

Saturday 5 September and Sunday 6 September

# RENFREWSHIRE DOORS OPEN DAY 2015



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Renfrewshire Doors Open Days is one of many European Heritage Days and a celebration of the buildings which surround us and 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, 2014 saw another great variety of buildings take part in this momentous event.

In Renfrewshire, we will join in the celebrations by welcoming back this year, some old favourites: Renfrew Town Hall, Paisley Abbey, Tannahill's Cottage, Walking Tours on Wheels, RSPB Lochwinnoch, Kilbarchan East and West Parish Churches, Johnstone History Museum, Inchinnan Parish Church and On-X. We are also happy to introduce you to some new kids on the block: Brick Lane Studios, Lapwing Lodge Outdoor Centre, and the New Johnstone Town Hall.

## 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 Children's Passport titled 'Culture Club' celebrates all sorts of longstanding cultural clubs and organisations, looks at the changes in Renfrewshire's cultural and heritage offering and invites young people to join some new culture clubs in town.

This year's Passport, as before, will be sent out to all Renfrewshire Primary Schools so look out for this in your children's schoolbag and will also be available from participating buildings and libraries.

## Key to building notes

<b>1</b> Map reference	Limited access
<b>A+</b> Extra activities	No disabled access
Refreshments	<b>P</b> Parking
Toilets	Audio loop
Disabled toilets	Audio tour
Unassisted access	Children's Passport
Assisted access	

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### THE GREAT DRAIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST 2015-6TH SEPTEMBER 2015  
Volunteers welcome.

### GRAND FOUNTAIN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2015

### LIMOUSINE TOURS

J & W Goudie, 10 Maxwellton Street, PA1 2UA  
SAT : HOURLY 10:00-16:00, LAST TOUR-3PM

Free Limousine Tour of Paisley's magnificent historic buildings. Stop at the newly restored Grand Fountain. Leaving from Renfrewshire House hourly 10am till 3pm-groups of up to 7 people. Perfect for those who have difficulty walking long distances.

You can also go along to Paisley Museum and Art Galleries and find out about Renfrewshire Council's new [Townscape Heritage Project](#) and enjoy a [Virtual Tour of the Liberal Club](#), one of Paisley's well known High Street Buildings.

Don't forget you can share your photo's with us on facebook [/renfrewshirecouncil](#), twitter [@RenCouncilNews](#), or for all you Instagram fans, [#RenDOD15](#)



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# RENFREW

## Renfrew Community Fire Station

Paisley Road, Renfrew, PA4 8LJ

SUN: 10:00–16:00

1965



This is a fantastic opportunity to take a look inside an active fire station and get up close and personal with the fire engines. Also, a chance to witness a special demonstration from the Chip Pan Demonstration Unit, a chance to see Vintage Fire Appliances and get some free advice on Community safety.

## Renfrew Leisure Centre

Paisley Road, Renfrew, PA4 8LD

SAT & SUN: HOURLY TOURS 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 sports and leisure facilities which include a 4 court multipurpose sports hall, two level gyms/fitness suite, dance studio, football pitch and a Sauna/Steam room.

## St Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church

Oxford Road, Renfrew, PA4 0SJ

SAT: 10:00–16:00

1914



A picturesque little church that follows the Anglican tradition and has served the people of Renfrew for over 100 years. The church hall has accommodated many groups and organisations and, like the church building itself, offers a warm and friendly welcome to all those who enter its doors. Come and join us for our photographic exhibition spanning 100 years of church history.

## Trinity Church

13 Paisley Road, Renfrew, PA4 8JH

SAT: 10:00–14:00

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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, Renfrew, PA4 8ND

SAT & SUN : 10:00–13:00

1921



Designed and built by Paisley Architect, T.G. Abercrombie, the grade “B” listed, Victory Baths, in all their detail and splendour are a particularly fine example of an Edwardian 25 yard swimming pool. The 1920's layout is largely intact with changing cubicles to poolside at ground level, arched doorways and a viewing gallery above with timber seats. Come and experience this great sense of tradition.

## Renfrew Town Hall and Community Museum

The Cross, Renfrew, PA4 8PF

SAT: 11:00–16:00

1871–3



Category “A” listed mid-Victorian building often referred to as the “Disney Castle”, Renfrew Town Hall is an elegant public building in the centre of Renfrew. Designed and Built in French Gothic Style by James Jamieson Lamb and Baillie James Barr Lamb. Drop in and visit the Community Museum which tells the story of Renfrew's rich heritage or take a tour of the grand hall and function rooms.

## Inchinnan Bascule Bridge

A8 Inchinnan Road, Renfrew

SAT: 10:30–15:00

BRIDGE OPENING TIMES: 11:00, 13:00 AND 15:00

1812



Designed by Sir William Arrol in 1922, this unique Bascule Bridge is the only opening Bascule Bridge in the whole of Scotland. Pop along at 11am, 1pm or 3pm to see the bridge rise to the occasion for Doors Open Day. There will also be a small exhibition and some videos about the bridge.







# PAISLEY

## Anchor Mill

7 Thread Street, Paisley, PA1 1JR

SAT: 10:00–16:00

WOODHOUSE AND MORLEY, 1886.

8 A+ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿

The Anchor Mill stands as a proud reminder of Paisley's great industrial heritage. Located at the Hammills on the White Cart River, this landmark Grade 'A' listed Domestic Finishing Mill was built in 1886 and is one of the few remaining buildings of the Anchor Mill complex. At the centre of the building is the elegant, 4 storied, sun-lit Atrium. This year in the Atrium, Accord Hospice will be running their Annual Art Exhibition.

