

Saturday 14th September and Sunday 15th September

# RENFREWSHIRE DOORS OPEN DAY 2013





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Renfrewshire Doors Open Day is one of many European Heritage Days and a celebration of the buildings which surround us and which tell the history of our communities. Each September, similar events take place in over 50 countries and over 20 million visits are recorded annually.

Co-ordinated nationally by the Scottish Civic Trust, 2012 saw the largest number of events and sites in the 23 year history of Doors Open Day. For more information on this year's Doors Open Days see [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk).

We are happy to welcome the following new buildings into the Renfrewshire Doors Open Day fold this year: Glasgow Airport, Erskine Community Sport Centre, Victory Baths, White Cart Studio, Langs Tannery, Grand Fountain, Lagoon Leisure Centre, On-X in Linwood and the Paisley Ambulance Station. Doors Open Day weekend will also see the opening of the recent Townscape Heritage Initiative at Johnston Street, Paisley with it's very own street party. We'd also like to say a huge thank you to all those who have returned for another year!

If you like what you see, we would like you to share it. This year for adults and children we are running a photograph competition, so please share your photographs with us on facebook, twitter, flickr and instagram. Simply tag your photograph #doorsopendaysrenfrewshire to be in with a chance to win, the only limit is your imagination.

## Key to building notes

-  Map reference
-  Extra activities
-  Refreshments
-  Toilets
-  Disabled toilets
-  Unassisted access
-  Assisted access
-  Limited access
-  No disabled access
-  Parking
-  Audio loop
-  Audio tour
-  Children's Passport

## CHILDREN'S PASSPORT

Our Children's Passport aims to make Doors Open Day more fun for youngsters and encourage them to engage more with the buildings that they visit. This year the Renfrewshire 'Diabolical Diaries' Passports have a wicked history theme and are available from participating buildings and libraries.

## LIMOUSINE TRAVEL

J & W Goudie  
10 Maxwellton Street, PA1 2UA  
SAT 10:00-16:00



Be in'SPIRE'd by the beautiful buildings on your doorstep and join our free limousine service to some of Paisley's beautiful Spires including Paisley Abbey, Oakshaw Trinity and The Coats Observatory.



# RENFREW

## A8 Inchinnan Bascule Bridge

Inchinnan Road, Renfrew

SAT 11:00–15:00

(THE BRIDGE WILL LIFT AT 11AM, 1PM & 3PM)

*SIR WILLIAM ARROL, 1922*



The bridge was opened in 1923 a fine example of the Scherger type of Bascule Bridge and the only one still operating in Scotland. The Grade A listed bridge has been extensively refurbished and strengthened. Its protective paint system of vibrant colours and the architectural lighting installation dramatically enhance this unusual structure. Temporary accommodation will house an exhibition about the bridge and provide a video.

**Renfrew Fire Station**

Paisley Road, PA4 8LJ

SAT 11:00–16:00

1965



This is a fantastic opportunity to take a look inside an active fire station and get up close to the engines.

**Renfrew Leisure Centre**

Paisley Road, PA4 8LD

SAT & SUN 10:00–13:00

2004



This excellent sports facility opened its doors to the public in June 2004 and has become hugely popular with the people of Renfrew thanks to its range of programmes which include a four court multi-purpose sports hall, two level gyms/fitness suite, dance studio, football pitch and a sauna/steam room.

**Renfrew Town Hall and Community Museum**

Renfrew Cross, PA4 8PF

SAT 11:00–16:00

JAMES LAMB, 1872–3



Renfrew Town Hall's 105 feet tower, designed in a mixture of French and Gothic styles, injects a fairytale element into the town's skyline. After a 5.2million modernisation, the building reopened in January 2012 having been fully restored and extended to house the new Renfrew museum. The beautifully refurbished town hall has also improved its accessibility. Visitors will be treated to an interactive experience as CGI special effects recreate Victorian times.

**St Margaret Scottish Episcopal Church**

Oxford Road, PA4 8LG

SAT 10:00–16:00

1914



A picturesque little church that follows the Anglican tradition and has served the people of Renfrew for almost 100 years. The church hall has accommodated many groups and organisations and, like the church building, offers a warm and friendly welcome to all who enter its doors.

