CatStrand

Spring Arts and Events Guide 2022









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25% off your ticket for our main events programme if traveling by public transport, walking or cycling.

See pricing details for events in this brochure and on www.gcat.scot

INTRO

Welcome to our CatStrand Spring brochure! As ever, there's a fantastic mix of inspiring artistic events and ongoing workshops & activities, plus the Galloway Community Transport timetables. There's something for every age and interest here, and thanks to our funders, supporters and partners, many of them are free or available at heavily subsided prices. I'm particularly pleased to see the Youth Arts programme flourishing – welcome to Cat, our new Youth Arts Coordinator, who is also a talented artist and will be running a Spring Fling studio from the CatStrand in June.

As we look to the lighter, longer days, we can perhaps start to plan and look forward again, so do book early for anything that interests you – we've had a few sell-outs already this year!

With all best wishes for an activity-packed Spring,

Helen and all the GCAT team.

Helen Keron
Executive Manager

I'm delighted to present this packed programme of spring events. You'll see that the programme has really benefited this season from Puppet Animation Festival & DG Arts Festival events – thanks to those organisations for their support. All together, there's lots of great music, theatre, dance and children's shows to look forward to!

2022 marks two hundred years since the completion of the Ken Bridge. To mark this very special anniversary, we are working with a number of partners over the year to produce a special programme of events. In March, we start with a 'Ken Words' Story Ceilidh, a Galloway Agreement concert featuring a specially commissioned song suite and a 'Ken Bridge 200' Photography Exhibition.

We must at this point pay tribute to renowned historian Ted Cowan. His death is a huge loss to the Glenkens. Ted was a board member of GCAT for many years, a friend to many at the CatStrand, and a founding member of the Glenkens Story.

The Glenkens Story are planning a series of three conferences to celebrate the Ken Bridge Bicentenary. These are always excellently researched and very well attended, so see www.gcat.scot for details and to book.

27 Mar - The Field Names of the Glenkens

3 Sep - The Early Peoples of Galloway

24 Sep - Crossing the Ken: Bridges, Fords and Ferries.

Finally I'd also like to extend a huge welcome to Cat Campbell, who has hit the ground running and pulled together an impressive and exciting youth arts programme.

Peter Renwick
Arts, Culture and Heritage Manager

EVENTS

FEBRUARY

28 Mon **The SOSE Engagement Tour:**
Engaging with and listening to people in the South of Scotland

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 6:45pm - 8.00pm
| Free | Organised by South of Scotland Enterprise
| Book via sosenewgalloway.eventbrite.co.uk

Hosted by SOSE's Chair, Professor Russel Griggs OBE, and Chief Executive, Jane Morrison Ross. The event will provide an opportunity for SOSE senior leaders to update on how previous engagement has helped shape SOSE's initial focus, and to highlight some of the work and the difference our support has made to businesses, social enterprises, community and other organisations in your area.

SOSE will be sharing and inviting your views on future plans and the role you require of them. SOSE is committed to engaging with and listening to people in the South of Scotland.

MARCH

04 Fri **Suzi Cunningham presents Rules to Live by/Eidos**
| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm | £10/ £5 under 26

A visceral and powerful double bill of dance, veering between anarchy, punk music, heroism, idolatry, and loss.

In a raw and riotous movement-led tribute to Mark E. Smith (lead singer of The Fall), Rules to Live By was born out of a spontaneous tribute dance in front of 150 people on the night of his death. The work is a glittery and rebellious aspiration to a hero's punk anarchy; a requiem for heroism, hedonism, rebirth, and dark disturbing humour.



EIDOS pays homage to Suzi's beloved grandmother - a radical hero, artist, stalwart and her very own Vivienne Westwood.

'...compelling, slinky, yet ferocious...' - The Tempo House

'A riotous soundtrack....' - The Wee Review

Staged by Dumfries & Galloway Arts Live



07 Mon

Moishe's Bagel - Acoustic

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm

| £14 / £4 under 26 / £10.50 Active Travel Discount

"This fearless 5-piece emphatically puts the 'class' into 'unclassifiable'"

- The Scotsman

'True originals' - The Guardian

Thrillingly original cutting-edge klezmer and world folk music from some of Scotland's finest musicians. An intoxicating, life-affirming mix of Eastern European dance music, Middle Eastern rhythms and virtuoso performances. Combining the energy and passion of world folk music with the excitement and soul of improvisation, the band will draw you in, turn you inside out, and leave you smiling uncontrollably – all in the space of one tune.

Moishe's Bagel began in 2003, the lucky accident of an Edinburgh-based Chilean tango singer and four like-minded musicians. A shared love of klezmer, jazz and latin music soon saw Moishe's Bagel onstage and touring the UK, Ireland, and the Czech Republic.

EVENTS

Ken Words: Writers' Cafés

Glenkens Writers' Café

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:00–9:00pm
| Second Thursday of every month: Mar 10th / Apr 14th / May 12th
| Free. Booking not essential

Kirkcudbright Writers' Café

| The Wee Bar, The Selkirk Arms, Kirkcudbright | 7:00–9:00pm
| Last Thursday of alternate months: Mar 31st / May 27th
| Free. Booking not essential

Online Writers' Café

| Via email and phone | 7:00–9:00pm
| Last Thursday of alternate months 24th Feb / 28th Apr
| Free. Contact Jane McBeth for details

The Writers' Cafés offer a friendly, supportive environment to meet monthly for writing-focused conversation and discussion of work-in-progress.

They are open to anyone interested in writing, whatever your in/experience and whether or not you choose to share your own writing.

Hot and cold drinks can be purchased from the CatStrand café/ The Selkirk Arms Hotel bar during Café sessions.

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The virtual re-imagining of our Writers' Café means you can still enjoy writing-focused conversation from home every other month. They offer the chance to read other's work and discuss your own with Café-goers by email or phone.

No regular commitment for any Cafe format is required, but if you are thinking of joining in for the first time, please do get in touch beforehand so that you can be made welcome and included in email circulation.

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All Café evenings are hosted by Jane McBeth (Ken Words Project Coordinator). Please contact her at jane.kenwords@gmail.com if you have any queries.





11 Fri — Théâtre Sans Frontières presents Sherlock Holmes: The Speckled Band

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:00pm

| £10/ £4 under 26/ £7.50 Active Travel discount



'It is not cold which makes me shiver.'

'What, then?' 'It is fear, Mr Holmes. It is terror.'

