

CatStrand

Summer Arts and Events Guide 2022









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Let us know if you have walked or cycled to one of our main events at CatStrand from outside New Galloway & we will give you a free hot or soft drink.

INTRO

As we move firmly into the long days of summer (if not yet the sunshine), I'm delighted to introduce our CatStrand Summer Programme. Peter's pulled together an amazingly diverse mix of theatre, music and local culture – there really is something for everyone. I'm particularly looking forward to some of the themed events – the Ken Bridge Bicentenary, the Watson Birds songs and writings and the Glenkens Story, to pick out a few. The Young Creatives programme is also bursting at the seams with activities for all ages from 5-25. Galloway Community Transport is back to offering excursions, as well as the increasingly popular eBike hire, and Connecting in Communities is girding its loins for its new incarnation from June. How good it is to see things getting back to some semblance of normality again! Enjoy!

Helen Keron
Executive Manager

Welcome to our Summer Programme; 48 pages packed with a rich and diverse programme of events. This programme takes us through the summer months into September as well as highlighting some later events which are now on sale. Other events do come in occasionally, so I do recommend joining our mailing list for a monthly update. If you would like to be added please email info@catstrand.com or go to gcat.scot/mailing.

Our music programme has benefited hugely from a new national music touring scheme, Scotland On Tour. This is supporting our concerts from **Bancroft & Lyne, Tom Bancroft's In Common, Pictish Trail, Tommy Smith** and **Esther Swift** – many thanks to them for that.

The **Ken Bridge Bicentenary** celebrations are certainly something to look forward to, with two big community events, an exhibition, a conference, specially commissioned music and a film coming up.

CatStrand Youth Arts has rebranded as **CatStrand Young Creatives** and contains fantastic activities for children and opportunities for our young people this summer.

A huge thank you for our continued support from Creative Scotland & The Holywood Trust, without which we would not be able to put on this Arts and Young Creatives programmes. In addition to this core funding, DG Unlimited, Dumfries & Galloway Council, the Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme, the Glenkens & District Trust, Foundation Scotland, Film Hub Scotland, Scotland's Year of Stories, Museums and Galleries Scotland, DG Arts live, the National Lottery and The Postcode Lottery have all contributed to the amazing events within this programme – thank you all!

Finally, and most importantly, thank you to everyone who turns up and buys a ticket. We'd be nothing without you and I hope that there are many things in here which will encourage you to keep supporting us. Thank you!

Peter Renwick
Arts, Culture and Heritage Manager

Ken Bridge 200

Celebrating the Glenkens' historic bridge: 1822 - 2022.

In 2022 the Glenkens is celebrating the bicentenary of John Rennie's magnificent five-arch Ken Bridge and the people who built it.

The River Ken defines the Glenkens; it also divides it. In medieval times it was an important crossing by ford or ferry on the pilgrim way to St Ninian's shrine but the Ken's notorious floods often made the route to Whithorn impassable. Early bridges never lasted long. As the Industrial Revolution gathered pace, reliable transport links were essential if rural areas were to share in the new prosperity. In the 1790s, local people raised money to build a wooden bridge which would carry wagons weighing up to two tons. But, like earlier efforts, the bridge of 1795 was soon washed away. Undeterred, the people of the Glenkens pressed ahead with plans for improved transport. The challenge was taken up by one of the most celebrated bridge builders of the day, John Rennie.

John Rennie began his career building mills, harbours and canals before turning to bridges. London's Waterloo Bridge (later rebuilt in Arizona) was an early triumph. Rennie's bridges can be found across Britain and as far afield as Naples and Lucknow. His last challenge was the crossing of the Ken. After his 1811 bridge on the Ken was washed away, he designed the 420ft long five-arch structure still standing today. Its high arch to allow canal shipping from Dalry to the Solway was never needed.

Work started on the bridge on 19th May 1821 and took 19 months to complete. Rennie visited the site in July that year and appeared well-pleased with the progress on the structure. Five times the Ken's floods threatened the work. On 3rd October the water rose 8ft in three hours - but the crisis passed. The next day Rennie died in London. To celebrate the achievement of John Rennie and his bridge that connects us, groups from across the Glenkens have come together to create the Ken Bridge 200 programme of events:

P7	Sun 12 Jun	The Galloway Agreement: Ken Bridge Song
P14	Thu 21 July	Ken Words: Summer Story Ceilidh
P16	Sat 27 Aug	Crossing the Water- Story parade and family event.
P23	Fri 23 Sept	Ken Words: Autumn Story Ceilidh
P23	Sat 24 Sept	The Glenkens Story: Crossing The Ken bridges fords and ferries
P25	Sun 25 Sept	Under The Bridge: A Culmination of Ken bridge 200 Celebrations.

KEN BRIDGE TWO HUNDRED

Thanks to our funders & supporters for making this possible!



03 Fri

An Tobar and Mull Theatre presents
In The Weeds

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm | £12/£4 under 26
| By Joseph Wilde | Directed by Rebecca Atkinson-Lord

Kazumi is hunting a sea monster.

Arriving on a remote Hebridean island, he meets Coblaith, a local woman whose family have lived there for generations. When she offers to help him find the mythical creature behind a family tragedy, their relationship blossoms. But there's something strange about Cob's obsessive affection for the lochs and something even stranger about the way the other islanders treat her. Although Cob insists that monsters are not real, Kazumi can't help but be swept away with suspicion - until he almost becomes the monster himself.

Exploring island identity and our troubled relationship with the natural environment, this new commission from award winning playwright Joseph Wilde is a gothic thriller about who gets to claim ownership of the land we all live on.

CAST

Coblaith: Carla Langley

Kazumi: Jamie Zubairi

CREATIVE TEAM

Designer: Kenneth MacLeod

Production Stage Manager: Beatrice Galloway

Lighting Designer: by Benny Goodman

Assistant Director: Catriona MacLeod

Composer: Ailie Robertson

Tour Booked by Arch 468

EVENTS

JUNE

08 Wed

Dalry Film Club : Dune



| 2021 | 12A | 2h 35m | Dalry Town Hall
| 7:30pm | £5 | Directed by Denis Villeneuve
| Starring: Timothée Chalamet, Rebecca Ferguson, Stellan Skarsgård, Oscar Isaac

Paul Atreides, a brilliant and gifted young man born into a great destiny beyond his understanding, must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe to ensure the future of his family and his people. As malevolent forces explode into conflict over the planet's exclusive supply of the most precious resource in existence - a commodity capable of unlocking humanity's greatest potential only those who can conquer their fear will survive.

