

# Footnotes

January 2022 News from the Library of Innerpeffray



The Library of Innerpeffray

## Opening Lines

Welcome to the New Year. Here at Innerpeffray as well as enjoying the frosty, sunny mornings watching the red squirrel hunting out the winter stash of nuts and looking out for the snowdrops peeping we have been getting ready to welcome visitors again.



Throughout February you can visit the grounds and see the snowdrops and warm up with a hot drink in the Schoolroom (honesty-box). **We'll also have snowdrops for sale and a second-hand book stand at the Schoolroom.**

On Thursday 24th February we are thrilled to welcome back Jim Mackintosh for the Innerpeffray Lecture (see below) tickets are on sale now. Patrons receive two free tickets: please book your place.

This year our opening day is Wednesday 2nd March and we are delighted to say that this year March is Madertie Month and in honour of our Founder entry for the month is free of charge for everyone. This initiative has been kindly sponsored by the Friends of the Library (FOIL). We hope you will take the opportunity to recommend a friend. Throughout the year we will have our booking system in place if you prefer to reserve your place, and will also welcome walk-up visitors if you happen to drop by.

We are currently recruiting for an assistant to the Keeper to help with retail, events and general admin. If you know someone this might suit, do let them know—more details on page 2.

Our exhibition this year takes as its theme *Innovation and Invention* with some exciting details from our **borrowers' register and visitor books**. I look forward to sharing plans on new publications and tours next time, meantime, I hope to see you soon.

Best wishes      *Lara*

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## Poets and the Power of Stories - Innerpeffray Lecture—Jim Mackintosh



We are delighted to announce that Jim Mackintosh will be giving the next **Innerpeffray Lecture** on Thursday 24th February at 7pm for 7.30pm start in the Schoolroom.

2022 is Year of Storytelling – **it has never been more relevant as we've found ourselves retreating into our own worlds and seeking escape through books and the spoken word.** In his lecture Jim will venture into the foundations of storytelling and its contemporary and continuing relevance. Illustrated with the work of writers like Robert Burns, William Soutar, Violet Jacob, Hugh Miller, Nan Shepherd, Hamish Henderson and George Mackay Brown, and drawing and quoting from their work and others, join us for an evening that celebrates the power of stories.

Tickets priced £15 including a drink on arrival, can be purchased from the Library and website. *Remember if you are a Patron you receive a free ticket, please book using the Patrons option (admits 2).*

You can purchase the celebration volume of the poetry of George Mackay Brown **Beyond the Swelkie**, published by Tippermuir books and edited by Jim Mackintosh and Paul Phillipou from the Innerpeffray shop—and copies will be available on the night.

## Without windows there would be no reading!



*An introduction to our corporate sponsors and patrons, Sidey of Perth.*



James Crawford with Sidey's Mandy Gunn at the Innerpeffray Lecture in 2019

Sidey sponsored the Innerpeffray Lecture in 2019, given by James Crawford, author and presenter of *Scotland from the Sky*, and are now corporate patrons. The Perth based company has been in business since 1932. What motivated them to support Innerpeffray?

“In the areas we work, Sidey always looks to provide investment in local community-based projects/charities and as part of our Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives, education is a key focus which is why we are delighted to provide support to Perth’s Innerpeffray library – Scotland’s first free, public lending library - by becoming a Corporate Patron. The library was established in 1680 by David Drummond (3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Madertie) and to this day is one of Perthshire’s cultural treasures. The library was a freely accessible resource and would have inspired many aspiring scholars and academics which we believe is such an important part of Scotland’s history and equally an important part of future education.”

We thank Sidey for their generous support—a window that enables us to keep people reading.

*If you are interested in sponsoring an event, or becoming a corporate patron, please contact Lara Haggerty at the Library.*

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## Assistant to the Library Manager and Keeper of Books

Are you an organised, confident, motivated person who can help us with retail, office administration and events culminating in our Festival of Reading in September? Would you like to be part of the history of Scotland’s first free, public lending library? **The Library of Innerpeffray is recruiting for an assistant to the Library Manager and Keeper of Books** on a part-time, eight-month contract commencing in March 2022.

Submit your application by sending an up-to-date CV of no more than two pages of A4 and a single page covering letter explaining your suitability for the post by email to [library@innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk](mailto:library@innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk) or by post to Library of Innerpeffray, Innerpeffray, by Crieff, PH7 3RF to arrive no later than 5pm on Monday 14th February 2022.

More details <https://innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk/our-story/> call or email Lara for job details or a chat about the post.