## Bield Activity Centre, (Former Martyrs Parish Church)

40 Broomlands Street, PA1 2NP

( Within Woodside Cemetery)

SAT: 10:00–16:00

1835.

9 A+ ☕ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ P ★

Former Martyrs Parish Church purchased by 7th Paisley Scout Group in 1981. It now has three large activity halls and is used by the wider community. The church was built by a wide range of local churches within Paisley which is obvious from the different styles incorporated in the church.



## Brediland Allotment Association

3 Cardell Drive, PA2 9AE

SAT : 11:00–16:00

10 A+ ♿ ★

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 8 pigeon fanciers, Brediland Allotments hold something for all ages in the community from under 5's to older adults.

## NEW ENTRY

### Brick Lane Studios and The Diane Mitchell Music School

Forrester House, 7/9 Weir Street

Paisley, PA3 4DW

SAT & SUN: 10:00–18:00

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A Professional Recording Studio. Come along and hear live bands rehearsing, artists recording and music lessons ongoing.

### New Jerusalem Church

17 George Street, PA1 2LB

SAT: 10:30–15:30

1810 AND 1868.

12 A+ ☕ ♿ P ★

This is a good example of an early Scottish Methodist chapel. Built originally for the Wesleyan 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.

## Glasgow Airport- Terminal Building

Glasgow Airport, Paisley, PA3 2ST

SAT & SUN: 10:00–14:00

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Get a behind the scenes look at operations at Glasgow Airport. You will get to see a presentation on the History of Glasgow Airport and take a tour of the Terminal Building with a talk on how the Airport works.

Glasgow Airport will run tours at the following times:

SAT 5th Sept: 10 am and 12 noon

SUN 6th Sept: 10am and 12 noon

To book a place on these tours, please e-mail: [opendoors@glasgowairport.com](mailto:opendoors@glasgowairport.com) and you will be provided with joining instructions. Numbers are limited, so to avoid disappointment, please book early.