Ken Words: Writers' Cafés

Glenkens Writers' Café

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:00–9.00pm
| Second Thursday of every month:
Jun 9 / Jul 14 / Aug 11 / Sep 8 / Oct 13 / Nov 10 / Dec 8
| Free | Booking not required

30 Thu

Kirkcudbright Writers' Café

| The Wee Bar, The Selkirk Arms, Kirkcudbright | 7:00–9:00pm
| Free | Booking not required

The Writers' Café offers a friendly, supportive environment to meet monthly for writing-focussed conversation and discussion of work-in-progress.

It is 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.

All Café evenings are hosted by Jane McBeth (Project Co-ordinator).

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





EVENTS

JUNE

09 Thu

Bancroft & Lyne

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30 PM
| £12/£4 under 26 | Part of Scotland On Tour



Performing together for the past 2 decades, Bancroft & Lyne's repertoire includes a mix of original contemporary jazz-based songs alongside reimagined jazz classics and covers of songs by songwriters such as Tom Waits and Joni Mitchell. Heralded as a 'must see' act at a recent Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival in New York, they have performed at many venues and festivals around the UK, Europe and North America.

As a couple living in the same house during lockdown, they used the unexpected time to evolve the duo's identity, finding different ways to orchestrate old and new songs. Alongside this they developed a weekly international livestream audience and produced a new CD, Monday Nights, which has received much critical acclaim, including being listed in JazzViews' Top jazz albums of 2020.

"an album of the highest class, superbly produced, and entertaining" – JAZZVIEWS

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12 Sun

The Galloway Agreement: Ken Bridge Song

| Dalry Town Hall | 7:30pm | £12/£4 (under 26)



This special concert is part of the programme of Ken Bridge bicentenary events. The concert was originally planned for March, but had to be postponed due to illness.

CatStrand has commissioned Wendy Stewart to write a Ken Bridge Song Suite using the River Ken, river crossings and the life of engineer John Rennie as inspiration. The Song Suite will be premiered as part of this performance.

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 their 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.

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24 Fri

Though This Be Madness

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm
| £8/ £4 (under 26)

"Once upon a time… I don't have time!"

Award-winning writer and performer Skye Loneragan brings her fragmented portrayal of motherhood, sisterhood and experience of loved ones' debilitating mental illness to the stage at CatStrand.

Not all stories wrap themselves around a beginning, a middle and an end. New motherhood doesn't afford the time for that kind of structure. Though This Be Madness is an inventive and darkly humorous story of many sisters that delves into the combined challenges of new parenting alongside loved ones wrestling psychosis and depression.

In this fractured fiction told through poetry and performance, we meet a recovering mum bouncing on a Pilates ball in The Land of the Lounge Room, determined to soothe her baby so she can finish her sentence and tell us this tale. Unable to reach her sister Ophelia, who wrestles with a cataract on what Shakespeare calls the 'mind's eye', she attempts to 'stay on the ball'. Wondering what delusions we might all share, she questions the silent war many of us are waging - with little ones, with loss or with prams that don't fold easily - and considers how we can nurture our collective sanity.

25 Sat

Though This Be Madness – Babes-in-arms performance

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 10:30 am
| £5/ £4(under 26)/ toddlers and babes in arms free

An intimate and relaxed performance for parents and carers (adult content).

Watson Birdsong Day

25 Sat Birdsong and Landscape Walk

| Dalry Town Hall | 10 am – 12 pm | £5



Birdsong and Landscape Walk led by Peter Cowdrey of Planet Birdsong and Roger Crofts of Watson Birds. Looking at birds, hearing their song and observing the landscape which inspired renowned Glenkens artist Donald Watson. Departs from Dalry Town Hall and follows the Donald Watson Walk along the river bank and up and over The Mulloch hill back to the village. Walking shoes and weather-appropriate gear required. Booking essential.

25 Sat Birdsong Studio

| 45 Main Street, Dalry, DG7 3UP | 2:00pm- 5:30pm | £5

Please select a ten minute slot when booking.

A unique opportunity! Follow a graphed image of slowed-down birdsong with Peter Threipland and sing along. A kind of karaoke which makes birdsong more accessible to the human ear and timeframe. Your song will be recorded and then sped up to the speed of the bird, and a video clip will be sent to each participant as a permanent record of an amazing experience.

25 Sat Jackdaws and Other Friends - Book Launch

| Dalry Town Hall | 6:30 pm | Free

Launch of "Jackdaws and Other Friends" by Andrew Threipland with illustrations by Donald Watson in Dalry Town Hall. Join us to meet Andrew in a relaxed gathering and celebrate the launch of his new book.

25 Sat The Conference of Birds Concert

| Dalry Town Hall | 7:00pm | £10

Concert performance by The Conference of Birds (Jennifer Raven - flute, Liz Cowdrey - violin, Peter Cowdrey - piano).

Inspired by the magical world of birdsong, the programme will include Johann Schmelzer's Sonata Representativa, a musical menagerie from 1668, exquisite birdsong-inspired baroque works by Vivaldi and Couperin, and compositions and improvisations by The Conference of Birds. The performance will last just over an hour, and there will be no interval.

'The short bird compositions based on actual song were a delight. My friends and I were awed and inspired. Thanks so much for giving us such a wonderful experience. We loved your compositions – and the accompanying birds!'