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## Thank you to our Patrons

Hugh Arbuthnott, Patricia Barnes, Steven Bevan, Charles Q Boyer, Martin Boyle, Arabella Connell, Lisa Dickson, Jill Dye, Isobel Falconer, Gillean Ford, Angus Gordon, Kenneth Graham, Anne Gray, Bill Gray, Martin Haldane, Steph Haxton, Richard Holmes, Janet Law, Edwina Lugg, Dr Ann Maclaren, Ursula Martin, Ann McIntosh, Peter Parke, Liz Pamplin, Donald Piper, Lucy Poett, Suzetta Rankin, Tony Ross, Jean Ann Scott Miller, Alistair Scouller, Liam Sims, Robert Skilleter, Joan Taylor, Norman Taylor, Kirsty Thomson, Chris Torlach, Anne Wade, John D Watson, John Wilson, Corporate Sponsor Sidey of Perth and those who wish to remain anonymous. To become a Patron or join FOIL, please contact us.

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## Innovation and Invention—our 2022 exhibition

In 1680, when David Drummond, 3rd Lord Madertie started his lending library for the benefit of young students it was an innovation that was to change the lives of many people in the local area. In our exhibition for 2022 we are taking a closer look at the Founder's collection—exactly what was available for these 'students' to read when the books were stored in the Chapel?

We also look at other innovations:

When new developments in agriculture swept Scotland, how did the farmers in Strathearn react to the new ploughs, planting and husbandry techniques?

We look at the extraordinary story of Robert Stirling, from Cloag, near Methven whose life as a minister did not prevent his invention of the Stirling heat exchange engine, used today as part of the propulsion system of space rockets.

The exhibition runs all year, from 2nd March to 30th October. For a **more in depth look at the Founder's collection, join us for a special evening** to launch the exhibition including a talk from Keeper, Lara Haggerty, a private view of the displays and musical accompaniments. This launch event, sponsored by FOIL is on Wed 9th March at 7pm, tickets priced £5 are available on the website now.



## FRIENDS OF INNERPEFFRAY LIBRARY

Dear Friends

Many good wishes from the FOIL Committee for a healthy, happy and normal 2022.

FOIL – the Friends of Innerpefferay Library – was founded with the aim of generating funds to be used for the preservation of the fabric of the Library and for the books themselves. I am happy to report that despite the many and varied Covid restrictions of 2021 the Committee was able to transfer £2500.00 to the Trustees of the Innerpefferay Mortification. Full details of how this money was raised and will be spent will be included in the New Year edition of FOIL News.

The Committee has also been busy restructuring the Membership data base, planning the Programme for 2022 and giving consideration to the revision of the FOIL Constitution. We have also considered the value and importance of sending a 'hard copy' of FOIL News to members. After considerable debate the Committee has decided that we will send a copy of FOIL News to all members on our database as well as posting an online version on the website. The Committee feels that it is important to reach all our members and detail the changes to Membership, Constitution and the new structure of the year's events. We continue to update membership information but are aware that there may be mistakes or omissions. If you do not receive your copy of FOIL News by the end of February, please let us know by emailing [friends@innerpefferaylibrary.co.uk](mailto:friends@innerpefferaylibrary.co.uk) or call Lara at the Library, leave your details and our Membership Secretary, Iain Gilmour will be in touch. The Innerpefferay Christmas Fair was a very successful event and contributed significantly to the FOIL coffers. The winners of the Christ Quiz were Gina Thomson and Fergus Mscdonald.

We look forward to welcoming you to FOIL and Library events in the new season.

Kind regards

Joan Taylor, Convenor

# Innerpeffray's 2022 Events Diary

1st –28th February—Snowdrops in the gardens, free, 7 days

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Thursday February 24th at 7pm for 7.30pm Innerpeffray Lecture –Jim Mackintosh in the Schoolroom.  
Tickets £15 including a welcome drink. Patrons free of charge, please book.

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Wed 2nd March at 10am—Library opens for season with Innovation and Invention exhibition

**\*March is Madertie Month—free entry to the Library throughout this month\***

Wed 9th March 7pm—Exhibition Launch Event sponsored by FOIL (Friends of Innerpeffray Library. Join us for a special talk, music, private view and refreshments. Tickets £5, patrons free of charge

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Wed 13th April at 7pm for 7.30pm —FOIL talk—speaker to be confirmed.

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22nd—24th April—**Soutar Festival of Words** we are delighted to host an event in partnership **CulturePK's** celebration of Scots Language, literature and Culture inspired by Perth poet and writer Willam Soutar.  
More details coming soon.

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May—FOIL present an exclusive, private visit to the lost garden of Dunira House.

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Wed 13th July—Three Inch Fools—Twelfth Night—outdoor musical Shakespeare

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8th—11th September—Festival of Reading. Join us for a gathering to celebrate the power of reading: author talks, workshops and our Reading Aloud evening of words and music.

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12th October—FOIL talk—The Ted Powell Memorial Lecture

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Sun 30th October 5pm —Library closes for Winter

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Fri 11th and Sat 12th November—**Innerpeffray's Christmas Fayre**

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Sat 19th November—FOIL Ceilidh

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3rd and 4th December—Carols from Innerpeffray