Delve into the highly deductive mind of a super sleuth in this new production of one of the most popular Sherlock Holmes stories. Be enthralled by this exciting and thrilling mystery, featuring a feisty heroine struggling with and overcoming a domineering presence in her life.

With everything we've come to expect from a Sherlock Holmes murder mystery set in 19th century England, this is also a story that confronts many issues relevant to a 21st century audience. Suitable for youngsters aged 10-14 years who will be fascinated by Holmes' processes of detection, adults will also be enticed into a world of suspense with edgy live music, Gothic motifs and melodrama.

20 Sun — Ken Words: On Spring Air— a poetry walk over holm and hill

| Start and finish at Dalry Town Hall | £5

| 1.00 – 5.00pm (arrive 12.45pm)

Ken Words —
a writing project of this place



Bird educator and expert Chris Rollie will guide a 2½ hour circular walk on the new Watson Bird Trail – along the Water of Ken, up onto Mulloch Hill, and back down through St. John's Town of Dalry, where the artist Donald Watson lived and worked for most of his life.

Chris will draw attention to the developing variety of spring birdsong and calls that may be heard along the route and speak of the seasonal behaviour and nesting habits of birds that breed in the vicinity.

Referencing the artwork and writings of Donald Watson, he will encourage participants to notice signs of the re-colouring of the landscape as Spring emerges.

In a 1 hour writing workshop following the walk, Jane McBeth will assist participants to make a short-form poem or piece of prose from field notes scribbled during the walk.

Full details of the route, itinerary, facilities, and what else to bring are available on www.gcat.scot.

This event is organised by Ken Words. Any queries, please contact Jane McBeth (Project Coordinator) at jane.kenwords@gmail.com

24 Thu — CatStrand Players presents AN EVENING OF ONE ACT PLAYS

| Catstrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm | £6 / £4 under 26



CatStrand Youth Players are pleased to present their SCDA Festival entry 'Lockdown' by Douglas Craven.

In a dark classroom, eight students sit in an "official lockdown, not knowing if it's just a drill or an actual emergency. When a hysterical younger girl bolts from the room and the teacher follows, the remaining students are left alone to decide if it's safer to stay or run.

The second play of the evening will be 'Henna Night' by Amy Rosenthal, presented by CatStrand Players. Judith leaves her ex-boyfriend a desperate voicemail saying that she is not coping with their break-up, and that she has brought some razor blades and some henna in order to either slash her wrists or dye her hair.

Starring Eilidh Thomson and Zoe Kirkpatrick, the play won the Stewartry District SCDA Open Festival in 2020 but unfortunately couldn't progress to the next round due to lockdown. The adjudicator said that the play was 'an engaging piece of theatre, ably and skilfully delivered by both actors throughout'. The team is delighted to bring the play back to the stage this year.

Please note the plays contain strong language and references to self-harm.

25 Fri — Roddy Woomble

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm

| £14/ £4 under 26/ £10.50 Active Travel discount



Roddy Woomble is widely regarded as one of Scotland's finest songwriters.

Known for his enigmatic lyrics, warm baritone voice and consummate gift for a tune, Roddy has released five solo albums to date - 'My Secret Is My Silence' (2006), 'Before The Ruin' (2008, with Kris Drever and John McCusker), 'The Impossible Song & Other Songs' (2011), 'Listen To Keep' (2013), and 'The Deluder' (2017). Roddy's first poetry collection 'Instrumentals' was released in 2016.

For the past two decades Roddy has also been the frontman of much loved Scottish alternative rock band Idlewild, releasing eight studio albums, and touring worldwide as a headline act, but also in support to R.E.M., Pearl Jam and U2 amongst others.

26 Sat — Ken Words: Story Ceilidh

In partnership with Scotland's Year of Stories and in conjunction with the Bicentenary Celebrations of the Ken Bridge

| Ken Bridge Hotel (carvery room), New Galloway | 7.00 – 10.00pm

| Free. Booking not required but helps us plan



Join local writers for an informal, relaxed evening of stories – stories about whatever folk have stories to tell of and told however they come.

The gathering will take the form of an 'open floor' session, and you are very welcome to bring along a story of your own to read or share from memory. And, in ceilidh spirit, if a story comes to mind when you're listening to someone else's, then please, let's hear it…

The evening is hosted by Jane McBeth (Ken Words Project Coordinator).

Please contact her at jane.kenwords@gmail.com if you have any queries.

27 Sun — The Galloway Agreement- Ken Bridge Song

In conjunction with the Bicentenary Celebrations of the Ken Bridge

| Dalry Town Hall | 7:30pm

| £12/ £4 under 26/ £9 Active Travel discount



This is a special concert launching a year round programme of Ken Bridge bicentenary events. CatStrand has commissioned Wendy Stewart to write a Ken Bridge Song Suite using The River Ken, The Crossing, and the life of engineer John Rennie as inspiration. This will be premiered as part of this concert by the Galloway Agreement. The Galloway Agreement is a collaboration featuring five of D&G's best known traditional musicians; Wendy Stewart (harp, vocals), Ruth Morris (alto and tenor nyckelharpa), Gavin Marwick (fiddle), Stuart Macpherson (double bass) and the latest addition Beth Porter (cello, vocals).

These world class musicians are all based in Dumfries and Galloway. Their repertoire is a mixture of original compositions and favourite tunes and songs from Scotland and other European traditions. The Galloway Agreement are well known for their sublime sound created by this lovely combination of instruments.

Supported by Dumfries & Galloway Arts Live

02 Sat — A Squatter O Bairnsangs

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7.00pm
| £10/ £4 under 26 / £7.50 Active Travel discount



Live Premiere

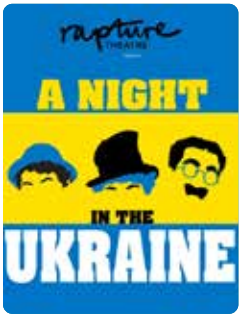
This collection of songs is a musical imagining of Stuart A Paterson's very successful "Bairnrhymes" book. Stuart will be there to bring his knowledge and stories to us all, while Nicola Black with a group of fantastic musicians will bring the music to the party.

Bairnsangs captures the child of now and the child that was, and the musical settings range widely in style to suit the mood of each poem. From trad to whole tone, via punk and blues, Bairnsangs is for anybody who ever was a bairn and those who still are. A concert for everyone to enjoy. The words are in Scots, and during the show there will be plenty of opportunities to find out what the songs are all about.