EVENTS

JUNE

25 Sat SongWave Choir: Songs of the Summer

| Crossmichael Church | 3:00pm | Free



Castle Douglas based choir, SongWave, known throughout the region for their uplifting and entertaining concerts, will be performing in the beautiful surroundings of Crossmichael Church. Kate Howard, the choir's new Musical Director said, "The concert will be based on songs of community, friendship, changing seasons and the many cycles of life. The songs from around the world will include new songs from Karine Polwart; a gentle rendition of 'Turn, Turn, Turn'; traditional Ukrainian folk songs; a Shaker song 'Lay me Low' with new words by John Tams; and 'Walk this World' with music by Chris Wood. There will be songs to lift the spirits and songs to shed a tear to and most of all songs that connect us as a global community.

Join the choir for tea and refreshments after the concert, provided by Crossmichael church.

Thanks to generous funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the concert will be free.

JULY

03 Sun George Murphy Duo

| The Clachan Inn, Dalry | 6:30pm

| Pay what you like, £5 suggested donation

Join George Murphy for an evening of Irish music, stories and banter. George Murphy from Dungiven, County Derry, is a well-established singer, songwriter and storyteller, influenced by both the sean-nos traditions and the evolving irish folk influences all around him. His relaxed singing style tells the stories of the songs and conveys an intrinsic feeling and love for the material, new or old.

His songs' subjects range from the vicissitudes of rural life, the human condition, and the problems of working life and are well-laced with tales from the humorous side of life.

'A fine example of a craftsman at work.'
- Living Tradition





05 Tue

MaMa – by Cosmic Dance

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm
| £10/ £5 under 26/ ages 3 and under go free

Staged with the support of Dumfries & Galloway Arts Live

MaMa, directed and performed by Kirsten Newell and Oxana Banshikova, is a new Bharatanatyam-based dance production on the themes of pregnancy and early motherhood. Combining classical South Asian dance with contemporary choreography, two dancers explore and share their journeys as mothers. The performance is accompanied by originally composed music that weaves together Celtic and Carnatic sounds.

"A compassionate, supportive and inclusive piece" - Pulse Connects

05 Tue

MaMa - Family Workshop

| CatStrand, New Galloway, DG7 3RN | 2:00pm
| £5 - Babies and toddlers go free

A workshop for parents and babies/toddlers (0-5 years). In a space filled with sensory lighting, sounds and textures, Bharatanatyam performers Kirsten and Oxana take little ones and their parents on a journey to discover Indian Classical Dance. Using hand gestures and rhythms, the dancers will provide inspiration for parents in new ways to play with their babies and toddlers. The workshop also provides a safe space for parents to try guided relaxation techniques.

08 Fri

The Unthanks- Sold Out

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm | £18/ £4 under 26

This rescheduled concert has sold out. Please contact CatStrand if you would like to be added to the waiting list.



20 Wed – 23 Sat Reel Roots: Windrush
| CatStrand, New Galloway | £6/ £4 under 26 per film
| Three film ticket £15/ £5 under 26

How lucky we are that steelpans came to Britain's streets. That reggae and punk collided, and dancehall and dub resound. That society, too, has a richer sound, composed of more numerous notes.

Reel Roots: Windrush is a spotlight on Black people of Caribbean heritage who have resided in the UK since Windrush, and on the fruits of their culture in cinema. This touring programme welcomes these communities to see themselves on screen, and others to hear their many stories. This is part of a series exploring Blackness in Britain, curated by The New Black Film Collective with support from Film Hub Scotland.

A short film Arrival Celebrating Windrush (2018) will Play Before each screening. This was commissioned by the Mayor of London, and documents the celebrations of the 70th Anniversary of the Empire Windrush at London City Hall. Featuring Baroness Floella Benjamin and Linton Kwesi Johnson alongside passengers from the Empire Windrush and their relatives.

20 Wed Marley
| 2012 | 15 | 2h 24m | 7:30pm

The definitive documentary about the life, music and legacy of one of the most loved international icons of the 20th Century: Bob Marley. Includes live concert footage.





21 Thu **The Stuart Hall Project**
| 2013 | 12 | 1h 43m | 7:30pm

A bright Rhodes scholar from colonial Jamaica becomes Stuart Hall, a public intellectual. This expansive documentary explores themes of memory, race and identity, woven together by a Miles Davies soundtrack.

23 Sat **Rebel Dread**
| 2020 | 15 | 1h 26m | 7:30pm

A fitting, newly-released documentary about legendary musician, DJ and filmmaker Don Letts and the cross-pollination of reggae and British punk.



EVENTS

JULY

21 Thu

Ken Words: Summer Story Ceilidh

In partnership with Scotland's Year of Stories and in conjunction with 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



Following on from the success of our Spring Story Ceilidh, join local writers for another informal evening of sharing the spoken word in a relaxed setting.

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

The evening is hosted by Jane McBeth (Project Co-ordinator).

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

AUGUST

05 Fri

Summer Ceilidh

A fundraiser for MOOL's refugee settlement support fund

| 7:30pm | Dalry Town Hall



Join us for a for a heady evening of music and dance, celebrating the height of the summer and raising funds for an important cause. Excellent tunes and safe calling hands will be provided courtesy of the Whirligig (Ruth Morris, Gavin Marwick, and Phil Alexander).

Massive Outpouring of Love (MOOL) is a Dumfries-based humanitarian movement dedicated to helping people in need. Proceeds will be donated to MOOL's D&G refugee settlement fund. There often seems like there is little we can do when looking at the Ukrainian crisis and world events, but we hope this will provide a warm welcome to new neighbours and ensure people are able to get the essentials when they arrive.





Dogstar Theatre: Arctic Winds Part 1
Theatre Screening

11 Thu | **Nightlands**
| written & directed by Jack MacGregor | 7:30pm | £5
| CatStrand, New Galloway

18 Thu | **The Fallen Angels Of The Moine**
| by George Gunn, directed by Matthew Zajac | 7:30pm
| CatStrand, New Galloway

Arctic Winds Part 1 encompasses two vital new plays from the Highlands, filmed in February and March this year by the outstanding filmmaker Brian Ross (Circling A Fox, No One But Me, Shetland Lone Star).

Nightlands is the debut play by Jack MacGregor, an exciting new theatre maker from Inverness. Winter 1999. 2 caretakers debate Russia's past and future in the abandoned ex-Soviet mining settlement of Pyramiden on the eve of Putin's accession to the Russian presidency.