**Trinity Church**

13 Paisley Road, PA4 8JH

SAT 10:00–14:00

1864. W.D. MCLENNAN, 1903–04



This is a quaint Gothic church with a belfry and spire. The double transepts and roof structure are indicative of McLennan's architectural idiosyncrasies, and this is the earliest example of his church work. The carved winged animals on the belfry and the austere Art Nouveau stained glass in the vestibule are of particular note. This is a category C listed building.

**Victory Baths**

Inchinnan Road, PA4 8ND

SAT & SUN 10:00–13:00

1921



Renfrew (Victory) Baths is an Edwardian 25 yard pool with a great sense of tradition. It has a 1920s layout of cubicles around the pool, arched doorways together with some memorabilia and a viewing gallery.





# PAISLEY

## Anchor Mill

7 Thread Street, Paisley, PA1 1JR

SAT 10:00–16:00

*WOODHOUSE AND MORLEY, 1886*



The largest of the 40 Clark mill buildings on the Anchor Mills site, the Domestic Finishing Mill stands imposingly over the White Cart's Hammills waterfall. The vast atrium once churned with the sound of the engines which drove the equipment spread over the upper four floors. This building was converted to flats by Persimmon Homes with funding assistance from the Princes Trust.

**Brediland Allotment Association**

3 Cardell Drive, PA2 9AE

SAT 10:30–14:30



The Brediland Allotments were established in 1916 and local knowledge has it that they were a gift from a generous farmer.

With over 50 plots and eight pigeon fanciers, Brediland Allotments hold something for all ages in the community from under 5s to older adults.

**Hamishes’ Hoose**

45 High Street, PA1 2AH

SAT 11:00–23:00/SUN 12:30–22:00



Simply show your Doors Open Day Booklet to get a free desert with any main meal purchased from the menu. (One dessert per booklet).

**Glasgow Airport**

St Andrews Drive, PA3 2SW

SAT & SUN 13:00–16:00

SIR BASIL SPENCE, 1966



Get a behind the scenes peek at operation at Glasgow Airport. You will get to see a presentation on the history of Glasgow Airport and a tour of the terminal building with a discussion on the operation of the facility. To book a tour please email [opendoors@glasgowairport.com](mailto:opendoors@glasgowairport.com)

**Grand Fountain**

Fountain Gardens

SAT 13:00–16:00

1868, DESIGNED & BUILT BY SUN FOUNDRY,

GLASGOW



A new restoration and interpretation project is bringing the Grand Fountain in Paisley back to life. Come and find out about the restoration of this A listed, cast iron fountain made by the Sun Foundry, Glasgow in the 1860s. Adorned with cherubs, dolphins and walruses, it really is one of a kind.

**Holy Trinity & St Barnabas Scottish Episcopal Church**

St James Place, Moss Street, PA1 1BG

SAT 10:00–16:00

1833



The only Scottish Episcopal Church remaining in Paisley. The congregation began in 1817 and merged with St Barnabas Church in 2004. It is the oldest Episcopal Church Building in the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway.

**John Neilson Institute**

Oakshaw Street West, PA1 2DE

SAT 10:00–14:00

CHARLES WILSON, 1852



This astonishing addition to Paisley’s skyline is a fabulous distortion of antique classical forms, known to locals as the ‘Porridge Bowl’. Originally a school bequeathed to the town by a local grocer. The building was converted into flats in 1993 and won a prestigious Saltire Award for its conversion. The central atrium, with its statue of Diogenes by Alexander Stoddart, will be open.

**Johnston Street Street Party**

Johnston Street, Paisley

SAT 12:00–16:00



Johnston Street celebrates its opening by hosting a street party. There will also be an opportunity to delve into Paisley’s mill history on the interpretation trail, and there will be information on traditional building skills and materials. Additional activities for children will also be provided.

**New Jerusalem Church**

17 George Street, PA1 2LB

SAT 10:30–15:30

1810 AND 1868



This is a good example of an early Scottish Methodist chapel. Built originally for the Wesleyen Methodists the church was purchased by the Swedenborgian Church in 1860 for £600 and was formally opened and dedicated on 15th September 1861. In 1868 the interior was remodelled and new pews, a pulpit and stained glass windows were instated. The stained glass cost £103 and was designed by the artist Sir Noel Paton RSA, whose parents belonged to the congregation.