Nicola Black is a songwriter, performer and choir leader from Galloway. She has a deep interest in Scots language. She has worked with children in schools focusing on music in Scots and Gaelic.

05 Tue — Rapture Bites: A Night In The Ukraine

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 12:45pm
| £12/ £4 under 26/ £9 Active Travel discount



Rapture Theatre's classic lunchtime theatre programme Rapture Bites returns to the CatStrand.

Join us for a bite to eat in the auditorium at 12:45pm in time for a 1:15pm show. You are welcome to stay for a post show discussion.

A Night In The Ukraine

In Dick Vosburgh and Frank Lazarus's hilarious romp A Night in the Ukraine, the Marx Brothers (Groucho, Harpo and Chico) create chaos and mayhem in the midst of what seems to be a Chekhov play. Winner of two Tony Awards, this is a little-known musical masterpiece. Prepare yourself for "a smile-a-minute, songsational, musical mirthquake! A lunchtime treat to lift the spirits! Don't miss it!

Doors open to the auditorium at 12:40pm. To help us manage venue capacities and the flow of people through the building, please do not arrive for the show prior to this time.

A Night In The Ukraine is part of a long planned programme of lunchtime theatre. No commentary on current events is intended.

6 Wed An Tobar & Mull Theatre and Arch 468 present
Our Carnal Hearts
| 7:30pm | CatStrand, New Galloway
| £12 / £4 under 26 / £9 Active Travel discount



By Rachel Mars
With music by Louise Mothersole
Directed by Rebecca Atkinson-Lord

Creative Team:
Designer - Ruth Darling
Lighting Designer - Louise Chan
Production Stage Manage – Heather Cooper

This fairy comes round your house.
You, she says,
You are in luck.
Ask for anything you want. Anything in the world and I'll give it to you.
But whatever you ask for, your neighbour gets the same thing, but double.
Great, you say.
Fine.
Cut out one of my eyes.

With a raucous chorus of original music, Our Carnal Hearts is a gleeful, thrilling and murky celebration of envy, competitive spirits and all the times we **** each other over.

A joyous confession of everyone we've ever wanted to be and everything we've ever wanted to own. A place to whoop at our own fragility and delight against our better nature. A toast to our competitive spirits and a rumbling dance for the ugly gutter-tramping parts of our souls. A show that seeks to prove that envy makes us better. That politicians are right. That trampling on our neighbours is the quickest way to the top. That envy is glorious and we wouldn't want it any other way.

arch468.com antobarandmulltheatre.co.uk
Age Guidance: 14+, Adult Themes + Some strong language





07 Thu

Clare Hammond, pianist

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm

| £15/ £4 under 26/ £11.25 Active Travel discount

Acclaimed as a "pianist of extraordinary gifts" (Gramophone) and "immense power" (The Times), Clare Hammond is recognised for the virtuosity and authority of her performances. In 2016, she won the Royal Philharmonic Society's 'Young Artist Award' in recognition of outstanding achievement and in 2020 she was engaged to perform at the International Piano Series (Southbank Centre). Performances during the pandemic included recitals for the Wigmore Hall and Aldeburgh Music, a live recital broadcast for BBC Radio 3 Lunchtime Concerts from St David's Cardiff, and broadcast recordings of Moussa and Carwithen with the BBC Symphony Orchestra (Geoffrey Paterson) and BBC Concert Orchestra (Gavin Sutherland).

Programme

Ludwig van Beethoven - Sonata No. 3 in C major, Op. 2 No. 3 (21')

Johannes Brahms - Six Piano Pieces, Op. 118 (22')

Doreen Carwithen - Sonatina (13')

W G Still - Bells (9')

Nikolai Medtner - Sonata Romantica, Op. 53 No. 1 (22')

09 Sat

Puppet Animation Festival

Nettles in the Garden by The Travelling Shadow Theatre

| Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn | 2:30pm

| £5/ £3 under 26/ £12 Group covers 2 adults + 2 children

Springing out from an old brown suitcase, come and see a magical garden bloom to life!

Join Greta Green Thumb the Gardening Clown and her pal Nettles as they discover the wonder and adventures to be had within nature. Witness mischief makers messing, monkey business brewing and shenanigans shimozzleing!

Nettles in The Garden is a show full of joy with inclusion, accessibility, and laughter lying at its heart. Using no spoken text alongside puppetry, clown, and a sprinkle of audience participation, you're all invited to bring your giggles and share in this delightful world.

An original tale with original music. We hope to see you for some laughs and fun soon!

Nettles in The Garden is for family audiences; children aged 2+ and babes in arms. A 30min show and 30min workshop are included.

Part of the Puppet Animation Festival & staged with the support of Dumfries & Galloway Arts Live.

PUPPET ANIMATION FESTIVAL 2022

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY Arts Live



15 Fri

Puppet Animation Festival
Odd Socks by Nikki Kalkman

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 3:00pm | Ages 5+ and families
| £5/ £3 under 26 / £12 Group covers 2 adults + 2 children

In a world where fish have pegs for scales and ships are made out of laundry baskets, Lil One and Odd Sock must battle a scary sea turtle, survive a vicious storm and subdue sticky seaweeds all on their quest to find Odd Sock Island and a place to belong.

Odd Socks tells the story of Lil One who, along with their parent Big One, runs the sock laundrette. One day, Lil One's life is put through the ringer when Big One falls in love with Postie. Suddenly, this perfect pair has become three and Lil One is left feeling like the odd one out. Distraught and lonely, Lil One decides to run away. That night, as Lil One packs their bags, they hear the cries of a single odd sock - Odd Sock. Odd Sock is also missing it's pair and is feeling lost and alone. Together Lil One and Odd Sock decide to embark on a magical nautical adventure into the world beyond the washing machine. Their quest: to find Odd Sock Island, a place where all odd things belong.

Part of the Puppet Animation Festival & staged with the support of Dumfries & Galloway Arts Live.



16 Sat **Puppet Animation Festival**
Seedheart by Indigo Moon Theatre
| CatStrand, New Galloway | 2:30pm
| £5 / £3 under 26 / £12 Group covers 2 adults + 2 children

A brand new solo show unfolding from a suitcase by Indigo Moon Theatre.

The Show is suitable for all ages & lasts 30 mins.

The Workshop is suitable for ages 5+ and lasts 60 mins.