The Fallen Angels of the Moine is by the Highlands' most experienced and prolific playwright, George Gunn. Inspired by the proposed space port for the Moine peninsula, encroaching on Europe's biggest blanket bog on Scotland's north coast, Gunn has written an epic tragicomedy full of poetry, science, politics and humour.

CAST
NIGHTLANDS
Rebecca Wilkie & Matthew Zajac

THE FALLEN ANGELS OF THE MOINE
Rebecca Wilkie, Matthew Zajac & Tara McGirr

CREATIVE TEAM
Set & Costume Ali Maclaurin

Lighting Grant Anderson

Music & Sound Brian McAlpine & Jonny Hardie

27 Sat

Ken Bridge Bicentenary: Crossing the Water

| Ken Bridge Hotel moving to New Galloway Town Hall
| 1.00pm - 7.00pm | Free

A parade of stories music and characters over the Ken Bridge. Join us for a family friendly celebration of 200 years of connecting the Glenkens.

The Bridge of Leaps took you over a deep gorge, where wild creatures dwelt in the waters below, to the Shadowy Isle where the greatest warrior lived. Her name was Scathach. There was no bridge for the young mother of New Galloway, and as for the Pipers of Strathspey, they have been piping at a party for 100 years.... With music and puppets, come and help us "play" with these stories and take them for a walk!

1-4pm: Drop-in family activities in the Ken Bridge Hotel

4-5:30pm: Story-telling parade to New Galloway

5:30-7:00pm: Tea, cakes and a silent disco at New Galloway Town Hall.





28 Sun

Tom Bancroft's In Common

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm | £16 / £6 under 26
| Part of Scotland On Tour

The 'In Common' ensemble brings together a unique fusion of styles and influences stripped to their core elements and combined to make something individual and personal. In Common's debut album 'Love & Stillness' brought together jazz, Indian classical music, Scottish traditional music and electronica, capturing the essence of each style through showcasing the skills of a highly accomplished group of musicians, each of whom understands their respective disciplines to the highest degree.

Strip away the surface features and you'll see that jazz, electronica, Scottish traditional music and Indian classical music all share:

Drone

Groove & rhythm

Collective and individual improvisation

Melodies and scales/raags

Vocal rhythmic patterns

This brand-new project led by Tom Bancroft starts with the bodhran, the tabla and a drone. It then adds Indian Classical Violin and improvising jazz guitar, and continues adding layers and voices from different traditions in a creative new project that focuses on the common ground between Scottish music, jazz, Indian music and electronica.

Sharat Chandra Srivastava (violin), Gyan Singh (tabla), Tom Bancroft (bodhran & drums), Graeme Stephen (guitar & loops), Sophie Bancroft (voice), Gina Rae (voice).



03 Sat — The Glenkens Story - The Early Peoples of Galloway

| CatStrand, New Galloway, DG7 3RN | 10.00am – 5.00pm
| Tickets for the full day including lunch & coffee £30 (Students £20)



The Early Peoples of Galloway is a one-day conference studying the peoples who inhabited what is now Greater Galloway during the ten thousand years between the retreat of the glaciers and the year 1000 AD. Experts from a variety of fields will explore the story of these immigrants, their identities, cultures and languages and their impacts and legacies over successive centuries.

PROGRAMME

Changing Landscapes and Environments in Galloway
Richard Tipping: Recently retired from the University of Stirling; environmental scientist, palaeo-ecologist and geo-archaeologist involved in exploring the evolution of Scotland's landscapes.

The archaeology of Mesolithic Galloway
Aurimė Bočkutė: PhD candidate in Archaeology, University of Glasgow

The Romans and their legacy
Andrew Nicholson: Regional Archaeologist, Dumfries and Galloway Council

Anglo-Saxons and the Old English language in early medieval Galloway
Dr David Parsons: Reader at the Centre for Welsh and Celtic Studies in Aberystwyth, and Director of the Survey of English Place-Names.

Early Medieval Britons
Dr Ronan Toolis: GUARD Archaeology Ltd

Late antique Scotland: The earliest Christians in Galloway
Dr Adrián Maldonado: Glenmorangie Research Fellow, National Museums Scotland

Landscapes of the Galloway Hoard
Orla Craig: Graduate Student, University of Glasgow

The World of the Galloway Hoard: The Northern Irish Sea in the Viking Age
Alex Woolf: St Andrews University

Some of the titles and descriptions are provisional. The organisers reserve the right to amend the programme.

07 Wed Slanjayvah Danza : 6 Feet, 3 Shoes

| Dalry Town Hall | 7:30pm | £10 / £4 under 26



A celebration of friendship across borders, told through feisty percussive flamenco, Scottish and contemporary dance, with three dancers, exhilarating live fiddle and guitar.

Dance, storytelling, humour, traditional foot stomping rhythms, tender moments and a good old giggle combine to tell a story that resonates across generations and cultures. Integrating traditional Scottish dance and music with Spanish traditional arts and contemporary dance, "6 Feet, 3 Shoes" is a heart-warming show by choreographer and dancer Jen Wren that will entrance audiences of all ages.

10 Sat Smith & McClennan

| CatStrand | 7:30pm | £15/£5 Under 26



Dumfries and Galloway-born Emily Smith and New Zealander Jamie McClennan bring their album 'Small Town Stories' to Catstrand. Together their vocal harmonies intertwine with an easy, natural grace, testament to a musical relationship which has grown almost telepathically during 20 years of singing and performing together. With sublime double vocals, guitars, accordion and viola, their original material draws influences from folk, Americana and beyond. Performed with heart and consummate craft, the result is an intimate, accessible and ultimately uplifting performance.

Smith's accolades include BBC Radio Scotland's Young Traditional Musician of the year, two BBC Radio 2 folk awards nominations and twice winner of Scots Singer of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards. Together, Smith & McClennan have toured extensively throughout Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Russia and North America. Alongside their solo careers, they have performed with many musical greats including Richard Thompson, Barbara Dickson, Jerry Douglas and Mary Chapin Carpenter. TV and radio appearances include Transatlantic Sessions, BBC Songs of Praise, BBC Radio 2's Good Morning Sunday and Bob Harris Show.