**Lagoon Leisure Centre**

11 Christie Street, PA1 1NB

SAT & SUN 10:00–13:00



A recently refurbished facility providing first class facilities for the people of Renfrewshire in the form of a six court sports hall, modern fitness suite and dance studios, a new arena for events, new foyer and cafe together with a free form swimming and teaching pool. This facility also hosts one of the newest spas in the area.

**Langs Tannery**

1 Seedhill, PA1 1JL

SAT & SUN 10:00–13:00

1830



The original building dates to around 1830 but the site has been modernised over the years to provide a modern tanning operation to convert raw cattle hides into tanned leather suitable for upholstery and shoe leather manufacturers world wide. The cattle hides are a by-product of the meat industry and Langs Tannery take this product, add value and produce a desirable product much in demand.

**Oakshaw Trinity Church**

Oakshaw Street East, PA1 2DD

SAT 11:00–15:00

JOHN WHITE, 1754 AND 1767–70;

RENNISON AND SCOTT, 1877



The church’s steeple is one of the most pronounced on Paisley’s skyline. The Hill organ has been newly restored. Contains a stunning plaster ceiling together with seven notable stained glass windows: two by Oscar Paterson c. 1918; two by Alec Walker c. 1909 and 1921; and one each by Gordon Webster, 1951; Sadie McLellan, 1973; and John Clark, 1996. Tours will be given.



## Paisley Abbey and the Place of Paisley

Abbey Close, PA1 1JG

SAT 10:00–16:00

*1163 WITH MANY ADDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE  
CENTURIES*



Paisley Abbey, the crowning glory of Renfrewshire's architectural heritage, celebrates its 850th anniversary. It was founded as a Cluniac monastery in 1163 by Walter Fitzalan, the High Steward of Scotland, an ancestor of the Royal House of Stewart and a distant relation of our future king, the Duke of Cambridge. Built on the site of a Celtic church established by St. Mirin in the 6th century, Paisley Abbey has been razed and rebuilt several times since then.

Its 25 stained glass windows, designed by 15 different artists, are exquisite. Paisley Abbey is also home to some of the most unique gargoyles, from the traditional to the something a little different; see if you can spot the alien. The cafe will also be open for business as will the upper floors of the Place of Paisley.

## Paisley Ambulance Station

15 Craw Road, PA2 6AD

SAT 10:00–13:00

1996

21 A+ ♀♂ ♿ ★

A purpose built ambulance station which became operational in 1996 to replace the temporary ambulance station. A selection of ambulance vehicles will be on display.

## Paisley Arts Centre

New Street, PA1 1EZ

SAT 09:45–16:45

DROP IN ACTIVITY: 11.00–15.00

JAMES BAIRD AND JOHN HART, 1736–38

22 A+ ☕ ♀♂ ♿ ♿ ★

Built by the Town Council as Paisley's first post-reformation church, the Arts Centre was a place of worship for nearly 250 years until it was converted to its present purpose in 1987. This intimate and friendly venue provides an all year-round programme of drama, music, film, comedy and dance, it frequently hosts Scottish & world premiers. Come and visit the creative team who will help you make some Victorian keep-sakes (11.00–15.00) in keeping with the children's 'diabolical history theme'.

## Paisley Central Library

High Street, PA1 2BA

SAT 09:00–17:00

REFERENCE LIBRARY: JOHN HONEYMAN, 1868–71.

LENDING AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES:

HONEYMAN, KEPPIE AND MACKINTOSH, 1904;

KEPPIE AND HENDERSON, 1933.

23 A+ ☕ ♀♂ ♿ ♿ ★

An A-listed building which opened in 1871 and was funded by a donation from Peter Coats. In 1904 an extension was built by Honeyman, Keppie and MacKintosh. MacKintosh's influence can be seen in the use of recessed squares, in bookcase friezes and glazed screens, in the doors with oval glass panels, and in the roof trusses. The library holds amazing archives of maps, photographs and drawings and additional exhibitions and competitions will run on the day.

## Paisley Community Fire Station

Canal Street, PA1 2HQ

SAT 11:00–16:00

24 ♀♂ ♿ ♿ P ★

This is a fantastic opportunity to take a peek inside an active fire station and get up close to the engines.