SEEDHEART

Meet Grey. Our journey begins as Grey finds itself trapped inside a jar but can't remember why. They try to remember how they got there and how they could be free. SeedHeart tells the important tale of human impact on the environment and questions what we can do to restore our once green planet, with interactive chaos in the laboratory on the way! Watch as our story unfolds (literally) from a single suitcase and follow Grey's journey to a better future with magical pop-ups, puppetry, and interactive scenes.



SHADOW FUN WORKSHOP

Ages: 5+ Inspired by crazy genetic engineering shenanigans as seen in "SeedHeart", create your own crazy modified monster as a shadow puppet made of card.

Indigo Moon Theatre is a leading children's shadow puppet theatre company that has toured nationally and internationally to theatres, festivals and schools since 2001.

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PUPPET ANIMATION FESTIVAL 2022

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY Arts Live



17 Sun

The Rheingans Sisters

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm

| £15 / £4 under 26 / £11.25 Active Travel discount

The Rheingans Sisters make playful, powerful and richly connecting music that is wholly contemporary while deeply anchored in folk traditions. The award-winning multi-instrumentalists, composers and folk scholars were nominated for 'Best Duo/Group' at 2019 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

Over the last five years, including three critically acclaimed albums and a BBC Radio 2 Folk Award win for 'Best Original Track' in 2016, audiences across the UK, Europe and Australia have been utterly captivated by their very special live performances. Drawing on their pan-European musical scholarship and their spirited mission to make connections between the music of different geographical roots, they have developed a rich artistic approach to the deconstruction and reimagining of traditional music alongside their own beguiling compositions. Performing live, the sisters are inimitable; full-hearted performers and spontaneous, on-stage improvisors, with adventurous use of fiddles, voices, banjo, bansitar, tambourin à cordes, spoken word, dancing feet and percussion.

A unique and unmissable act on the folk and world music stage today, Rowan and Anna play a plethora of instruments in their live shows, many of them handmade by their luthier father Helmut Rheingans who is based in their native Peak District home.

04 Wed

David Scheel: Don't Shoot Me I'm Only the Piano Player

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm

| £10 / £4 under 26 / £7.50 Active Travel discount



A runaway success in London's West End, at successive Edinburgh Festivals, at the Melbourne Comedy Festival and right across the USA, this is a hilarious send-up of classical music which has established Australian pianist, David Scheel, as the successor to the legendary Victor Borge. Beautiful music, and musical fun performed in so many accents/ voices that David has also been compared to the late Robin Williams and Peter Ustinov. Hear a familiar tune played in the styles of the old masters + an i-Pod; two famous pieces played simultaneously, one with the right hand, one with the left; plus his "translation of the lyrics of Waltzing Matilda, already a comedy classic.

'As funny as any, wittier than most, and, uniquely, a concert pianist of international stature...He stands alone, in a class of his own.' - BBC Arts Review

'The only show in town that can satisfy lovers of classical music and comedy alike' - San Francisco Chronicle



18 Wed

Siobhan Miller

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm

| £15/ £4 under 26/ £11.25 Active Travel discount

A richly celebrated Scottish folk singer and songwriter, Siobhan Miller's soulful and stirring renewal of traditional song has won her the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for 'Best Traditional Track', and the BBC Alba Scots Trad Music Awards' Scots Singer of the Year' an unprecedented four times.

Siobhan has been a regular performer at the Celtic Connections festival, where she was Artistic Director for the 2016 Opening Concert, and returns as part of the star-studded Transatlantic Sessions line-up in 2022. Alongside her extensive solo ventures, Siobhan's unique vocal style has been honed through collaborations with many of Scotland's top musicians – including Eddi Reader, with whom she has toured widely and formed a close musical bond, supporting and singing alongside, and making guest appearances on each other's albums. She has also made guest appearances with the National Theatre of Scotland, spent a season on Broadway, returned to the US for a month-long residency in Boston's Majestic Theatre for Brian O'Donovan's Celtic Chistmas Sojourn, and can be spotted on US/UK TV drama Outlander.

'One of the best Scottish traditional singers on the planet' - fRoots

'assured and precise... Siobhan Miller's vocals are bright and unforced.' - The Guardian

'a writing talent that's as impressive as her velvet voice' - The Herald

21 Sat Vanishing Point presents The Metamorphosis: Unplugged

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm | £15/ £7.50 under 26

Based on Franz Kafka's brilliantly funny and compelling story, The Metamorphosis is a warm-hearted retelling of the mysterious tale of Gregor Samsa, who wakes up one morning to find he's turned into a giant insect. Told from the perspective of his sister Greta, it's a musical, cabaret-style night out from the team that brought you The Dark Carnival Unplugged. Join us as we welcome you to Gregor's strange world with a free glass of something for everyone.

Vanishing Point is a world-renowned, artist-led theatre company based in Scotland who create theatre that is beautiful, accessible and original. Vanishing Point collaborates with artists and producers from across the world to create genre-defying theatre for venues of varying scales – from international stages to local village halls.

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Tickets are on sale from the 16th of March.

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY Arts Festival
10 Days of Performing Arts



28 Sat + 29 Sun

Starcatchers and Andy Cannon present

Spike! A dinosaur caper
by Andy Cannon and David Trouton

| CatStrand, New Galloway

| Sat 28 May 4:00 pm | Sun 29 May 11:00 am

| £10 / £5 under 26 / Family £25/ babies in arms Free

Mary Anne lives in an ordinary little town with an extraordinary museum.
There's
rockets and planes
boats and trains
tigers and sloths
butterflies and moths
and a dinosaur egg……..



Spike's Dinosaur caper continues this Spring. A wonderful tale of a little girl, her grandmother and her favourite dinosaur, SPIKE! a dinosaur caper is powerfully told through theatrical storytelling and dance.

Join Spike for a magical story about the passing of time and the tales that bring families together, all set to original music.

'The story of a little girl and a newly-hatched dinosaur has a spellbinding effect in Spike!' ★★★★ - Joyce McMillan The Scotsman

Recommended for ages 0-5

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01 Wed

Yorkston, Thorne & Khan

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm
| £10 / £4 under 26 / £7.50 Active Travel discount

Yorkston, Thorne & Khan are songwriter James Yorkston (guitar, nyckelharpa, voice), jazz musician Jon Thorne (double bass, voice) and 8th generation sarangi player and vocalist Suhail Yusuf Khan. Meeting by chance backstage in 2015 and playing together ever since, Yorkston, Thorne & Khan's musical explorations are well-informed by their rich musical heritage but never reverential, preferring to run with an energy and fun that pushes them to new ground. Rolling Stone calling their Neuk Wight Delhi All-Stars album "a game changing masterpiece . Yorkston, Thorne & Khan tackle Robert Burns and Sufi poetry via Dick Gaughan and Amīr Khusrow Dehlavī, traditional Scottish songs, ragas and their own spidery compositions.