## SPECIAL EVENT

### Grand Fountain Birthday Celebration

Fountain Gardens, Love Street, Paisley

SAT: 12:00–16:00

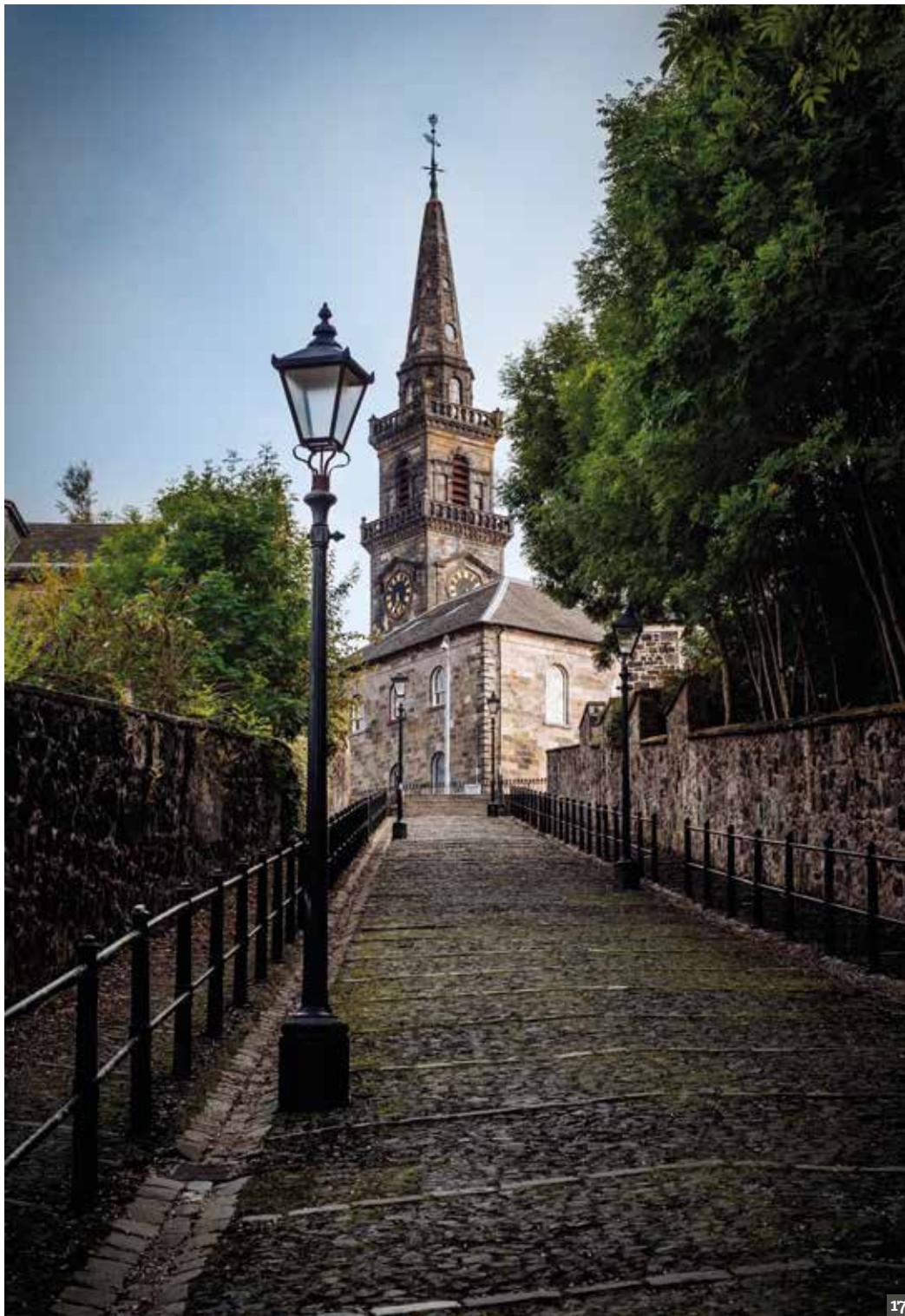
1868, DESIGNED & BUILT BY SUN FOUNDRY, GLASGOW

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One year on from the 'switch on' of the restored Grand Fountain, the community invites you to celebrate its restoration at Fountain Gardens. Come along to see the fountain, speak to the people who restored it and enjoy some fun in the gardens. The event is being planned with STAR Project, Friends of Fountain Gardens and Paisley North Community Council, in partnership with Renfrewshire Council.







## WEEK LONG SPECIAL EVENT

### The Great Drain Archaeological Dig

Abbey Close, PA1 1JG

MON 31ST AUGUST 2015–SUN 6TH SEPTEMBER  
10:00–16:00

15 A+ ☒ ★

Come and discover more about Paisley Abbey and the local area as you join Guard Archaeology as their research continues and Paisley's fascinating story unfolds. Take part in the dig to uncover more secrets about Paisley's historic past and see some of the artefacts discovered in previous trenches. Take a virtual trip down the Drain.

The team will be on site from Monday 31st August until Sunday 6th September.

### Hamishes' Hoose

45 High Street, PA1 2AH

SAT & SUN 11:00–21:00

16 ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒

Good Food, Exhibition and Music

### Holy Trinity & St Barnabas Scottish Episcopal Church

St James Place, Moss Street, PA3 2AF

SAT: 10:00–15:30

1833

17 A+ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒

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 (formerly John Neilson Institution)

Oakshaw Street West, PA1 2DE

SAT: 10:00–14:00

CHARLES WILSON, 1852.

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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 to the public.