"One of Scotland's most distinctive voices....simply entrancing" - R2 ★★★★★

"Stunning...virtually every number was a highlight" - The Scotsman ★★★★

"An incredibly gifted lyricist" - Entertainment Focus

"The Best of Scottish and American roots music" - The Sunday Post

16 Fri — Four Hands One Piano: The Lisney Briggs Duo

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm | £15/£5 under 26



'...an extremely charismatic duo'

'Throughout their entire programme there was near perfection in all aspects of their art.'

'Wonderful music making and an extremely informative and amusing presentational style'



Two highly regarded British pianists and chamber musicians combine their skills in this exciting piano duo combination.

James Lisney enjoys a rich musical life, moving seamlessly from concerto and recital soloist to chamber musician, song accompanist and pianist director. Initiatives such as his Schubertreise series, his extensive Beethoven Project and the recording company Woodhouse Editions provide a platform for his wide-ranging musical sympathies. Highlights of recent seasons include Schubert cycles at the Leipzig Gewandhaus and in Mumbai. This autumn he will be touring Beethoven's 'Diabelli' Variations in France, the Netherlands, Bristol and the Prague Rudolfinum.

Former International Mozart Competition winner, Sarah Beth Briggs, 'an artist of extraordinary magnetism' Daily Telegraph, has performed with many of the UK's finest orchestras and at its most prestigious venues, and given concerts in Europe and the USA. Her recordings have won Gramophone Editor's and Critic's Choice Awards. An active chamber musician alongside her solo career, Sarah has recently enjoyed collaborations with the Emperor and Carducci Quartets as well as performances with her Briggs Piano Trio and violinist David Juritz.

PROGRAMME

Hans Gál Three Marionettes, op 74

Mozart Sonata in C, K521

Schubert A major Rondo, D951

INTERVAL

Fauré Dolly Suite, op 56

Dvorak Slavonic Dance op 72/2 in E minor

Debussy Petite Suite

Mozart Andante and Variations in G major, K501

22 Thu

Pictish Trail

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm | £15/ £5 under 26
| Part of Scotland on Tour | Please note that this is a standing gig

CatStrand welcomes Pictish Trail, the Hebridean psychedelic singer-songwriter, accompanied by his full band.

A strange, unpredictable, sardonic and yet deeply personal record, 'Island Family' is the fifth album from Isle of Eigg-dwelling electro-acoustic psych-pop wonder Pictish Trail, AKA Johnny Lynch. It offers his contrarian view of arcadia; a search for the euphoric in the bucolic, bound up in sometimes conflicting ideas and feelings around nature and environment, sincerity and artifice, escapism and belonging. It's an album about how no man can remain an island, however hard he might try.



Photo credit: Murdo MacLeod

"The psychedelic sound of the Inner Hebrides...absolutely love it!" - Lauren Laverne, BBC Radio 6Music

"Island Family is wild, rangy and dramatic, as befits its staggering landscapes and characters through Eigg's darker history" - The Observer

"Endlessly inventive" - Uncut ★★★★

Pictish Trail has toured the world both as a headliner in his own right, and as support for artists such as Belle & Sebastian, Sea Power, Slow Club and KT Tunstall. He has performed at festivals including Glastonbury, Field Day, Bestival, Deer Shed, Celtic Connections, the Edinburgh Fringe and for an extraordinary and surely record-breaking 19 consecutive years* (*if you count a remote livestreamed show in 2020) – Green Man in Wales, Pictish Trail's psychedelic-bucolic spiritual home-from-home.

Glenkens Folk Weekend & Ken Bridge Bicentenary Celebrations

23 Fri — Steve Turner

| The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | 7:30pm | £8/ £4 under 26



Steve Turner is known as a pioneer of highly sophisticated English concertina song accompaniments, stretching the boundaries of traditional forms, with one of the best voices in the business. He is a multi-instrumentalist, who also accompanies himself on the cittern, mandolin and banjo.

Steve began his career on the Manchester folk scene at the end of the '60s, with the Geordie band "Canny Fettle".

He made a welcome return to the folk scene in 2004, touring Australia, New Zealand, USA, Germany and Holland as well as the UK folk clubs and festivals. In 2008 he produced his 5th album, the highly acclaimed "Whirligig of Time" which featured UK luminaries Martin Carthy, Nancy Kerr and Miranda Sykes.

Since then he has released further albums, "Rim of the Wheel" and "Spirit of the Game", and his latest much anticipated 8th album "Late Cut", featuring Eliza Carthy, Martin Simpson and Sam Carter, was released in January 2019.

24 Sat — Steve Turner: Song Accompaniment Workshop

| The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | 11:00am | £6/ £4 under 26

Steve's workshop is a popular feature at many festivals and events worldwide and covers all systems of concertina (Steve plays the English system), plus most instruments used for accompanying such as guitars, melodeons ect.

Bring your own instrument along. This workshop is suitable for all levels and instrument types.

Glenkens Folk Weekend & Ken Bridge Bicentenary Celebrations

23 Fri

Ken Words: Autumn Story Ceilidh

in partnership with Scotland's Year of Stories and conjunction with 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



On the eve of a weekend of 'Ken Bridge 200' celebrations, join local writers at the Hotel 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 (Project Co-ordinator).

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

24 Sat

The Glenkens Story presents: Crossing the Ken: bridges, fords and ferries

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 2pm-6pm | £12/ £4 under 26



The River Ken is a defining feature of the Glenkens. It is also a dividing feature. For centuries local people - and travellers from afar - have looked for ways to make the crossing, culminating in Rennie's 5-arched bridge whose bicentenary is celebrated this year. The Glenkens Story presents an afternoon of talks on the crossings of the Ken, the people who created and used them and the stories they told.

Includes interval refreshments.