'The backstage encounter that led to this fusion of western folk and Indian classicism has paid off handsomely.... an improbable, but mostly seamless fit.' - The Guardian

EXHIBITIONS

Until March 23rd

Leeming & Paterson

Zero Footprints - 12 Years Later



Following their groundbreaking "Zero Footprint project 12 years ago, Ted Leeming and Morag Paterson return to visually explore their home patch of 11 acres of natural regeneration and native woodland planting near Dalry. The photos explore the habitats both 'inside' their boundary lines and 'outside' - which could change rapidly over the next decade due to new agricultural subsidies, forest expansion and the rush to buy carbon credits and secure natural capital.

The project combines traditional photography with some experimental and abstract photographic processes, rather than addressing the subject from a purely documentary point of view.

Thu 24 Feb | **Artists Talk**
| CatStrand, New Galloway
| 7:00pm | Free

Join Ted, Morag & friends for a discussion about their work and the factors affecting our changing landscape that it addresses.

March 27- April 30

Kenbridge 200 Exhibition

by the CatStrand Photography Group and friends

In conjunction with the Bicentenary Celebrations of the Ken Bridge



Credit: Gerry Cinderby



A tribute to this graceful structure designed by Scottish engineer John Rennie which has been a defining landmark of the Glenkens over the past 200 years. The exhibition will feature new photography using the Kenbridge as a subject, alongside a delve into the historical archive, old photographs, newspaper articles and maps.

EXHIBITIONS

2 May - 5 Jun

Catherine Corfield

Spring Fling Open Studios event 2-5 June

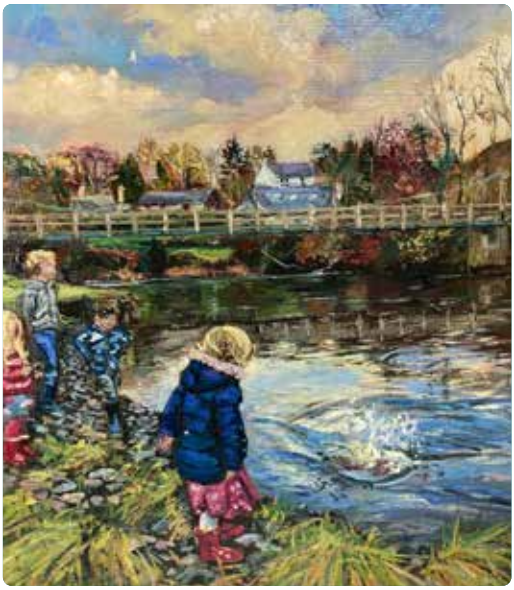
Catherine's work is focused on natural landscape and human connection with nature.

Catherine says of her work;

'In today's ever-growing technological world, I find the need to step back to nature to escape from the modern work that society has made. With the ever-growing population, the British landscape and accessibility to nature is changing and becoming all the more important.

My work has elements of idealism, nostalgia, and human relationships, particularly childhood, portrayed in a positive light of innocence and freedom when surrounded by the natural world. I want to encapsulate an element of universally shared experiences of the sublime where there is a meeting of emotion and landscape.

My work captures my personal experiences of human relationships within the natural world but also invites the viewer to become part of the narrative themselves. Shared stories in shared spaces.'



Catherine will be setting up an Open Studio at the CatStrand as part of Spring Fling on the 2nd to 5th of June.

Catherine is also our new Youth Arts Coordinator, we are delighted to show another side to her work.

SPRING FLING

CatStrand Youth Arts

@catstrandyoutharts

www.gcat.scot / www.catstrandyouth.co.uk

REGULAR WORKSHOPS

Margaret Morris Movement

Health Play

- Catstrand, New Galloway • 3-7 years • Free
- Mondays (during term time) • 3.45-4.30pm
- To book and for more information email Sara.lockwood@sky.com

A piece of music, a song, a story, a rhyme, an idea, an object, combine in this delightful dance syllabus for pre-school and Early Years. Improvisation and mime form an integral part of each session. Each child learns to explore the dance space and share ideas in a fun and safe environment.

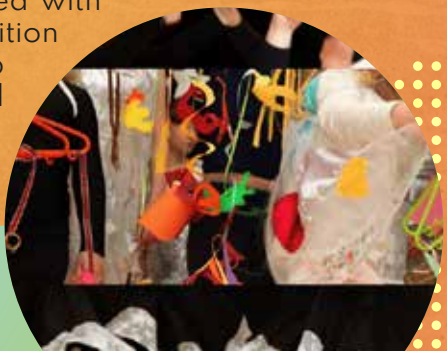
Pre-school children should have a parent/carer stay in the CatStrand during these sessions.

Children's Grades and Youth Dance

- Catstrand, New Galloway • 8-15 years • Free
- Mondays (during term time) • 4.30-5.30pm
- To book and for more information email Sara.lockwood@sky.com

A series of dance exercises combined with free expression and dance composition help the individual to develop physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually.

These classes encourage a creative mind alongside a broad movement vocabulary.



Youth Volunteers Monthly Meetup

- Catstrand, New Galloway
- Last Monday of the month: 28 Feb / 28 Mar / 25 Apr / 30 May
- 5.30 – 7.30pm | 11 years plus
- Free, just turn up

Be at the heart of an exciting new Youth Arts programme at the Catstrand.

Gain creative skills and experience, help to programme youth arts activities and events, and achieve a Saltire Volunteer award. All youth volunteers will get free membership to the Youth Volunteers Film Club. Free Pizza!

If you are unable to attend the YV meet up, but would like to be involved, please email Cat, the Youth Arts Coordinator, on catherine@catstrand.com with your contact details so you can be included in our digital communications.

Random Writers

- Dalry Library
- Bi-weekly Thursdays: 24 Feb, 10 & 24 Mar, 7 & 21 Apr, 5 & 19 May • 3.45 – 5pm • 12 years+
- Free, book via CatStrand box office

Do you love writing poetry, fiction, memoir or scripts? Facilitated by experienced writer Paul Goodwin, Random Writers is a creative writing group for young people.The sessions provide an informal and relaxed space for you to work on your own piece of creative writing without any specific objectives or assessment.