### Lagoon Leisure Centre

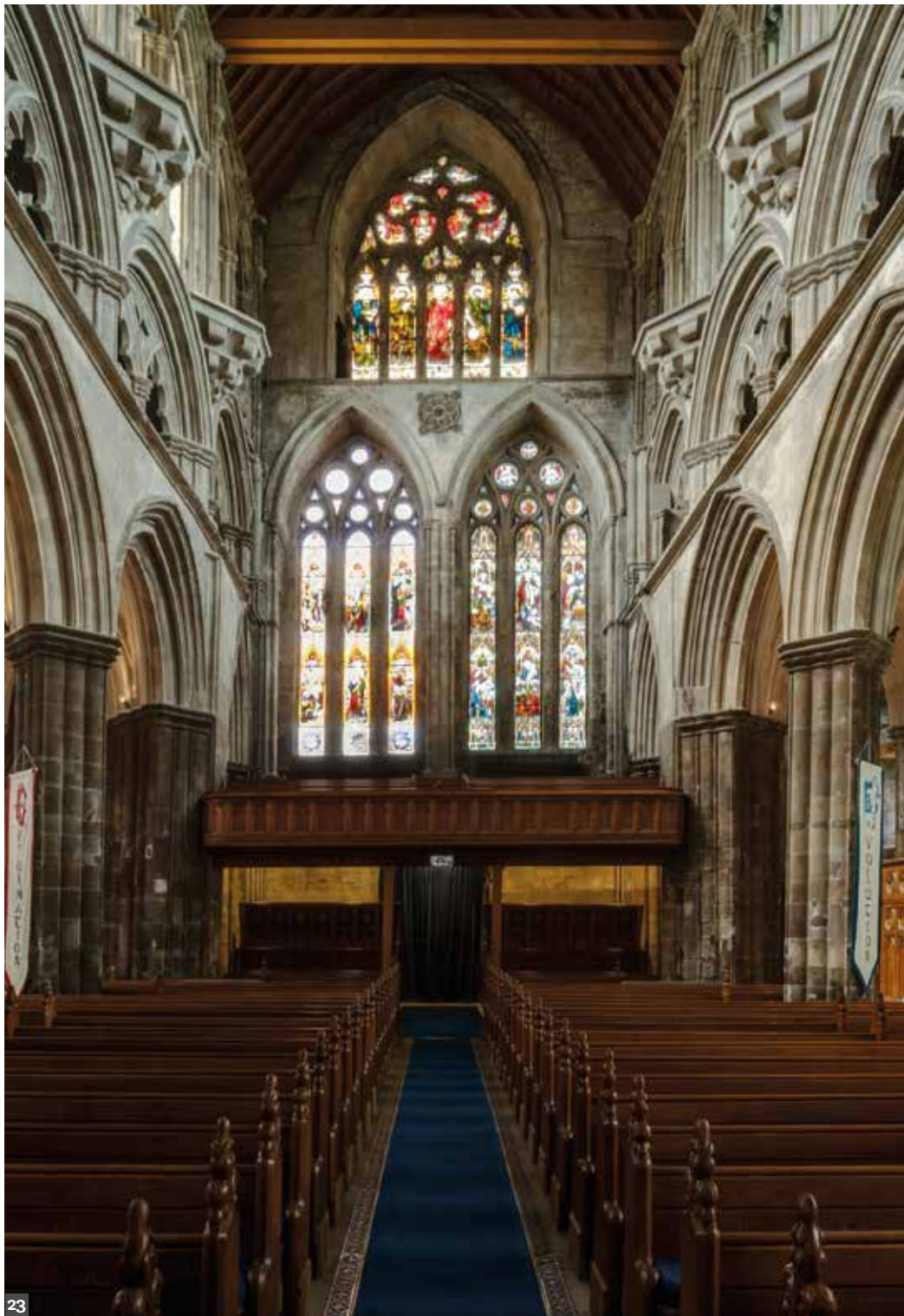
11 Christie Street, PA1 1NB

SAT & SUN: 10:00–13:00

19 A+ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒

A recently refurbished leisure centre providing first class facilities for the people of Renfrewshire in the form of a 6 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.





## NEW ENTRY

### Lapwing Lodge

Gleniffer Road, Paisley, PA2 8UL

SAT: 10:00–16:00

1910

20 A+ ☕ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ P ★

Lapwing Lodge started life as a Sanatorium for Coats Mill workers in 1910 until 1955. In 1960, Paisley Scouts began to use the site for camping before purchasing the site in 1988 and making improvements to the deteriorated building. Lapwing Lodge not only continues to be used for Scout Camps and other youth organisations, it also caters for individuals, businesses and educational use. Facilities at the Outdoors Centre include a climbing wall, archery, kayaking, cycling, the high ropes, an assault course and is ideal for corporate team building events.

### Martyrs Sandyford Church

Broomlands Street, PA1 2PP

SAT: 10:00–13:00

1835; T.G. ABERCROMBIE, 1904–05.

21 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.

### Oakshaw Trinity Church

Oakshaw Street East, PA1 2DD

SAT: 11:00–16:00

JOHN WHITE, 1754 AND 1767–70;

RENNISON AND SCOTT, 1877.

22 ♿ ♿ ♿ P ★

The church's steeple is one of the most pronounced on Paisley's skyline. The Hill organ has been newly restored. The church 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. Refreshments will be available in the Wynd Centre.

### Paisley Abbey and the Place of Paisley

Abbey Close, PA1 1JG

SAT: PLACE OF PAISLEY, GIFT SHOP AND CAFE

10AM TILL 4PM

THE ABBEY (INCLUDING TOWER) 10AM TILL

12.30PM AND 2PM TILL 4PM

1163 WITH MANY ADDITIONS THROUGHOUT

THE CENTURIES.

23 ☕ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ P ♿ ★

Paisley Abbey, the crowning glory of Renfrewshire's architectural heritage, is over 850 years old; 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.

## Paisley Arts Centre

New Street, PA1 1EZ

SAT: 11:00–16:00

JAMES BAIRD AND JOHN HART, 1736–38.

24 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. Drop in and take this opportunity to get a behind the scenes look

## 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.

25 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.

## Paisley Community Fire Station

55 Canal Street, PA1 2HQ

SUN: 10:00–16:00

26 A+      

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

## Paisley Masonic Hall

68 Maxwellton Street, Paisley

SAT: 10:00–16:00

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## Paisley Methodists Central Hall

7 Gauze Street, PA1 1EP

SAT: 10:00–16:00

1908

28 A+      

Paisley Methodists Central Hall was built in 1908. This beautiful building of note will hold an exhibition of Methodism past and present. There will also be guided tours on request.

## 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.

29 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 recently been 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.

## SPECIAL EVENT

### Townscape Heritage Project (Phase 2)

Paisley Museum & Art Galleries

High Street

SAT : 11:00–16:00/SUN: 14:00–17:00

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When you come along to the Museum to pick up your prize, why not learn about Renfrewshire Council's Townscape Heritage Project (Phase 2). Renfrewshire Council has been given money from the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop a new Townscape Heritage (TH) project for Paisley Town Centre which will focus on improving the listed buildings on Paisley High Street.

Come and find out more about this exciting project and enjoy a **Virtual Tour** of one of Paisley's well known High Street Buildings, the Liberal Club, which has been closed to the public for several years.

## Paisley Sheriff Court

St James Street, PA3 2HW

SAT: 10:00–16:00

CLARKE & BELL, 1885–90. BAXTER, CLARK AND PAUL, 1997.

30 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 and Cells.

## Paisley Stowbrae Kirk

82 Causeyside Street, PA1 1YP

SAT: 10:00–16:00

31 A+     

On of the newer buildings to Doors Open Day, Stowbrae Kirk will be holding an exhibition of communion plates relating to the four churches in its history.

## Paisley Threadmill Museum

12 Seedhill Road, PA1 1JS

SAT: 12:00–16:00

W.J. MORLEY, 1899.

32 A+      

More than 10,000 people used to wind and bind thread for J & P Coats in this imposing red brick, copper lantern-topped, A-listed building. Now it functions as a Business Centre and the ground floor museum showcases an archive of photographs and artefacts from the Mill days offering a magnificent glimpse into the life of a mill worker.



## Renfrewshire House

Cotton Street, PA1 1AN

SAT: 10:00–14:00

33 A+    

Renfrewshire House is the Headquarters of Renfrewshire Council which, in addition to its refurbished open plan offices, features a new Customer Services Centre and Council Chambers. The Council Chambers, suspended over the public service desks, is elliptical in shape to embody the principles of equality and inclusive debate in local democracy.