## Paisley Martyrs Sandyford Church

Broomlands Street, PA1 2PP

SAT 10:00–13:00

1835; T.G. ABERCROMBIE, 1904–05

25 A+ ☕ ♀♂ ♿ ♿ P ♪ ★

The union of the Martyrs and Sandyford Churches was formalised in November 2009 and a presence is maintained at both Broomlands Street and Montgomery Road. It is the Broomlands Street church which is open on Doors Open Day and organ music will be played throughout the day.

## Paisley Museum & Art Galleries and Coats Observatory

High Street, PA1 2BA

SAT 11:00–16:00/SUN 14:00–17:00

MUSEUM & GALLERIES: JOHN HONEYMAN, 1868–81;

HONEYMAN, KEPPIE AND MACKINTOSH, 1902;

T.G. ABERCROMBIE, 1915.

OBSERVATORY: JOHN HONEYMAN, 1883.

26 A+ ☕ ♀♂ ♿ ♿ ★

The museum houses a wealth of treasures, from ancient Egyptian artefacts to reminders of our industrial past and natural history. The pillar gallery has been recently refurbished with original Victorian architecture and double barrelled vaulted ceiling fully restored.

A solar telescope, Alexander Stoddart's bust of Newton and painted glass windows depicting famous astronomers can all be found in the observatory. Access to the Coats Observatory is only through bookable tours at the main reception in Paisley Museum.

## Paisley Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

St James Street, PA3 2HW

SAT 10:00–16:00

CLARKE & BELL, 1885–90.

BAXTER, CLARK AND PAUL, 1997.

27 A+ ♀♂ ♿ ♿ ♪ ★

The present Sheriff and Justice of the Peace courts originally consisted of the court house and the offices of Renfrew County Council. The extended building now housing the Procurator Fiscal's office was re-opened in 1997 and in 2011 the former district court, now the Justice of the Peace court was added. Don't miss the guided tour of the courts, cells and the custody vehicles.





## Thomas Coats Memorial Church and Paisley Photographic Society

High Street, PA1 2BA

SAT 12:00–16:00

*HIPPOLYTE BLANC, 1894*

39 A+ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ ★

Built by the Coats family in memory of Thomas Coats, the building is the epitome of Victorian neo-gothic splendour. One of, if not the most opulent Baptist centres in Britain, the church's eight arched crown spire is a principal feature of Paisley's skyline. The interior abounds with highly carved oak, marble and alabaster. You will be able to take in the artful surrounds to the sound of organ music. The Paisley Photographic Society will also be exhibiting their members' photography.

## Wallneuk North Church

Abercorn Street, PA3 4AB

SAT 11:00–15:00

*T.G. ABERCROMBIE, 1913–15*

40 A+ ☕ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ P ★

Hailed as the great triumph of the stylish Paisley architect, this Perpendicular Gothic creation is one of the most powerful compositions to be found in the town. The church is built of red stone from Locharbriggs quarry, Dumfriesshire, the inside is mainly Austrian oak. Various animals and symbols are carved in the wood and stone.

## White Cart Studio

Studio 34, Sir James Clark Building, PA1 1TJ

SAT 10:00–16:00

1923

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White Cart Studio is a well lit, fully equipped art studio situated in the Sir James Clark Building, Paisley. A programme of drawing/painting classes run throughout the year and an exhibition of the students art work will also be on display.



# LOCHWINNOCH



## Castle Semple Visitor Centre

Lochlip Road, PA12 4EA

SAT & SUN 10:00–16:00



Castle Semple Visitor Centre sits beside the Loch. Visitors will be able to enjoy the views over the old estate policies from the lookout tower which is usually closed to the public. Various green technologies are in use throughout the building.

## Lochwinnoch Parish Church

Church Street, PA12 4DW

SUN 13:00–16:00

1807



Lochwinnoch Parish Church opened on 2nd October 1808. The building is octagonal in shape, built by “one Andrew from Kilbarchan, a Mason’ who went bankrupt during the construction. The church takes an elongated octagonal form and sits behind a high Doric porch, with classical belfry, clock and spire. A Gothic church hall (1901) is to the rear.

## RSPB Lochwinnoch Nature Reserve

Largs Road, PA12 4JF

SAT & SUN 10:00–17:00



The reserve is a fantastic mixture of woodland and wetland and there are many beautiful native species of all shapes and sizes in residence. There will be a guided tour around the visitor centre and nature trails.