Look out for:

Ken Words: September Poetry Walk

Date and venue to be confirmed – more details available in the next brochure

Exhibition: CatStrand Gallery, Oct 3 – 29

Artists Talk and Poetry Reading: CatStrand, Wed 5 Oct, 7pm

Glenkens Folk Weekend & Ken Bridge Bicentenary Celebrations

24 Sat — Uilleann Duo "Underarmed" - Album Launch

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 7:30pm | £12/ £4 under 26



Wattie Lees and Ollie Rigg bridge a generation and broaden the piping tradition in Scotland. Hailing from Stranraer and Moniaive respectively, their roots go back to the early nineties, when Ollie's mother took her two boys to live with Wattie on Islay. Although the new family didn't last, the kinship between Wattie and Ollie remained strong, with much common ground in traditional music. Wattie provided support for Ollie's first set of 'cauld wind' border pipes and later his first full-set of uilleann pipes, made by Dave Williams in 1984.

Their debut 'Underarmed' album demonstrates their rich sound and exciting taste in traditional and contemporary folk tunes. The duo will be joined by a stellar fiddler, Amanda Lewis, and superb guitarist, Michael Muir, to add further texture and cheer into their playing. Tom Smith will also be guesting on Mandola and vocals.

"These guys expertly balance driving reels with cheery hornpipes; rolling jigs with heartfelt slow-airs and songs.

25 Sun — Firelight Trio

| CatStrand, New Galloway | 2:00pm



Were there ever three musicians better placed to perform the full broad and colourful sweep of European Folk Music?

We don't think so!

Because it's something that appeals in the same way to each of them, Firelight Trio are able to stoke the inner glow as they lead us on an exhilarating jaunt from Scotland's glens and isles through France's majestic countryside to glorious Balkan hillsides and Scandinavian landscapes, all topped off with a tasty garnish of irresistible kletzmer.

If multi-instrumentalist Ruth Morris isn't on playing duties with various different outfits, it's likely you'll find her lingering in the wings as musician for a big TV drama production. Gavin Marwick is as busy as any musician could ever hope to be, appearing with many different bands over the years, including Iron Horse, Cantrip, Up In The Air and Ceilidh Minogue. Phil Alexander studied at Goldsmiths College with John Tilbury, and has a PhD in Ethnomusicology. Besides leading Scotland's top world-folk outfit Moishe's Bagel, he has collaborated with jazz tango trio Tangalgo, McFall's Chamber, harpist Catriona McKay and many more,

It's breathtaking stuff performed with masterclass panache and smile-inducing, very natural polish. They light up the room; you'll see everyone smiling at the same time.

EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Glenkens Folk Weekend & Ken Bridge Bicentenary Celebrations

25 Sun — **Under The Bridge**
A Ken Bridge Celebration
| From 4:30pm | Free

Put the date in your diary! This will be the culmination of the Bicentenary year's celebrations, held in the grounds of the Ken Bridge Hotel. Shaping up to be a spectacular event featuring music, food, the premiere of a specially commissioned video, and some surprises to be announced!

Tickets now on sale for

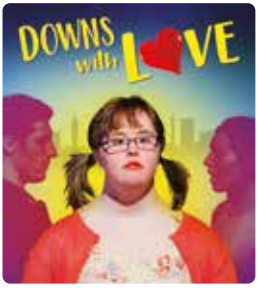
OCTOBER

07 Fri — **Tommy Smith**
| Crossmichael Church



Tommy Smith is one of the world's leading saxophonists and his solo saxophone concerts feature entirely acoustic performances of spontaneously chosen melodies drawn from the jazz, folk, classical and praise song traditions.

26 Wed — **Cutting Edge Theatre: Downs With Love**
| CatStrand, New Galloway



Down With Love tells the story of Beth, a young woman who has Downs Syndrome. She is helped by a new support worker, Tracy. Beth falls for a local pub singer, Mark, but the problem is – Mark falls for Tracy – who loves both of them.

NOVEMBER

06 Sun — **High Tea Tunes special: Esther Swift**
| CatStrand, Castle Douglas, DG7 3RN



Esther Swift explores ritual, connection, isolation, and the natural world in her performance with pedal harp and voice. A prolific, boldly innovative harpist, composer and singer, Esther works across genres as diverse as classical chamber music and free improvisation, and writes for ensembles large and small.

EVENTS

Tickets now on sale for

NOVEMBER

10 Thu Kris Drever
| CatStrand, New Galloway



Drever's voice and guitar form a part of the backbone of today's contemporary roots and folk scene. Hugely admired as a solo artist, collaborator, a phenomenal and prolific artist.

"The folk revival has a new standard bearer" - Q

25 Fri Fraser Fifield and Graeme Stephen
| CatStrand, New Galloway



Well known in folk and jazz circles in their native Scotland as musicians with a unique sound and approach. A unique mix of tradition and improvisation with live electronics and instrumental virtuosity.

DECEMBER

11 Sun The Furrow Collective - We Know By The Moon
| CatStrand, New Galloway, DG7 3RN



The Furrow Collective is an English/Scottish band consisting of four talented and individually prominent performers: Lucy Farrell (viola, voice & saw), Rachel Newton (harp, fiddle, voice), Emily Portman (banjo, concertina, voice) and Alasdair Roberts (guitars, voice). As the bleak winter nights draw in, The Furrow Collective have chosen a special festive programme to celebrate the dark time of year.

EXHIBITIONS

June 25 - July 22

Ken Words: Over holm and hill—a year poetry-walking a birdscape

| The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | Fridays and Saturdays 12:00–4:00pm



The creative culmination of a seasonal cycle of poetry walks on the 'Watson Bird Walk' around Dalry, led by Chris Rollie and Jane McBeth.

The four walks, and accompanying writing workshops in Dalry Town Hall, prompted some remarkable poetic responses. These writings, displayed alongside images from the route, offer inspiration to open our eyes, ears and hearts to the landscape of the Glenkens, and pay closer attention to the winged lives that touch our own.

Fri June 24

Exhibition Launch: Artists Talk and Poetry Reading

| The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | 7:00pm



Join Ken Words and Chris Rollie for a short talk about what it can be to walk the same path in different seasons, followed by a reading of contributors' poetic responses.

The evening also affords the opportunity to view artwork by Donald Watson, of which a new range of cards and posters will be available for sale.

A relaxed event with free refreshments.

Continues till July 2

Catherine Corfield



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. 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.'