## Sir James Clark Building–Studio 14

Abbey Mill Business Centre, Seedhill, PA1 1TJ

SAT: 12:00–17:00

1923

34 A+   

Built in 1923 this B listed building was part of the former Anchor Mill Complex and is now used for offices and workshops. All are welcome to come along and meet artist Caroline Watson, who will open her studio for the day to present an exhibition of drawings and mixed media artworks. The work reflects an interest in landscape and objects of nature as experienced in a social and cultural context. Also involved in local cultural activities, the artist is part of Weaving Musical Threads and an active member of the Creative Renfrewshire Network.

## Sma' Shot Cottages

2 Sma' Shot Lane, PA1 2HG

SAT: 10:00–16:00

1700–1800s.

35 A+    

Sma' Shot Cottages comprise an 18th Century Weaver's Cottage and Loom shop showing the living and working conditions of a Weaver's family in the 1750s and a small row of Mill workers cottages from the 19th Century. The cottages contain many fascinating artefacts and are linked by a 19th Century heritage garden. Costumed Guides and Tours.

## Spires Drama Studios/ PACE Theatre Company

School Wynd, Paisley, PA1 2DB

SUN: 12:30–16:00

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## St. James's Church of Scotland

Underwood Road, PA3 1TL

SAT: 10:00–16:00

HIPPOLYTE BLANC, 1880 AND 1904.

37 A+    

This Gothic revival church of considerable architectural merit has a steeple which reaches for the sky. It's one of a limited number of churches in Scotland with eight or more bells. Certainly, the accomplished treatment of the cruciform plain interior design helped Architect Blanc to win the commission for the Coats Memorial Church. The congregation has very strong musical interests including a choir, hand-bell team & orchestra, who will be performing throughout the day and the Bell Tower is opening especially for Doors Open Days between 13.00 and 15.00.



## St Matthew's Church of the Nazarene

Gordon Street, PA1 1XL

SAT: 10:00–15:00

W D MCLENNAN, 1905-1907



St Matthew's was built in 1905-1907 in a mix of Gothic and Art Nouveau styles by Paisley Architect W D McLennan, who was a member of the congregation. The church is regarded by many as Scotland's most significant Art Nouveau church. McLennan originally intended the design to include a massive spire but it was decided late in 1907 to abandon this costly embellishment.

## St Mirin's Cathedral

Incle Street, PA1 1HR

SAT: 13:30–17:00

1932



Built in 1932 to replace the 1808 church in East Buchanan Street, St Mirin's, dedicated to the Patron Saint of Paisley, became a Cathedral for the newly formed Diocese of Paisley in 1948. It continues to serve as a parish church with recent renovations taking place in 2012. On display in the Sacristy, will be an exhibit of religious items and artefacts.

## Tannahill's Cottage

Queen Street, PA1 2TT

SAT: 11:00–15:00

JAMES TANNAHILL, 1775.



The cottage was built by the father of Robert Tannahill, the "Weaver Poet" and compatriot of Robert Burns, who lived there for most of his life (1774-1810). Now home to the Paisley Burns Club, one of the oldest in the world (Founded 1805), it reopened after a fire in 2003 with a new display of Burns and Tannahill memorabilia.

## Thomas Coats Memorial Church and Paisley Photographic Society

High Street, PA1 2ba

SAT: 12:00–16:00

HIPPOLYTE BLANC, 1894.



Built by the Coats family in memory of Thomas Coats, the building is the epitome of Victorian neo-gothic splendour. One of the most opulent Baptist Churches 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 surroundings of this beautiful church to the sound of live organ music. The Paisley Photographic Society will also be exhibiting their members' photography.

## Wallneuk North Church

Abercorn Street, PA3 4AB

SAT: 10:00–12:30

T.G. ABERCROMBIE, 1913-15.



Hailed as the great triumph of the stylish Paisley Architect, Abercrombie, this perpendicular Gothic creation is one of the most powerful compositions to be found in the town. This Church is built of red sandstone from Locharbriggs Quarry, Dumfriesshire, the inside is mainly Austrian oak. Various animals and symbols are carved in the wood and stone.

## Walking Tours on Wheels & Historical Paisley

39 High Street, PA1 2AF

SAT: TOURS 11:00 & 13:00



Walking Tours on Wheels & Historical Paisley have organised a morning guided walking tour 'Architecture and Heritage Sites' which sees us visit Paisley's finest buildings and monuments. Explore Paisley's Textile Industry and discover the life and times of the Paisley Weavers.

Join us for the afternoon tour at 13:00, aptly named 'Mysteries of Paisley's Hidden Secrets.'

Tours leave from the YMCA building on the High Street and will last approximately 50mins .

## The Wynd Centre

6 School Wynd, PA1 2DB

SAT: 10:00–16:00

ARCHIE RICHMOND, 1984 & 2001



The Wynd Centre opened its doors on 30 Sept. 1984 and is the outreach arm of Oakshaw Trinity Church. When the former St John's Church became available the centre expanded and the Architect Archie Richmond of Richmond Architects, Dumbarton, Glasgow designed the building as it stands now and it was opened by HRH Princess Anne in 2001. It has a 200 Seat Auditorium, Counselling rooms, varying sizes of rooms and halls. Come along and see for yourself.





