

Sunday 7th September

## Cycling

Walkers Cycling Club will be leading a Family cycling event aimed at less experienced cyclists which will be around the roads and lanes near Kilmaurs. Distance will be dependant on the skill level of the group. Meet at Walkers Cycling Shop to register at 10.00am. Be sure to bring a cycling helmet.

## Masonic Hall



The Masonic Hall opposite the Jougs will be open from 13.30 till 15.30pm, on Sunday only, for anyone wishing to visit the Museum and Temple. This is part of the Open Doors event

## Bowling Taster Session (Sunday only)

4pm till 6pm at bowling club no booking required

To round off the weekend why not come down to the bowling club at the bottom of Morton Park. You will be made welcome and get the opportunity to try your hand at the Commonwealth Sport to see if it is as easy as the medal winners made it look. Shoes and bowls will be made available.



Many thanks to all the local people who have contributed to help this event to happen. Without their assistance there would be no Walking Festival

**NB: Please remember to wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear for all events.**

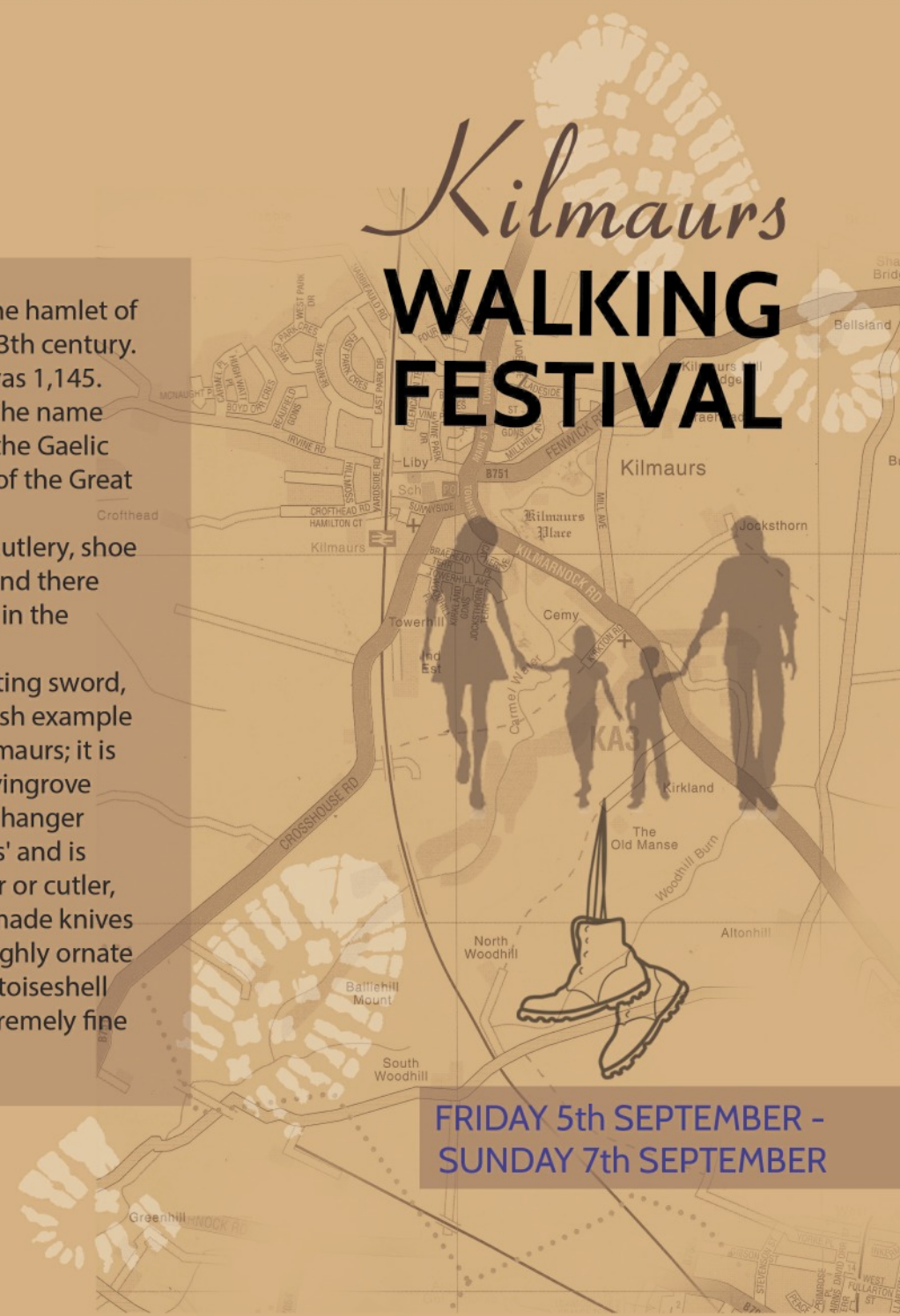
There is no charge for the walks so please come along and enjoy the weekend. Pre-booking is recommended by phoning 01563 526152 to avoid disappointment

Kilmaurs was known as the hamlet of Cunninghame until the 13th century. The population in 1874 was 1,145. The modern view is that the name Kilmaurs is derived from the Gaelic Cil Mor Ais, meaning Hill of the Great Cairn.