Scriptless Drama Club

- CatStrand • Tuesdays (during term-time)
- Weekly, 5.00 – 6.30 pm • 11-16 years
- Free, booking not required.

'Scriptless Drama Club' is a new improvisation drama club for young people.

Relaxed and fun drama sessions involving games, improvisation exercises, scenes and group activities. No experience necessary!

A Chance to Dance

- CatStrand
- Bi-weekly Thursdays; 24 Feb* / 10 & 24 Mar** / 7 & 21 Apr / 5 & 9 May • 6pm – 8pm • Ages 12+
- Free, book via CatStrand box office.

A Chance to Dance is a pilot project requested by some of our new 'dance crazy' youth volunteers who have helped to plan this project.

A Chance to Dance provides teenagers the creative space to freely dance, rehearse, choreograph their own dances and have fun with like minded friends.

Note some variation in times / location:

* 24 Feb running 5-6:15pm

** 24 Mar at The Smiddy, Balmaclellan



Art Explorers

- CatStrand, New Galloway
- Fortnightly Saturdays: 26 Feb, 12 & 26 Mar, 9 & 23 Apr, 7 & 21 May
- 10 - 11am (5 – 8yrs) • 11.15 – 12.30 (8yrs – 12yrs)
- £2, book via CatStrand box office



A hands-on artist-led art club for young people aged 5-12 years.

Sessions will be held every two weeks and will explore a range of arts, from printmaking, sculpture, collage, painting and more. All materials and equipment will be provided. Parents are welcome to stay with the under 8s. Children attend on their own for the 8 years + sessions.

Song Writing Course (5 weeks)

- Saturday 9 Apr 1:00 - 4:00pm
- Then weekly: Thu 14 Apr - Thu 5 May 6:00 - 8:00pm
- 12 - 18 yrs • Pay What You Feel • Booking essential

Are you a songwriter? Whether you're just starting out or already have a head full of songs, come dive into lyrics, melody writing and performance with a 5 week song-writing course at CatStrand.

Canadian songwriter Sarah Jane Scouten will be taking young people ages 12+ on an exploration of the tools they need to write great songs and perform them (if they wish!)

Open to all with an interest in song writing from beginners to advanced players.

You don't have to play an instrument but bring one if you have one!



Dance Weekenders

- CatStrand
- Sat 12 Mar 1pm - 4pm
- Sat 14 May 1pm - 4pm
- Ages 12 -18 • Booking essential • Free

Dance Weekenders Intensive Easter Week

- Mon 11 - Fri 15 Apr • 10.30am – 4pm
- Dumfries • Transport can be provided

Dance Weekenders Intensive Summer Week

- Mon 18 – Fri 22 Jul • 10.30am – 4pm
- Catstrand, New Galloway

Dumfries and Galloway Dance is on a mission to build a regional Youth Dance Company, offering young people who are curious about a career in dance the opportunity to learn more. Sessions are open to anyone with a passion for dance aged 12-16, whether you have taken dance classes before or are self-taught. Working with choreographers from across Scotland, together we will develop contemporary dance skills and create opportunities to perform – from screen dance to pop up dances!



ONE OFF EVENTS

Sat 19 Mar

Better Lives Partnership Bridge to Creative Project – Art in the Community

Decoupage with Artist Bea Last

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 1:00 - 3.00pm

| Free. Book via the CatStrand box office

| For ages 12+, parents and carers welcome



This is a free workshop provided by Better Lives Partnership, funded by Creative Communities Scotland. Better Lives Partnership is a charity which supports young people with autism and additional barriers. Join us in learning the decorative art of Decoupage - the layering of pattern and decoration onto objects, glass or furniture, boxes or bottles.

All materials are provided.

Fri 08 Apr

Storytime and Crafts

| Dalry Library, St Johns Town of Dalry | 11:30am - 1pm

| Free. Book via the CatStrand box office | Ages 3+ and families



Join us in Dalry library for a fun-filled Easter themed creative session of storytime and craft activities.

Children are able to create their own wearable art, make Easter baskets and join in an Easter egg hunt before they join Angela in the library for storytime.

Craft activities will be outdoors,weather permitting.

Mon 11 Apr

After Noguchi - Paper Sculpture Workshop

| 12.00 - 1.30pm | Catstrand, New Galloway | Ages 11- 16 | £3

| Book via the CatStrand box office



A workshop in paper folding and construction techniques.

Learn the art of curved folding and how to cut pleats and slot paper to form your own creations inspired by the work of Noguchi.

Children will learn several paper manipulation techniques such as curved folding, slug construction, pleating, and collapsible pleats. Templates will be provided for several designs, and demonstrations given on how these can be modified and developed.

All materials will be provided.

ONE OFF EVENTS

Tue 12 Apr

Wee Moosie - Taster Theatre Workshop

| Catstrand, New Galloway
| 12.00 - 1.00pm - Ages 8-11
| 1.00 – 3.00 pm - Ages 12+
| Free but book via The CatStrand Box Office



Enjoy a fun and stimulating drama session! Children and young people will enjoy a range of creative drama games and improvisation exercises to develop drama awareness, practice performance and increase self-confidence.

Children can attend without parents. A regular drama club will be scheduled if demand is high.

Thu 14 Apr

Eco Art with IRose Studios

| 12.00- 2.00pm | Catstrand, New Galloway | Ages 5 - 10 | £3
| Book via CatStrand Box office



Join Kay from IRose Studios as she shows the children where to gather materials from outdoors around New Galloway and teach them how to make their own art materials such as ink, paint, and painting tools before returning to the CatStrand to make their own art.

A fun, hands-on workshop, providing the chance to get to know some of nature's amazing resources.

Wear suitable outdoor clothes! Under 8s should be accompanied by an adult.

Sat 16 Apr

Illustrate!

| 2.00 – 4.00pm | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan
| Ages 11+ | £3 per child
| Book via the CatStrand Box Office



Grab a quill and ink and join professional artist Jilly Henderson in this exciting illustration workshop.

Participants will take inspiration from Quentin Blake and other ink and watercolour illustrators, and work to create their own ink drawings.

All materials will be provided.