# LOCHWINNOCH

## Auld Simon

Johnshill, Lochwinnoch, PA12 4ET

SUN: 11:00–17:00

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St John's Kirk was built in 1729, with a new clock purchased in 1731. Most of the church was demolished, when the present Parish Church was opened in 1808, leaving only the gable end. Inside you can see the clock, the oldest public clock in Renfrewshire. Please note access is gained via a steep staircase, in adverse weather stout footwear is recommended.

## Castle Semples Visitor Centre

Lochlip Road, PA12 4EA

SAT/SUN: 10:00–15:00

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Castle Semples Visitor Centre sits beside the Castle Semples Loch. Visitors will be able to get access to the lookout tower, usually closed to the public, and enjoy the views over the old Semples Estate policies. Find out what various green technologies are in use throughout the building.

## Lochwinnoch Parish Church

Church Street, PA12 4DW

SUN: 13:30–16:00

1807.

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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 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: 10:00–16:00

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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 the opportunity to do some pond-dipping, bug hunting and a nature treasure hunt for the children.

# BRIDGE OF WEIR & KILBARCHAN

## St Mary's Church

Bridge of Weir Road, Bridge of Weir, PA11 BRA

SUN 13:00–17:00

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St Mary's Church is a member of the Scottish Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. Visit St Mary's and enjoy the St Mary's Flower Festival and Art Exhibition. Also see the de-light on the faces of your children as they have fun watching the children's puppet show taking place at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm, on the day.

## Kilbarchan East Church

Steeple Square, PA10 2JD

SUN: 12:00–16:00

JAMES BROWN, 1787–89.

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The foundation stone of the church building was laid in March 1787 with the congregation worshipping in the unfurnished church a year later. By 1797, a session house but the present two storey building was not added 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: 12:00–16:00

WILLIAM H. HOWIE, 1899–1901.

51 

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

## Steeple Hall & Tower

Steeple Square, Kilbarchan, PA10 2JD

SAT: 12:00–16:00

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This building, which looks like a church from the outside, was originally designed for use as meatmarket and school. It has a Bronze copy of the wooden statue of legendary piper Habbie Simpson on the Tower.



# JOHNSTONE, ELDERSLIE & HOUSTON



## Elderslie Kirk

284 Main Road, PA5 9EF

SUN: 13:00–16:00

1840

53 A+ ♿ ♿ ♿ P ★

This grey sandstone kirk, of Gothic style, has a set of four stained glass windows entitled 'God's Gifts to the Universe', designed by Leslie MacFie (BA Hons.), which were installed to mark the church's 150th anniversary. Refurbished in the 1950s, the light-coloured African hardwood pews light up the sanctuary. There will be children's activities on the day and an opportunity to view their new Church Halls.

## NEW ENTRY

## Johnstone New Town Hall

Floorsburn House, Floors Street,  
Johnstone, PA5 8TL

SAT: 11:00–16:00

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This striking new state-of-the-art, glass fronted building will be a hub of activity for Johnstone and the Villages for generations to come. It contains modern facilities including theatre space, a library, dance studio, marriage suite, cafe, meeting rooms and conference suite. If you haven't already been to see it, come along and take a tour of this award winning venue.

## Johnstone Community Fire Station

Kings Road, PA5 9HW

SAT : 9:00–16:00

1967

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Johnstone Community Fire Station was built to serve the people of Johnstone and surrounding villages in the late sixties and continues to do so today. The community fire station has both full time and part-time firefighters working within it. As this is an operational Fire Station, access may be restricted if personnel have operational commitments.

## Johnstone Community Sports Hub

Beith Road, Johnstone, PA5 0JA

SAT: 10:00–13:00

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25m Swimming Pool, Gym/Fitness Suite, Multi-purpose Sports Halls and three 7 –a-side Synthetic Football Pitches in the grounds of Johnstone High School. Tours of the facilities available.

## Johnstone High Parish Church

Ludovic Square, PA5 8EE

SUN: 10:00–16:00

1792.

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Situated as it is on the axis of Church Street, there is a great view of this church all the way along Church Street , from High Street. The octagonal tower and needle spire were added in 1823 by William Lang, a Paisley Architect. The interior was remodelled in 1875 by David Thomson in a Scots baronial style. The modern stained glass windows are by Sadie McLennan.

Please note there will be a service from 11-12pm.

## Johnstone History Museum

Inside Morrisons Supermarket,  
Napier Street, PA5 8SF

SAT & SUN: 10:30–16:00

2007/2008.

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Established and run by the Johnstone History Society and run solely by volunteers, funded by Heritage Lottery and hosted by Morrison's plc, this new museum contains archival material from two of the town's best known firms: Wm. Paton Ltd and Clifton and Baird, as well as other valuable material relating to other aspects of the town's heritage. Come and see our special Doll Display.

## St John's Episcopal Church

Floors Street, PA5 8QS

SUN: 12:00–16:00

DAVID THOMSON, 1874–79.

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The church dates back over 100 years . The simple, early pointed Gothic exterior is counterbalanced by a richly decorated interior, featuring mosaic and fine stained glass. Come and see the ornamental screen behind the altar and listen to the organ music.

