether – Life Around Denny's Shipyards

2.30pm - 4pm

Denny Ship Model Experimental Tank, G82 1QS

Relaxed chat about life at Denny's - come explore photos & stories

Thursday 7 May

Sporting Memories taster session

10.30am – 12 noon

Duntocher Village Hall, New Street, Duntocher, G81 6DF



Join Sporting Memories for a chat about local sport - all welcome

Old Kilpatrick to Bowling Walk & Talk

6.30pm - 8pm

Meet at Scout Hall, Erskine Ferry Rd



Discover the route's hidden history & its connections to famous folk

Friday 8 May

Witchcraft Trials in Dunbartonshire

Free talk 1pm - 2pm

Workshop 2.30 - 4.30pm - book tickets on Eventbrite
Alexandria Library



Discover the history of witchcraft in Scotland (talk) and WD (workshop). Children can attend at parents' discretion

Saturday 9 May

Skylark IX rowing taster session

10am - 12 noon

Duncan Mills Memorial Slipway, by
Maid of the Loch, Balloch



*Have a go at rowing on the loch -
no experience necessary*

Knowetop Open Day

1pm - 4pm

Knowetop Community Garden,
Castlehill, Dumbarton



*Fun for the family & unveiling a
new artwork inspired by Knowetop
Community Farm*



Old Kilpatrick Graveyard Walk & Talk

2pm - 4pm

Meet inside church gates of
Old Kilpatrick Parish Church

*Explore connections to Clydeside
history in WD's oldest graveyard*

In Peace and Revolution Photography Exhibition

12 noon – 3pm

Training Suite, Levensgrove Park,
Dumbarton



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online. Free entry to exhibition*

Sunday 10 May

Dumbarton High Street guided walk - some surprises from history

2pm

Meet at entrance to Artizan Centre,
Dumbarton



*Explore Dumbarton's 800+ year
history on this guided tour*

In Peace and Revolution Photography Exhibition

12noon – 3pm

Training Suite, Levensgrove Park,
Dumbarton

As above

Wednesday 13 May

Threads of Time - Stories of People, Place & Pride

10.30am – 12.30pm

Community Links Scotland, 63
Kilbowie Road, G81 1BL



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Thursday 14 May

Birl with Byrne

10.30am - 12 noon

Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton



*A birl round the park to celebrate
local lad David Byrne's birthday!*



Sporting Memories taster session

10.30am – 12 noon

Duntocher Village Hall, New Street,
Duntocher, G81 6DF



*Join Sporting Memories for a chat
about local sport - all welcome*

Friday 15 May

In Peace and Revolution Photography Exhibition

12 noon – 4.30pm

Clydebank Town Hall, Clydebank



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in portraits and interviews*

Until Friday 26 June

9.30am - 4.30pm Tues to Fri

Old Kilpatrick to Bowling Walk & Talk

6.30pm - 8pm

Meet at Scout Hall, Erskine Ferry Rd



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& its connections to famous folk*

Saturday 16 May

Clydesider presents: Creative Heritage Cafe

11am - 3pm

Dalmuir Barclay Church, 1 Durban Ave, Dalmuir, G81 4JH



Family friendly activities, workshops & local heritage info - all welcome!



Open day at Kilbowie St Andrews Church and Blitz Chapel

10am – 2pm

Kilbowie St Andrews Church, 12 Melfort Ave, Clydebank G81 2HX



Special chance to see chapel on 85th anniversary of Clydebank Blitz

Guided walk at Bowling Harbour

11am and 2pm

Meet at Customs House, Bowling Harbour



Join Scottish Canals to explore the heritage of this unique area!

Book via Eventbrite

Maid of the Loch Hard Hat Tour

11.30am and 2pm

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Sunday 17 May

Strathleven Doocot Project Talk & Activities

10.30am - 12.30pm

Strathleven House, Vale of Leven Industrial Estate, G82 3PD



Have your say on future of doocot & explore history of Strathleven House

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11.30am and 2pm



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Monday 18 May

Speakeasy

7pm - 10pm

Fountain Tavern, 9 Bank St, Alexandria, G83 ONG



Hear tales of local heritage from poets and writers - all welcome!

Tuesday 19 May

**Clydesider presents: Vale TV
50th Anniversary Screening**

4.30pm - 6.30pm

Alexandria Library



*Special screening of rare footage -
amazing time capsule of the Vale!*

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Place & Pride**

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tote bag from Bankie Spirit fabric!
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Wednesday 20 May

**Guided History Walk around
Edinbarnet and Cochno estates**

10.30am - 12.30pm

Meet at Achnacraig car park
G81 5QW (top of Cochno Road)



*Explore local social & industrial
heritage in the Kilpatrick Hills*

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**Brew and Blether – Stories from the
“Archivz”**

2.30pm - 4pm

Denny Ship Model Experimental

Tank, G82 1QS

*Relaxed chat about life at Denny’s -
come explore photos & stories*

Thursday 21 May

Cochno Stone with Kenny Brophy

2pm

Clydebank Museum, Clydebank

Library, G81 1XH



*Unveiling the history of ancient
stone & its mysterious markings
Book via Eventbrite*



Saturday 23 May

Agnes Owens Centenary

10am - 12.30pm
Alexandria Library



Remembering and celebrating famous Vale writer - all welcome

Guided Heritage Walk of Dalmuir

10.30am - 12 noon
Meet at Beardmore Hotel, Dalmuir



Paul Murdoch guides us through Dalmuir's fascinating heritage
Book via Eventbrite



History Unlocked - Improving Lives

Open Day

12 noon - 2pm
Improving Lives, 627 Dumbarton Road, Dalmuir



Exploring the building's hidden history and links to local activism

**Robert the Bruce Heritage Centre
open weekend**

12 noon - 4pm
Robert the Bruce Heritage Centre,
Renton Station, Renton



Learn about Scottish hero's links to Renton from passionate volunteers

Maid of the Loch Hard Hat Tour

11.30am and 2pm
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Sunday 24 May

**Robert the Bruce Heritage Centre
Open weekend**

12 noon - 4pm



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Monday 25 May

Discover Havoc Meadows walk

1pm - 3pm

Havoc Meadows, Dumbarton



Explore amazing plants & wildlife in this transformed local site

Book via Eventbrite



Tuesday 26 May

Adult Storytelling – Myth, Legend and Folklore

11am - 12 noon

Green Tree Remedies, 4 Church St, Alexandria G83 ONP



Oral storytelling has been with humans for ever - explore the importance of it in our lives

Weds 27, Thurs 28, Fri 29 May

In Peace and Revolution

Photography Exhibition continues, Clydebank Town Hall

Saturday 30 May

Nature and Heritage walk

10am - 11.30am

Balloch Castle Country Park



Explore beautiful surroundings of Balloch Castle Country Park

Book via Eventbrite

Maid of the Loch Hard Hat Tour



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Sunday 31 May

Inspirational walk

1pm – 3pm

Meet at Training Suite, Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton



Relaxed walk exploring heritage & nature of Levensgrove Park

Maid of the Loch Hard Hat Tour

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Clydesider is proud to present the very first West Dunbartonshire-wide heritage festival, Our Stories!

Immerse yourself in the inspiring and unexpected stories on your doorstep... in Clydebank, Dumbarton, the Vale of Leven and beyond

Guided walks, talks, workshops, exhibitions, film screenings and events for all the family

More than 40 FREE events, with something happening on every day in May

Check out the full programme in Clydesider magazine and online 