# KILBARCHAN



## Kilbarchan East Church

Steeple Square, PA10 2JD

SUN 13:00–16:00

JAMES BROWN, 1787–89



The foundation stone of the church building was laid in March 1787 with the congregation worshipping in the unfurnished church a year later. In 1797 a session house was added but the present two storey building was not completed until 1859. The design for the church was based on Paisley’s Castlehead Church (1781). Two stained glass windows were installed in 1902 to mark the 60th year of Revd. George Alison’s ministering at the church.

## Kilbarchan West Church

Church Street, PA10 2JQ

SUN 13:00–16:00

WILLIAM H. HOWIE, 1899–1901



Spacious Gothic interior. See six glass windows by various artists, four Edwardian and one by James Wright (1947). There will be exhibitions, tours and refreshments in the church hall.

## Steeple Halls

Steeple Square, PA10 2JD

SAT 10:00–16:00



Designed as both a meal market and a school. Steeple Halls is at the centre of Kilbarchan and a statue of Habbie Simpson, a 17th century piper and village mascot of sorts, sits in the tower.



# INCHINNAN

## Inchinnan Parish Church

Old Greenock Road, PA4 9PB

SAT 10:00–16:00

MILLER AND BLACK, 1966

55 A+       

The early 20th century All Hallows' Church was demolished in 1965 to make way for Glasgow International Airport, and its fine art collection, most of which was given by the Campbells of Blythswood, was transferred to the new Inchinnan Parish Church. The church also displays a beautiful marble pulpit from Italy along with glorious stain glass windows which have been donated throughout the years.



# ERSKINE & BISHOPTON

## Erskine Community Sports Centre

Kilpatrick Drive, PA8 7AF

SAT & SUN 10:00–13:00

2002

56 A+      

This attractive building of architectural note includes a four court sports hall, a fitness gym, small studio space and a function suite which overlooks the Clyde.

## Erskine Home (Reid MacEwen Training Centre)

Erskine Home, PA7 5PU

SAT 10:00–13:00

WILLIAM DURN, 1856

57      

All buildings are in a Tudor Gothic style with steep gabled roofs and built in grey sandstone with golden sandstone cressings. The stables were impeccably restored and imaginatively adapted in 2001 by Mike & Sue Thornley. The building serves as a training centre for Erskine.

## Gledstane Park

Gledstane Road, PA7 5AU

SAT 10:00–16:00

1893

58 A+    

This is a square Scottish villa with granite causs facing and honey stone mullions. It is the home of John McLaughlin, A.K.A. the Govan Chairman. See John's fascinating collection of quirky hand carved chairs.

## Lamont City Farm

Barrhill Road, PA8 6EZ

SAT & SUN 10:30–16:30

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This vibrant community project is home to a variety of domesticated animals including sheep, goats, horses, ducks, hens, llamas and rabbits. There is also a tearoom and a gift shop.