## Houston & Killellan Kirk

Kirk Road, Houston, PA6 7AR

SAT: 10:00–16:00

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Built in 1870 and restored in 1938, the Houston and Killellan Church is a result of a merger between the parishes of Houston and Kilallan in 1771. The church has some beautiful stained glass windows including "the Santa Barbara "window, dedicated to Saint Barbara , patron saint of those who build churches, hence the little model cradled in her arm. The church also houses the old church bell from the Kilallan Church, the first place of worship for the people of Houston and Kilallan dating



# INCHINNAN

## Inchinnan Parish Church

Old Greenock Road, PA4 9PB

SAT 10:00–16:00

MILLER AND BLACK, 1966

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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.



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# ERSKINE & BISHOPTON

## Erskine Swimming Pool

Bridgewater Shopping Centre, Erskine, PA8 7AA

SUN 10:00–13:00

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## Park Mains High School

Barrhill Road, Erskine, PA8 6EY

SAT: 10:00–13:00

HOURLY TOURS

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## 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.

## Bishopton Parish Church

Ferry Road, Bishopton, PA7 5PP

SAT: 11:30–16:00

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Designed by the renowned architect David Hamilton 1768–1843, the congregation are celebrating 200 years of worship in this building. The present church was built in 1815 to replace an earlier building that had fallen into a state of serious disrepair. The presence of a church on this site goes back to the 12th century with the establishment of what was originally called the Erskine Church, renamed the Bishopton Church to avoid confusion with the new church and community of Erskine. The long story of this church extends over some 900 years and is rich in historical detail. As part of the Bicentenary Commemoration, a book about this rich history has been published and will be available for purchase on the day.

# LINWOOD

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

Brediland Road, PA3 3RA

SAT & SUN 10:00–13:00

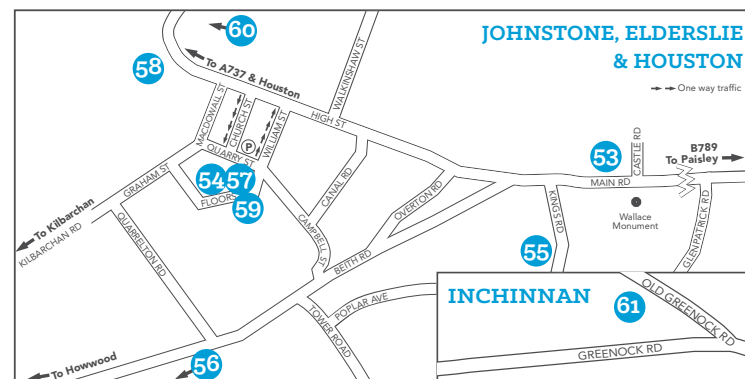
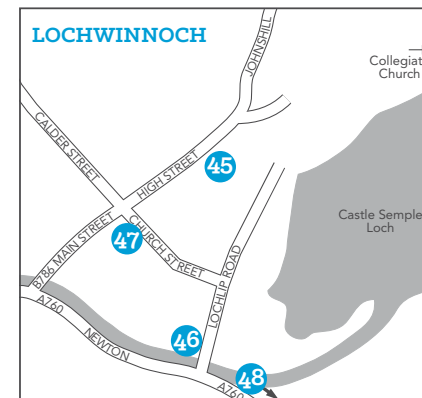
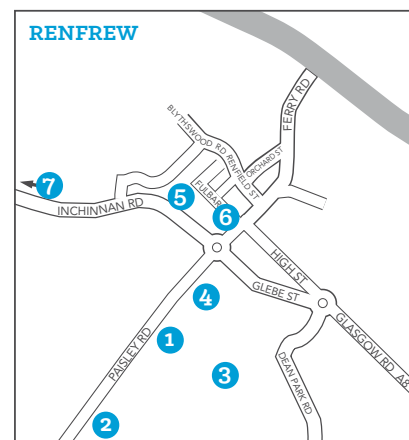
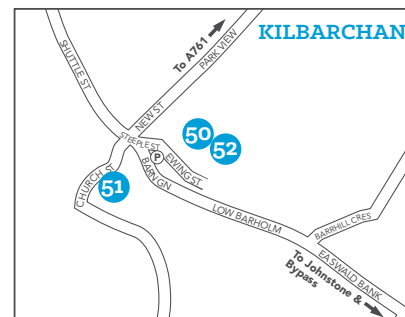
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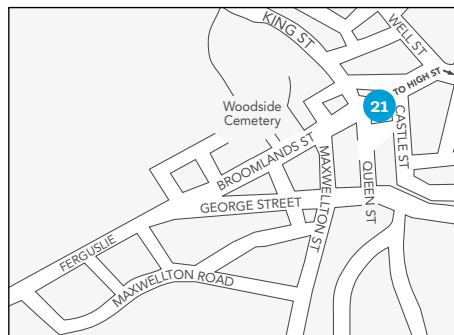
A new modern high quality leisure facility with a six-lane 25m pool, modern gym/fitness suite, an eight-court sports hall, together with four dance studios and a cafe. One of the newest leisure facilities built in Scotland.



