

# Preparing for flooding

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You will no doubt have seen the images in the news showing the terrible damage to property and lives caused by flooding in England and Wales over the summer. We all hope that this will never happen to us. However, flooding is becoming increasingly common in Scotland, and unfortunately many have seen at first hand the effects of flooding in Bridge of Allan in recent years (see photograph opposite).

As part of their annual flood awareness campaign, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is urging people who live and work in flood risk areas to use their free national flooding advice service, Floodline, if they are concerned about flooding.

Floodline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing useful information and guidance on what you can do before, during and after a flood, as well as up-to-the-minute flood alerts. The Floodline service can be contacted by telephoning 0845 988 1188 or by logging on to the SEPA website at [www.sepa.org.uk/flooding](http://www.sepa.org.uk/flooding). Being prepared in advance can help reduce the damage and distress that flooding can cause. For

example, if you're unsure if your home or business may be at risk from flooding, then the SEPA online flood map at [www.sepa.org.uk](http://www.sepa.org.uk) can provide you with an indication of the risk of flooding in your area.

Although we cannot totally prevent flooding there are some small actions that we can all do to reduce the impact. Preparing a family flood kit may seem strange, but in the unfortunate situation of being flooded, having a torch, first aid kit, medicines, important contact numbers and insurance details in one place will be essential. It's important to know where to turn off the electricity, gas and water and check whether your insurance policy covers you for flood damage.

Knowing where water may enter your home or business, for example through doors or air vents, is also important. There are a range of household



Flooding in 2006

flood protection products that can be purchased to help keep water out. Many of these can be bought from DIY stores and information on these can be obtained through Floodline.

## Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Are you interested in the Arts? The Stirling branch of NADFAS (National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies) hold monthly illustrated lectures on painting, sculpture, architecture and all aspects of the decorative arts. These lectures take place from September to June in the Albert Halls, Stirling, at 2pm on Thursday afternoons.

Occasional visits to art galleries, museums, country houses and gardens are arranged throughout the year, and study days on specialized subjects take place in Dunblane in autumn and spring.

Members may also choose to take part in one of the volunteer groups: church recording, garden history and archive research. Our programme includes:

8 Nov 2007 'Pearls before Swine' - the long and interesting journey of a magnificent collection of pearls, from their beginnings as a wedding present from Pope Clement VII to his niece Catherine de' Medici down to the present Royal Family.

27 Nov 2007 'Wine Related Antiques including the Corkscrew' Lecture at the Stirling Royal Infirmary Conference Suite (7.30pm) by John Ericson.

6 Dec 2007 'Nativity in the National Gallery' - how artists have treated the Christmas Story down the ages.

17 Jan 2008 'Painted Monasteries in Bulgaria' - illustrating some of the medieval Orthodox monasteries and beautifully preserved vernacular architecture.

New members are very welcome. For more details please contact the Membership Secretary on 833607.

## If Six Were Nine - Exhibition by Nine Artists

Ashfield Village Hall is the venue chosen by a group of nine local artists for their latest free exhibition.

Open to the public on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November, the exhibition brings together works by the 6artists group, based in Bridge of Allan, and three artists based in the village of Ashfield, near Dunblane. There will be a diversity of works on display including photographs, wood carvings, sculptures, collages, pastels, oils and acrylics. Works will be priced from £25 upwards.

6artists member Jane Cameron says: "The six of us all live on the same street in Bridge of Allan. Our first exhibition earlier this year was a success so we decided to hold another one in a slightly bigger venue. The village hall in Ashfield is perfect for this and a visit to this lovely old village is itself worth a trip."

Jenny Reid, one of the Ashfield artists, says: "Ashfield is a small, friendly community with a strengthening artistic element. The hall has hosted several art exhibitions recently and it's a great venue for this kind of show. We're proud to welcome 6artists to show their work alongside ours."

In recognition of the "six plus nine" theme, the name chosen for the exhibition is taken from a Jimi Hendrix song, *If Six Was Nine*.

"If Six Were Nine". Ashfield Village Hall, Ashfield, Stirlingshire. Open 10am - 5pm Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November, 2007. Admission Free.

For more information, telephone Jane Cameron 07747 601372 or Jenny Reid 07908 965223

### Tapas and terrace menu includes

Braised Lamb and Beans, Chorizo braised with red wine, Manchego with quince paste, King prawns pil pil, Patats el pobre, Scallops with orange compote, Morcilla with onion marmalade, Classic Caesar salad, Campbell's steak sandwich with caramelised onions and goat's cheese, House pasta, Nicoise salad with char grilled tuna, Plum tomato and buffalo mozzarella salad with olive oil and balsamic dressing, etc.

### Festive menu throughout December

Bar open all day.

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