# LINWOOD

### ON-X (Linwood Sport & Community Centre)

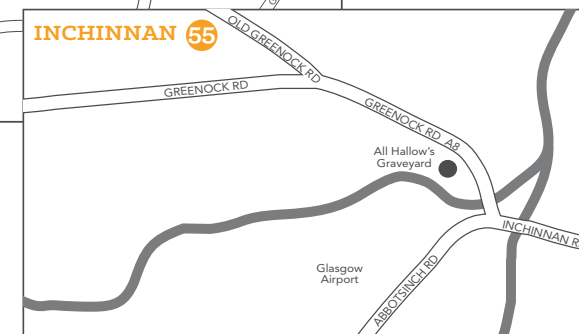
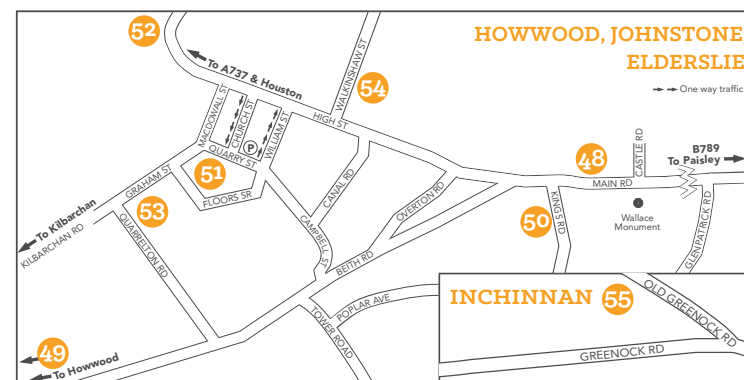
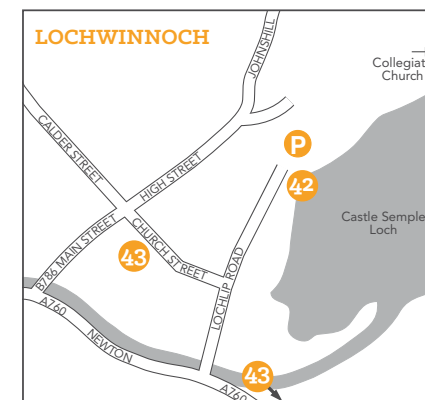
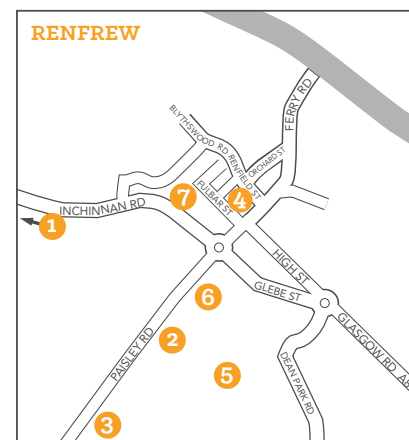
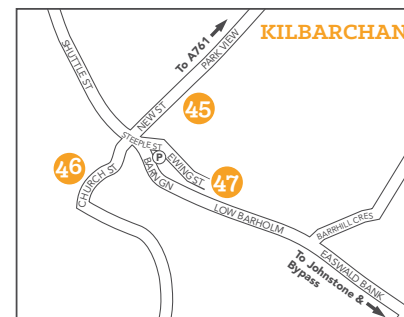
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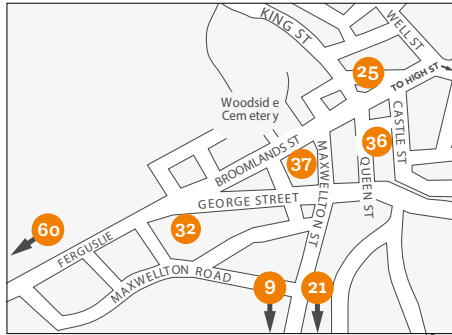
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A new modern high quality leisure facility that has a six lane—25 metre pool, modern gym/fitness suite, an eight court sports hall, together with four dance studios and a cafe. This is the newest leisure facility built in Scotland.