EXHIBITIONS

4 July - 13 August

Finnish Ryijy
Annikki Lindsay Art and Design BA



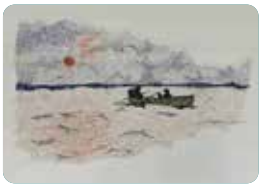
Annikki Lindsay, like her mother before her, has been weaving ryijy since childhood using a Finnish floor loom.

Ryijy is traditional woven textile which although originally used as quilts, by the 1700s they were primarily used as ornate wall hangings. This exhibition will show examples of how Annikki's work blends traditional Finnish techniques with modern design. Each piece is handmade and unique, representing many hours of work. Some pieces are made like ryijy was in in past, some expose the weft.

The exhibition will show examples of Annikki's current work and traditional Finnish design. A fascinating exhibition and an antidote to the mass production of modern times.

15 August - 27 August

Class Exhibition
National Progression Award in Art and Design



An exhibition to celebrate the artistic endeavours of a small group of creatives who took on the challenge of exploring what Art can be! The class undertook their National Progression Award in Art and Design at The Smiddy in May and June, delivered by Diana Hamilton, Creative Industries Lecturer from Dumfries and Galloway College. We were delighted to partner with the College to offer this opportunity in the Glenkens. The group explored what made modern art so different and took inspiration from various artists and makers to create Mixed Media, Printmaking and Illustration pieces.

4-28 August
10:00am-2:00pm | Balmaclellan Village Hall | Light refreshments available at weekends

29 August- 1 Oct

Kenbridge 200 Exhibition
by the CatStrand Photography Group and friends
In conjunction with the Bicentenary Celebrations of the Ken Bridge

Returned by popular demand. 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 features new photography using the Kenbridge as a subject, alongside a delve into the historical archive, old photographs, newspaper articles and maps.

CatStrand Young Creatives

Youth Beatz Excursion

- Saturday 25th June • 11am – 6.30pm
- Suitable for young people aged 12 and over
- FREE, plus free entry ticket required by separate booking

An accompanied trip to the Youth Beatz festival. The group will be transported to and from the festival and accompanied throughout the day. Participants can be picked up from the CatStrand at 9am and will travel via Galloway Community Transport minibus.

Food will be available to purchase at the food village. All parents must book their children's own festival tickets and fill in a consent medical form so will be contacted after booking. Booking is essential as places limited to 7.

'Sunshine, Sand & Swimming - Dance the Beach Life'

- Monday 11th July 110am – 2pm
- CatStrand, New Galloway
- Suitable for children aged 3 – 7 years • £4 per person

Join dance artist, Sara Lockwood for a seaside inspired creative movement story and dance, sing and make. Children aged 3 – 4 years of age are welcome to come along with a participating parent.

Children should bring a packed lunch for a picnic.





A Taste of Music

- Saturday 23rd, 30th July, 6th, 13th & 20th Aug
- 10am – 11am • CatStrand, New Galloway
- Suitable for children aged 8 and over • £2 per person



Want to explore music but don't want to sign your child up to expensive sessions just for them to say they don't like it? Well we have you covered! We are offering taster sessions to come and try some musical instruments.

These sessions will give your child a chance to try out several types of instruments over a 5-week session; these will include percussion, guitar, keyboard, piano and harmonica, to name a few. The sessions will also include a rhythm exercise to help build on the basics of playing.

These sessions have been popular in the past, so booking is essential.

DG Dance week

- 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd July • 10.30am – 3.30pm
- CatStrand, New Galloway
- Suitable for young people aged 11 and over
- Free of charge

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 - 25 years, whether you have taken dance classes before or are self-taught. Together we will develop contemporary dance skills and create opportunities to perform – from screen dance to pop up dances! No experience necessary.



Edinburgh Fringe Day Excursion

- Thursday 11th August • 8am – 8pm
- Suitable for young people aged 12 and over
- £10 per person

CatStrand, DG ArtsFest and Wigtown Book festival have joined forces to offer an exciting excursion to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Fringe goers should meet at the CatStrand at 8am to travel to Edinburgh to enjoy some street theatre and some pre booked events at this fantastic event.

Limited to 9 participants due to space on the bus and will be first come, first served.



Stomping Ground Creative | Music in Film Workshop

- Mondays 11th July, 18th July, 1st August • 5.30 - 7.30pm
- CatStrand, New Galloway
- Suitable for young people aged 12 – 16
- £3 per person per week

Do you love music? Do you love film?

Join Stomping Ground Creative in this 3-week workshop to create a short film with an original soundtrack.

The workshops will include creating storyboards and capturing footage for film as well as an introduction to digital audio workstations (DAW), exploring other equipment needed and learning how to utilise the DAW when working on film projects.

Together, the group will put together a soundtrack for their films using a mix of virtual and real instruments.



Circa16 Sound Recording Workshop

- Wednesday 3rd August • 10am– 2pm
- Circa16, Dumfries
- Suitable for young people aged 11 and over
- £10 per person



Join Dave Millar at Circa 16 Studio for a hands-on workshop learning how to layer and mix a piece of music. No previous experience is necessary.

Limited to 4 participants and will be a first come first served basis. Return transport will be provided from the CatStrand to Circa16 studio.

Eco Art Forest School

- 8th August • 10am– 12pm
- CatStrand, New Galloway
- Suitable for children under 11 years • £2 per person

Join Kay from Irose Studio where children will gather materials from outdoors around New Galloway and learn 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 resources. Wear outdoor clothes!



Eco Art Forest School

- 9th August • 10am – 2pm • CatStrand, New Galloway
- Suitable for young people aged 11 and over
- £4 per young person



Ever look at the natural world around you and think I could make art out of that? In these hands-on sessions, we will explore how the art supplies we use impact the environment and how we could make the swap to natural art supplies found in nature and still get the great results. We will learn how to make charcoal sticks for drawing, carve fountain pens from sticks and make paint from rocks and berries. We will forage around New Galloway in the morning, then head over to the CatStrand in the afternoon to make some art!