It was once noted for its cutlery, shoe and bonnet workshops, and there were iron and coal mines in the neighbourhood.

A hanger is a type of hunting sword, the only remaining Scottish example of which was made in Kilmaurs; it is in the keeping of the Kelvingrove Museum in Glasgow. The hanger sword is marked 'Kilmaurs' and is marked 'DB' for the maker or cutler, David Biggart, who also made knives and forks. This sword is highly ornate with the grip made of tortoiseshell with floral patterns in extremely fine twisted silver wire

# Kilmaurs WALKING FESTIVAL



FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER -  
SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

## Friday 5th September

### Opening Ceremony

#### The Jugs at 1.45pm.

Join us in supporting Kilmaurs Primary School pupils and Councillor John McGhee who will launch the Walking Festival with a walk around Kilmaurs led by one of the Countryside Rangers.

### Bat Walk

#### Meet at the Jugs at 8.30pm.

This is your chance not only to see these amazing flying mammals and their astonishing aerial acrobatics but you can learn more about them by chatting with the Countryside Rangers. We supply some bat detectors to help you identify the species that are swooping around and to listen to them 'chattering' as they hunt for food.

**Bring a torch as it will be dark.**

**Time:** approx 2 hours

## Saturday 6th September

### Map Skills Training and Practical

#### Meet at the Jugs. Registration 09.30am or pre-book by phone as numbers limited to 12. Training Starts 10.00am.

This is a new opportunity to encourage people to learn or brush up their techniques in the use of Map and Compass. We have compasses for people to borrow and will supply a map. Fred Dinning will lead this and has a lot of knowledge from years of Hillwalking and his passion which is sailing which requires navigation. The theory section will be in the Cabin and practical will be at the Dunlop Community Woodland Park where you can try out those skills learnt. Transport to and from Dunlop will be with people's own cars but should only need a few drivers if people are prepared to share cars. Bring a snack lunch or use the Village Hall facilities in Dunlop. Questions will be dealt with over lunch. Walk will be up to 3 miles over fairly rough terrain. **Wear appropriate footwear and clothing.**

**Time:** approx 4 hours + time for lunch

## Saturday 6th September

### Rowallan Castle Open Doors

We are supplying a free minibus to St Joseph's School in Kilmarnock from where you will be transported by further minibus to Rowallan Old Castle. Meet at Jugs at 1pm for bus which will leave promptly after that. This is an Open Doors event organised by Historic Scotland and we have 16 seats booked for today. Pre-booking is recommended - see phone number overleaf. Return Expected around 3.30pm.

### Quarry Road

#### Meet at Jugs. Registration at 12.00noon. Walk starts 12.30pm.

Leaving Jugs head out Kilmarnock Road and just on the outskirts of Kilmarnock take country road to the right passing Altonhill Farm and South Woodhill Farm and head up onto cycle track and past Barry Devlin's Yard. Walk about 1km further along track then come up onto country road turning off at Knocklandside and heading for the Creamery and back to Jugs. Bring water and a wee snack with you.

**Time:** 2.0 hours **Distance:** 5 miles

### Tennis

Taster session from 2pm to 4pm at Kilmaurs Primary Tennis Courts. Everyone welcome to come along and try a Wimbledon and Olympic Sport.

### Endeavour Walk and Sausage Sizzle

#### Meet at Jugs. Registration 3.00 pm Event starts: 3.30 pm.

This year we are trying something a bit different. We are having a Quiz Walk where everyone will need to solve clues on the way round the Town Trail and fill in a sheet. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle at the Scout Hall on the Main Street where everyone who has completed the walk will be able to participate. **All children under 12 need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Suitable footwear for a walk and a waterproof jacket recommended.**

**Time:** 2.5 hours **Distance:** 1.5 miles

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### Chapelton House Walk

#### Meet at Jugs. Registration at 11.00am. Walk starts 11.30am.

Leaving from the Jugs the walk goes out Irvine Road as far as the turnoff to High Langmuir Farm, following this road all the way to B769 Stewarton Road. Crossing the main road and on to Watermeetings. Taking rightfork towards Kennox but taking a right turn over a field track then skirting a couple of fields before emerging onto main road at Chapelton. Unfortunately we will not be allowed into the grounds. Return to Kilmaurs via roads and fields. Bring water and a wee snack with you.

**Time:** 3 hours **Distance:** 6 miles

### History Walk

#### Meet at Jugs. Registration at 2.30pm. Walk starts 3.00pm.

Join Anne one of our well respected residents of the village for this informative and fascinating tour of the history within Kilmaurs. This walk will take you around some of the significant places and sights that have played such an important part in the growing success of Kilmaurs today.

**Note:** This year we are again hoping to gain access to the wonderful Glencairn Aisle which is the burial vault of the Cunningham Clan and is part of the St Maurs Glencairn Church

**Time:** 2.5 hours