ONE OFF EVENTS

Sat 23 Apr

Better Lives Partnership Bridge to Creative Project – Art in the Community

Ancient Talking Sticks with Jan Hogarth

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 1.00pm - 3.00pm

| Free. Book via the CatStrand Box office | Ages 12+



This is a free workshop provided by Better Lives Partnership, funded by Creative Communities Scotland. Better Lives Partnership is a charity which supports young people with autism and additional barriers. Join environmental artist and educator Jan Hogarth to learn about the ancient tradition of talking sticks. We will learn how the ancient tribes used talking sticks to resolve community problems, and for storytelling. We will make talking sticks of our own and learn how to improve our communication skills with our friends and families. All materials are provided.

Please contact Cat on catherine@catstrand.com for more information about any Youth Art events.

Or find us online

www.catstrandyouth.co.uk

Facebook @CatStrandYouth

Instagram @CatStrandYouth.

Book available through www.gcat.scot. 01644 420 374

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Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

Connecting Communities

Connecting in Communities

New Activities Programme

February / March

We've got some great new classes and activities for you to join in with. Come along to our Covid-secure venues to meet new people and learn new things! All welcome, especially if you're new to our Connecting in Communities project. No equipment or prior experience is required for any class – just book your space and come along!

Cooking Classes

£ Free

Station House Cookery School, Kirkcudbright (free transport provided)

Feb 22nd, March 8th, April 19th and May 10th, 10am – 3pm

Digital Art Classes, Smiddy

£ Free

The Smiddy, Balmaclellan

Tuesdays, February 22nd for 6 weeks, 2pm – 4pm

Art Classes for Newbies

£ Free

The Smiddy, Balmaclellan

Thursdays, February 24th for 6 weeks, 10am – 12.30pm

Energy Cafés

£ Free, Just drop-in

Crossmichael Hall, Crossmichael — Saturday, 12th March, 11am – 4pm

The Smiddy, Balmaclellan — Saturday, 19th March, 11am – 4pm

Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn — Sunday, 27th March, 11am – 4pm

For more information about any of these courses or to book a place, please contact Fiona at **fiona@catstrand.com** or call on **01644 420374**. Also see **www.gcat.scot** or follow us on Facebook **@Connecting in Communities / @GCAT**

SKILL SHARING & LIFELONG LEARNING

Cooking Classes at the Station House Cookery School, Kirkcudbright

| Tuesdays: Feb 22 / Mar 8 / Apr 19 / May 10
| 10am – 3pm | Free

Why not spend the day discovering new dishes and developing your cookery skills under the expert eye of Nick Morris from Station House Cookery School? Thanks to LEADER funding, these classes are Free and transport from New Galloway can be provided. All ingredients and equipment are also provided. For more information and to book a place please contact Fiona at fiona@catstrand.com or call on 01644 420374.

Digital Art Class

| The Smiddy, Balmaclellan Tuesdays | February 22nd for 6 weeks
| 2pm – 4pm | Free

Art without the mess!! Explore the world of digital art under the guiding hand of Jackie and Allan from the IT Centre. Using Apple iPads (provided), you'll be shown how to use intuitive technology to create your very own masterpieces. Give it a go! Thanks to Community-Based Adult Learning Funding, these classes are free. No prior experience required and all materials are included. Limited spaces – booking required.

REGULAR GROUPS
SKILL SHARING & LIFELONG LEARNING

Write On: Writing Group

| Various dates & timings

Write On is a writing group based at CatStrand and run by local author Margaret Elphinstone. We are currently meeting virtually. The group is structured around a monthly topic with online discussion and feedback. If you would like to join the group please contact Margaret by email to writeongalloway@gmail.com.

REGULAR GROUPS
SKILL SHARING & LIFELONG LEARNING



CatStrand Singers

| Thursdays | 11am (1hr plus coffee/chat time)
| Dalry Town Hall | Pay What You Can

Join local performer and music teacher Nicola Black for an hour of collective singing. No experience is needed, and you don't need to be able to read music either. The CatStrand Singers are working towards making a recording of songs celebrating the Glenkens, especially arranged and written for the group. New members are welcome. To join in email: nicolablack@madasafish.com.



Photography Group

| Tuesdays | 11am (2 hrs) | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
| Various Locations | £3

Join the group under the expert tutelage of former professional photographer Ian Biggar for hints and tips, outings, exhibitions and discussions. Fine tune your digital photography skills – all abilities welcome. The group nominally meets at The Smiddy in Balmaclellan but often takes to the road in search of the perfect image. Always check before attending!



Men's Shed

| Mon / Wed / Fri 9.30am - 12.30pm | Woodcarving Wed 2.00 - 4.00pm

The Glenkens Men's Shed is located behind the Smiddy in Balmaclellan. The 'Shed' offers a wide array of opportunities to meet, socialise, drink tea and pursue crafts and hobbies in our spacious and well-appointed shed and is open to both men and women. It's accessible, has free parking, free electric vehicle charging (powered by our solar panels), and tons of kit and equipment. Membership is £15 a year and subs are £1 a week for as many sessions as you wish to attend. 16 – 18 year olds are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

REGULAR GROUPS
MOVEMENT & FITNESS

Thursdays

Circuit Training

| 8.00am (1 hr) | Balmaclellan Hall | £6
| 6.00pm (1 hr) | Online via zoom | Pay What You Can

An equipment-free, old school circuit class. Sixty minutes of pulse raising, fat burning fun and games. To book and for more information email jpfagan@hotmail.co.uk.

Thursdays

Core Fitness (Bums n Tums)

| 9.00am (30 min) | Online via Zoom

Get your daily dose of exercise with this quick, fun workout! A short core and lower-body training session using bodyweight only, aimed at improving core fitness and toning as well as general health and wellbeing. To book and for more information email jpfagan@hotmail.co.uk



Mondays

Kettlebell Fitness Class

| 7.00pm (1 hr) | Balmaclellan Hall
| £6 Adv Booking Required

An exhilarating kettlebell-based exercise class. Full body training session using kettlebells for strength and endurance, aimed at improving overall fitness, health and wellbeing/.To book and for more information email jpfagan@hotmail.co.uk



Mondays

Margaret Morris Movement: Adult class

| 2.30pm (1 hr) | CatStrand | £5

MMM gives an understanding of how correct breathing can increase stamina and range of movement; how working on posture can improve health and vitality; how using the body's natural opposition can strengthen muscles; all this as well as balance, agility and coordination leading to being able to free the body to dance and the mind to be creative.

To book and for more information email Sara.lockwood@sky.com

'MMM is the hidden gem of the dance world.'