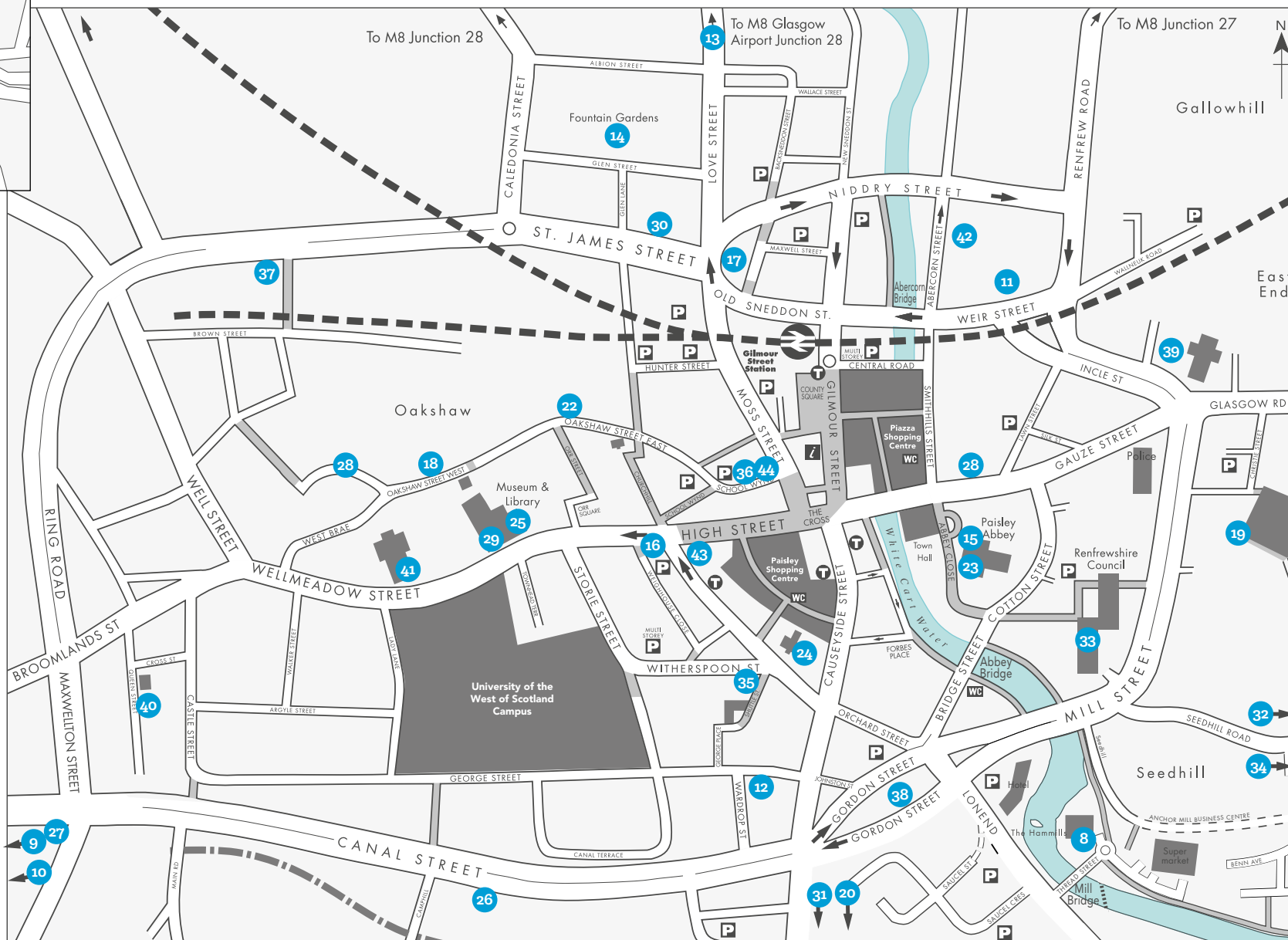
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## Other Doors Open Days

### WEEKEND 1

5 & 6 September

Angus

Ayrshire

East Fife & St Andrews  
(Sunday only)

Highland - Badenoch & Strathspey  
(2 weekends)

Highland - In and around Inverness  
(2 weekends)

### WEEKEND 2

12 & 13 September

Aberdeen City

East Dumbartonshire  
(Saturday only)

East Renfrewshire

Central Fife & Kirkcaldy  
(Sunday only)

Highland - Ross & Cromarty

Highland - Sutherland

Inverclyde

Midlothian  
(Saturday only)

North Lanarkshire

South Lanarkshire

Stirling

West Lothian

### WEEKEND 3

19 & 20 September

Aberdeenshire

Dundee

Falkirk

West Fife & Dunfermline  
(Sunday only)

Glasgow  
(14th-20th)

Highland - Caithness and Nairn

Scottish Borders  
(Saturday only)

### WEEKEND 4

26 & 27 September

Argyll & Bute

Clackmannanshire

Edinburgh

Highland - Badenoch & Strathspey  
(2 weekends)

Highland - In and around Inverness  
(2 weekends)

Highland - Lochaber

Perth & Kinross

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# SPREE

# 9 to 17 October 2015

## Paisley's National Festival

### MUSIC

Idlewild with the **RSNO** / Karen Matheson and Cara Dillon /  
James Grant and Chris Thomson / Aidan Moffat and Bill Wells /  
Khartoum Heroes ft King Creosote & Vic Galloway /  
James Yorkston and Karine Polwart / Barbara Dickson /  
SAY Award Showcase ft Kathryn Joseph, Happy Meals  
and **PAWS** / Horse McDonald plus ModStuff ft  
The Underground Jam, Andy Bennett (ex-OCS) and more

### COMEDY

Des McLean / Janey Godley / Vladimir McTavish /  
Scott Agnew / Susan McCabe / Ray Bradshaw /  
Keir McAllister / Steven Dick / Chris Conroy

Tickets on sale now  
[www.thespree.co.uk](http://www.thespree.co.uk)  
or 08444 77 1000

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full programme of children's  
events for the October week

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