

# Blackford GALA WEEK



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**We're delighted to bring you Blackford Gala 2021 with events across the week, across the village and across the internet from Sunday 6th to Sunday 13th June.**

We're working within Scottish Government guidance (as we currently know it) and have a few managed outdoor events, other events that go on all week and those that bring us together on Facebook or Zoom.

Look out for new favourites such as the Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea, Scarecrow Competition, online Gala Concert and the Village-wide BBQ.

We're crowning a new Gala Queen as Emily Sinclair hands over the role to Maisie Shedden with attendants Peggi Beck and Beth Forsyth.

So get your bunting back up or collect it from a Blackford Gala Box (Waukmill Drive, Allanwater Gardens and Moray Street), read up on the events and start working on the competitions for all ages.

Come and share the experience with friends, family and neighbours but please continue to show particular care and respect for others as we meet up during the week. It's parents and carers (rather than the organisers) who are responsible for their children during events.

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## Sunday 6th

**11:30am, Church Service** Our Gala Queens will be taking part in the service and this year Maisie and Emily are joined by attendants Peggi and Beth. We'll squeeze in as many other visitors as physical distancing allows.



**4:00pm, Post bike ride refreshments:** We'll welcome you back from your own bike ride with tea, coffee, juice and biscuits in the church grounds (or inside if wet). Refreshments will operate under Hospitality rules e.g. Test and Protect check in, face coverings unless seated at tables etc. A great place to meet and plan the rest of your week.

## Monday 7th

**7:00pm, Online Bingo** Make it a Full House at the Blackford Cares Facebook Group where you can join in the fun over five games with "fastest finger first" on the chat column to call "house!" **Collect a book from the Blackford Gala boxes.**



## Tuesday 8th

**7:00pm, I would walk 500 miles** We need you to fill Moray Street for a village performance to challenge the closing scene of Sunshine on Leith. Our version of the Proclaimers song will be the closing scene of Saturday's concert and shared on YouTube. If you missed out on the Full Monty we need you in this. Meet at the bus turning circle to learn a few steps then we'll film further up.



## Wednesday 9th

**Afternoon Tea for over 70s** Please book for a Café Mimi's Afternoon Tea delivered to the door by a Gala volunteer. To book for yourself a neighbour or a family member, text/WhatsApp Irene King on 07403 767599 or call her on 682889 or message to the Gala Facebook page or the clipboard in the Moray Street Blackford Gala Box. Please establish agreement when nominating, give us all dietary requirements and be in to receive it. **Bookings close Sunday 6th.**



## Thursday 10th

**Judging of scarecrows** Let your imagination run riot and get to work. Enter name and address **by 6pm on Wednesday 9th** with a message

to the Gala Facebook Page, email [gala@blackford.org.uk](mailto:gala@blackford.org.uk) or the clipboard in the Moray Street Blackford Gala box. To help you there's a bale of straw in the church grounds from William McLaren at Netherton Farm or be inspired by last year's film on the church website.



### **Friday 11th**

#### **7:00pm, The Gala Quiz**

The Gala Quiz is live through the Blackford Cares Facebook Group and we're playing for the Gala Quiz Trophy. Team size and make up is over to you this year.

### **Saturday 12th**

**10:00am, A walk up Kinpauch Hill:** Have you been promising to climb the hill overlooking the village? Working within "outdoor event legislation" we're heading there this morning so join our guide, Bob Watkinson, at the gate beyond the layby on the other side of the A9 and we'll register you for NHS Test and Protect. All dogs stay on leads; all children need an accompanying adult (leads optional for children).



**10:00am, Roll call!** Join us at the church (grounds or inside depending on weather) to bag up the 1800 rolls and other delivery set up for the village BBQ

#### **2:00pm, BBQ delivery**

Thanks to a grant from the Blackford Community Fund we are again able to provide rolls and sausages for everyone to have their own BBQ on Gala Day. Will you join us as we offer them around the village? Meat (and veggie) at the church.



### **8:00pm, Blackford Gala Concert and Awards Ceremony**

We're showcasing Blackford's talent, awarding the art, scarecrow and treasure hunt prizes and showing our Gala Queen's crowning. To perform – live or recorded - message the Gala Facebook page or email [gala@blackford.org.uk](mailto:gala@blackford.org.uk) Join us on [zoom.us](https://zoom.us); click "Join a meeting" near the top of the screen and enter this Meeting ID: 228 677 4969. The Zoom link will be on the Gala Facebook Page and the church website.



## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Gala Day

### 2:00pm, The Gala Queen and Attendants tour the village

Maisie, Beth and Peggi will be driven round but there is no option to follow the cars in fancy dress. We do invite you to enter the spirit of the day by decorating houses, windows and having your own fancy dress theme to your BBQ. No prizes just leave space for the cars to pass!



### Two more competitions running during the week

**Walking Treasure Hunt** Adult courses and child courses will be available in the Blackford Gala boxes and downloadable from the Gala Facebook page and the church website from Sunday 6th June. Do your course at any time of the week—one attempt only; no going back to check later in the week!. Hand in entries at Blackford Village Stores when you've finished **by 6pm on Friday 11th**. As last year's winner, William McLaren set this year's courses and will mark your answers. The same privilege waits this year's adult winners.

**Art Competition** This is again open to all ages and any medium. It could be drawing, painting or other creation or a fantastic photo. Send a photo of your entry with your age group {(a) Pre-school (b) P1-P4 (c) P5 -P7 (d) secondary (e) adult} by Messenger to the Blackford Gala Facebook page or by email to [gala@blackford.org.uk](mailto:gala@blackford.org.uk) for judging offline by an independent judge. If you are not online, ask a neighbour, friend or Gala Committee member (back page) to take a photograph and send it on. **Enter by noon on Wednesday 9th June**

**Keep in touch** Visit the Blackford Gala Week Facebook page to keep up to date and share your photos. If you are not on Facebook, you'll find some of our materials in the Blackford Gala Boxes (Waukmill Drive, Allanwater Gardens and Moray Street), or on this page of the church website [www.blackfordparishchurch.org/flyingtheflag](http://www.blackfordparishchurch.org/flyingtheflag)

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