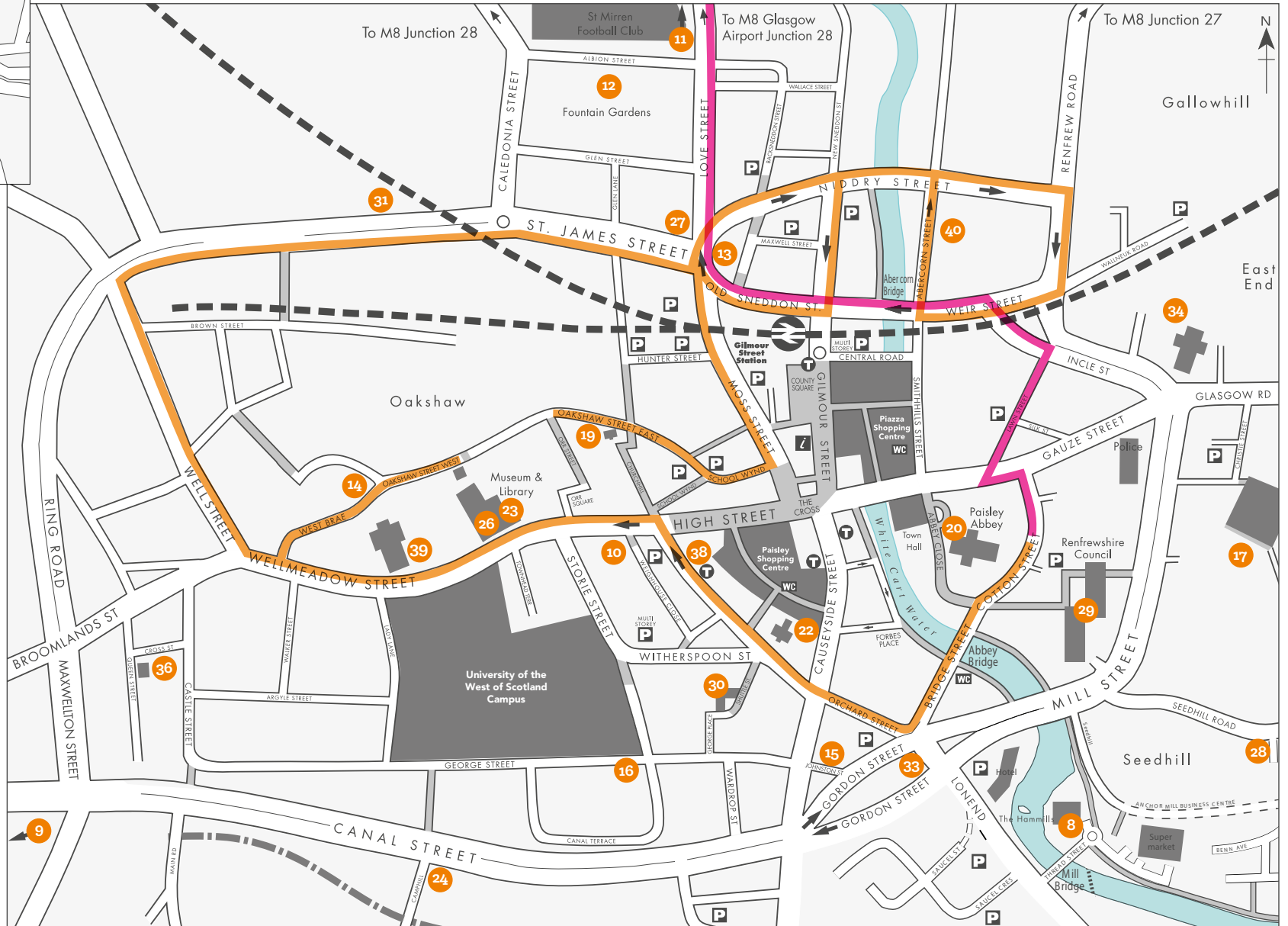
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### Spire Limousine Route

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- 27 Paisley Sheriff Court
- 12 Grand Fountain
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# PAISLEY

## Other Doors Open Days

### WEEKEND 1

Sunday 1 September  
Highland

### WEEKEND 2

7 & 8 September  
Ayrshire  
Clackmannanshire  
East Fife (Sunday only)  
East Renfrewshire  
Lanarkshire

### WEEKEND 3

14 & 15 September  
Angus  
Aberdeen (Saturday only)  
Central Fife (Sunday only)  
Dundee  
East Dunbartonshire (Saturday only)  
East Lothian (Sunday only)  
Inverclyde  
Midlothian (Saturday only)  
Scottish Borders (Saturday only)  
Stirling  
West Lothian

### WEEKEND 4

21 & 22 September  
Aberdeenshire (Saturday only)  
Glasgow  
Perth & Kinross  
West Fife (Sunday only)

### WEEKEND 5

28 & 29 September  
Edinburgh  
Falkirk

## Dates for your diary

### The Spree

THURSDAY 10TH—SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

### The Royal National Mod

FRIDAY 11TH—SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

### Paisley Fireworks

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

### Paisley Christmas Light Switch On

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

### Renfrew Christmas Light Switch On

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

### Johnstone Christmas Light Switch On

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER



**Admiral Fallow and The Twilight Sad with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra**

**Edwyn Collins**

**Capercaillie**

**Craig Hill – Tartan About!**

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**Fred MacAulay**

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with Ross Ainslie and Jarlath Henderson

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in association with The Stand Comedy Club

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In addition to the fabulous competitions, expect to see a torch-lit procession, football & shinty, an exciting children's fringe programme, drama workshops, Mòd showcases, cèilidhs, a fantastic final dance and much more!

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2013**

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