REGULAR GROUPS
MOVEMENT & FITNESS

Mondays & Wednesdays

Tai Chi

| Mondays 2.00pm (1 hr) | Dalry Town Hall | £3 | Just drop in

| Wednesdays 2.00pm (1 hr) | The Smiddy | £3

| Booking Essential

These are self-led classes using DVD and online instruction. Tai Chi is a series of gentle exercises and stretches, many of which can be done seated, making it a great exercise for older adults and all abilities. No special clothing or equipment is need but soft-soled shoes and loose-fitting clothing are recommended. Tai Chi combines deep breathing and relaxation with flowing movements and is practised all around the world as a health promoting exercise. It helps reduce stress, improve posture, balance, general mobility and strength in the leg muscles. Sessions generally finish with an optional cup of tea and a chat.

Please note the Wednesday class is currently oversubscribed but places remain on the Monday sessions.

To book or for further information, please email Lesley Bissett lesleyblissett52@gmail.com.

Thursdays & Fridays

Yoga

| Thursdays 9.30am (1 hr) | CatStrand | £5

| Fridays 5.30pm (1 hr 15 min) | New Galloway Town Hall | £5

Thursdays: Come along and relax in the company of yoga instructor Kath Ryan and then enjoy a cuppa in the CatStrand cafe. Suitable for all levels, please bring your own mat. To join or for more details contact Kath on kathyr64@hotmail.co.uk.

Fridays: Unwind after the working week with this beginner-friendly yoga class with Kath Ryan. Suitable for all levels but focused on the basics. Please bring your own mat. Booking required. To join or for more details contact Kath on kathyr64@hotmail.co.uk.

Tuesdays

Vinyasa Flow Yoga

| 5.45pm (1 hr) | Online via zoom | Pay What You Can

A relaxing hour in the company of yoga tutor Amy. All abilities are welcome. Vinyasa is a style of yoga joining postures together so that you move seamlessly from one to another, using the breath. Commonly referred to as "flow yoga , Vinyasa classes offer a variety of postures, and no two classes are ever alike. To join or for more details, contact Amy on amyfowler.yoga.edinburgh@gmail.com.

REGULAR GROUPS
MOVEMENT & FITNESS

Wednesdays

Zumba

| 6.30pm and 7.30pm (45 min) | New Galloway Town Hall | Advanced Booking Required | £5

A great way to get fit and enjoy yourself with this Latin-inspired exercise class. Zumba is a fitness programme that combines Latin and international music with dance moves. It incorporates interval training — alternating fast and slow rhythms — to help improve cardiovascular fitness.

To book and for more information, email samantha.rushton@hotmail.com.

Fridays

Zumba Gold

| 10.00am (1 hr) | Online and CatStrand | Pay What You Can

An alternative version of traditional Zumba but still a great way to get fit and enjoy yourself with this Latin inspired exercise to music class. Zumba Gold is a lower-intensity class that will still put a smile on your face! This is a hybrid class using Zoom and in-person training. The venue can change, so always check before attending. To book and for more information, email samantha.rushton@hotmail.com.



Community Volunteers

Would you be interested in helping out as a Community Volunteer in the Glenkens? Sometimes a community group needs one-off help at a special event or project. Community Volunteers would be asked to help out occasionally, as much or as little as you wish. You could be notified when a specific type of help is required according to your preferences. It could be clearing a path, serving teas at a village gala, stewarding an event…. Whatever you'd like to offer.

For details of the Volunteering scheme, or for more information about any of the group listed above, contact Fiona on fiona@catstrand.com or 01644 420 374.

Connecting in Communities is just Fiona at present, as we recruit Brian and Chris' replacements. Thanks again to Brian and Chris for all their work on CiC, and good luck with the future!

LOCAL SERVICES

Galloway Community Transport

Services, March 2022 - April 2022

Glenkens to Newton Stewart Return Service

| Every Second Tuesday | £3.50 Return Fare | Advance booking required

WEEKLY SERVICES Glenkens to Newton Stewart	Dalry (Underhill)	09:30
	New Galloway (Town Hall)	09:35
	New Galloway (CatStrand)	09:37
	To Aldi Car Park	
Return Pickup	Newton Stewart (Aldi Car Park)	11:30

Booking:online www.gallowaycommunitytransport.org, by telephone 01644 420374 or in person at CatStrand, New Galloway

Glenkens to Castle Douglas (Tesco) Return Service

| Wednesday Evenings | GK2 Registered Service | Advance booking not required.

Outward Journey	Depart Dalry (Underhill)	19:00
	New Galloway (Carson's Knowe Bus Stop)	19:05
	Mossdale	19:15
	Lauriston	19:25
	Townhead of Greenlaw	19:30
	Castle Douglas (Market St)	19:37
	Castle Douglas (Tesco)	19:40
Return Journey	Castle Douglas (Tesco)	20:35
	Castle Douglas (Market St)	20:37
	Townhead of Greenlaw	20:47
	Laurieston	20:50
	Mossdale	21:00
	New Galloway (Carson's Knowe Bus Stop)	21:10
	Dalry (Underhill)	21:15

Please see www.gallowaycommunitytransport.org for service updates and other GCT news.

Booking
www.gallowaycommunitytransport.org
or by telephone to CatStrand 01644 420 374

DRIVERS REQUIRED

For voluntary and paid community services driving.

MiDAS training and mentoring provided.

Further information call Glen on 07841 512449

MEMBER HIRE

GCT has 16, 15, and 8 seater minibuses and a fully wheelchair accessible electric car available for hire by community organisations.

For information about membership and terms and conditions of hire see the GCT website or phone 07841 512449.

EXCURSIONS

Galloway Community Transport

SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2022

Creative Crafts & Scottish Quilting Show

- SECC, Glasgow
- Admission £9 online; £11 at the venue - tickets must be purchased by the individual attendee
- Fare £10

PICKUPS:

0800	Kirkcudbright (Harbour Square Bus Stop);
0825	Castle Douglas (British Legion, Market Hill);
0835	Crossmichael (Shop);
0900	New Galloway (CatStrand);
0910	Dalry (Underhill);
0925	Carsphairn (Shop)

GCT GALLOWAY COMMUNITY TRANSPORT
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E BIKES

Weekly drop in-sessions start Thurs 24 Feb.

Contact jon@catstrand.com for more info and to book.

We are also planning Ebike excursions details to be announced. Please contact Jon to find out more and register an interest.



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Free electric vehicle charging facilities are available at the Smiddy.

For any other access queries please get in touch.

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