

# Footnotes



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News from the Library of Innerpeffray

## Opening Lines

It has been a mild January at Innerpeffray and the snowdrops are flowering early in the garden and on the slopes beside the new heritage trail. I know many people will visit whilst we prepare for opening to see the white carpet of blossom: the 'honesty box' tea room will be available on Fridays throughout February if you need some refreshment.

As well as the housekeeping work in the Library in winter, dusting the books and shelves etc, we are, of course, also preparing new exhibitions. The themes this year are varied (see below) and I hope everyone will find something of interest.

We also have a packed programme of events for the year, kicking off with the Opening Dinner on Sat 29th February—details overleaf.

I do hope you can join us sometime this year.

- Lara



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## Exhibitions 2020

**A Royal Progress - *Kings and Queens through the ages*** from Arabella Drummond who married Robert III of Scotland to the visit of Queen Victoria, we look at Scotland's royal family through connections to Strathearn, books and especially pictures in the Innerpeffray collection.

**Extreme Weather—*floods, volcanoes and earthquakes*** enjoy the many descriptions of Noah's ark as well as other great deluges and disasters in history.

**Beside the Bard - *Shakespeare connections at Innerpeffray*** delve into some drama as we display source material for Macbeth, and other contemporary connections to the great playwright.

### Anniversaries and Celebrations in 2020

**The Declaration of Arbroath** was signed in 1320, 700 years ago this year, and we will be displaying a lovely facsimile of the document in a volume donated last year.

**James Hogg 250** It is also the 250th birthday of poet, novelist and collector of traditional songs and stories, James Hogg—we are taking this opportunity to display first editions from the Scottish Collection of the varied works of the Ettrick Shepherd and using this theme for the Opening Dinner.

And... **happy birthday Innerpeffray!** It is 340 years since the Library was founded in 1680. Expect some special features to celebrate.

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## Well, I declare! It's the Innerpeffray Opening Dinner!



Join us for the Innerpeffray Opening Dinner and celebrate the opening of the 2020 season. Gather your friends and book now for this special evening.

Our theme is the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Hogg; so whether you be Justified Sinner or Ettrick Shepherd, we are sure you will enjoy this collection of Winter Evening Tales, with a little Burns and others mixed in!

You will be welcomed with a champagne reception with canapes and live music: a selection of Scottish songs will be performed by Peter Grant (Bass Baritone) and Michelle Sheridan-Grant (Soprano). There will be an opportunity to preview the Library's 2020 exhibition before moving to the Schoolroom for dinner: a two course meal with wine and coffee to follow. We round off the evening with Dr Jim Grant giving an after dinner toast to Robert Burns.

Cash Bar - Fabulous Prize Draw - Dress: Cocktail Dress or Lounge Suit

Tickets @ £65 each or a table of 8 for £500 Strictly limited numbers: reserve your table now.

### New Website

We will be relaunching our website on 1st March, including an online shop facility where you can buy event tickets and gifts. Please let us know what you think of the new site and help us iron out any teething trouble.

[www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk](http://www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk)

### Sponsor a Tree

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a tree on the new heritage trail. The acknowledgement plaques will be put in place in March: everyone who contributed will be notified of the timing.

If you'd like to sponsor a tree there is still an opportunity as we will be planting further in the autumn. Shown in the picture is one of the specimen Scots Pines and the nursery bed of saplings.



### The Award-winning Library!

We are delighted to have been awarded the Best Heritage Visitor Experience in the Central and Tayside Regional Final in November. This also means we go forward to the National Final in March! A huge thank you and many congratulations to all our volunteers for making a visit to the Library such a special occasion.