Creative Entrepreneurs Workshop (2 days)

- Saturday 13th & 14th August • 10am – 4pm
- The Smiddy, Balmaclellan
- Suitable for young people aged 16 – 25 years
- FREE

Are you an artist or illustrator thinking of selling your work, or would you love to pass on your creative skill to others and dream of running your own creative arts activity business?

Creative Entrepreneurs Workshop is a practical workshop developed and delivered by Artist and Creative Business Owner Catherine Corfield and supported by Young Enterprise Scotland. The workshop is designed for creative young people, and focuses on planning, building and launching a new creative business in a hands-on practical 2-day workshop. At the end of the course participants will work on a funding application to apply for start-up costs.

Just bring your work or ideas and come along!

Please email Cat on catherine@catstrand.com to apply for the course.



Drama Rama Workshop

- Wednesday 13th July • 11am – 12pm
- CatStrand, New Galloway
- Suitable for children aged 6 – 9 • £2 per person



Join Cat on a fun creative adventure to a magical land exploring through role play, drama, movement and storytelling. From adventures in the jungles, to chasing dragons and flying with fairies, the workshop will promote imagination and speaking skills in a fun way, helping to bring out the inner performer within your child whilst promoting confidence and making new friends!

Play in a Day | Drama Workshop



- Wednesday 13th July • 12pm – 4pm
- CatStrand, New Galloway
- Suitable for young people aged 10 and over
- £2 per person

Participants will start the session learning different drama techniques and exercises, then work to create characters, devise a script and make a piece of costume or prop before weaving it all together in a performance at the end of the day to a select audience.

Collagraph Printmaking Masterclass

- Tuesday 19th July • 10am – 2pm • Smiddy, Balmaclellan
- Suitable for young people aged 10 – 16
- £4 per young person

A masterclass in printmaking. Young people aged 10 – 16 years can develop their artistic skills, with detailed technical instruction in printmaking techniques including collagraph, lino printing and mono printing. You just need to bring along an idea or a theme and you can explore it in these fun, educational sessions alongside other young people.



There are lots of techniques to try and opportunities to try out your own ideas too! All materials are included.

Canvas, Beginners Art Workshop

- Tuesday 19th July • 2.30pm – 5pm
- The Smiddy, Balmaclellan
- Suitable for young people aged 13 and over
- £4 per person

Join professional artist Catherine Corfield in a relaxed afternoon of acrylic canvas painting and master this versatile medium in an afternoon of painting. Participants can bring their own image or chose from the images provided and will be guided through from start to finish.



'Up My Street' Art Workshop

- Friday 22nd July • 10am– 12pm
- The Smiddy, Balmaclellan
- Suitable for young people aged 10 and over
- £2 per child

Join Cat in a street art inspired workshop! Participants will make their own stencils, try some spray painting and design their own name 'tag' to paint onto a vinyl.

REGULAR WORKSHOPS

Scriptless Drama Club

- Tuesdays Weekly • 5.30 – 6.30pm
- CatStrand, New Galloway • Term time only
- Suitable for young people aged 10 and over • FREE

'Scriptless Drama Club' is an improvisation drama club for young people, aged 10 - 16 years.

Relaxed and fun drama sessions involving games, improvisation exercises, scenes and group activities. There will be optional opportunities to perform.

No experience necessary!





Margaret Morris Movement

Health Play

- Mondays (during term time) • 3.45-4.30pm
- CatStrand, New Galloway • Term-time only
- Suitable for children aged 3 – 7 • FREE

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.

Children's Grades and Youth Dance

- Mondays (during term time) • 4.30-5.30pm
- CatStrand, New Galloway • Term-time only
- FREE • Suitable for young people aged 8-15 years

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

Chance to Dance

- Thursdays 2ndJune, 16th June, 25th August • 6pm – 8pm
- FREE • Suitable for young people aged 12 and over

'Dance Space' is a pilot requested by some of our 'dance crazy' youth volunteers who have helped to plan this project. 'Dance Space' provides teenagers the creative space to freely dance, rehearse, choreograph their own dances and have fun with likeminded friends. Booking essential as limited places!



Art Explorers

- 18th June, 2nd July, 27th August • 10am – 11am
- CatStrand, New Galloway
- Suitable for children aged 5 – 8 • £2 per person



A fun, hands-on art club for children, exploring a range of activities, including sculpture, collage, painting, mixed media and more.

Parents can stay for the session or enjoy a child free hour whilst the kids get creative! Younger siblings are welcome to come along with accompanying parent. Booking essential

Saturday Art Club

- 18th June, 2nd July, 27th August
- 11.15am – 12.30pm • CatStrand, New Galloway
- Suitable for young people aged 8 – 12 • £2 per person

Saturday Art Club is a bi-weekly art club run by artist Catherine Corfield. The focus will be on drawing and painting skills, but participants will have the opportunity to try out other mediums and activities, which will be largely youth led.

Parents can enjoy a child free hour for this session. Booking essential.





Youth Volunteers Meet Up

- Mondays 27th June, 25th July, 29th August
- 5.30 – 7.30pm • CatStrand, New Galloway
- Suitable for young people aged 11 – 16 • FREE



Be part of the heart of the Youth Arts programme at the CatStrand!

Gain creative skills and experience, help to program Youth Arts activities and events, and achieve a Saltire Award for volunteering. All youth volunteers will get free membership to the Youth Volunteers Film Club.

If you are unable to attend a YV meet up, but would like to be involved, please email Cat with your contact details so you can be included in 'digital communications'.

Please contact Cat on catherine@catstrand.com for more information about any Young Creatives events. Or find us online www.csyoungcreatives.com Facebook @csyoungcreatives Instagram @csyoungcreatives. Booking available through www.gcat.scot. 01644 420 374. Thanks as ever to the Holywood Trust for their ongoing support of our Young Creatives programme.

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SKILL SHARING & LIFELONG LEARNING

Digital Art Class

| The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | Tuesday, May 24th for 8 weeks
| 2 – 4 pm | FREE

Art without the mess returns!! Explore the world of digital art under the guidance of Jackie and Allan from the IT Centre. Using iPads (provided), you'll be shown how to use intuitive technology to create your very own masterpieces. No prior experience required and all equipment and materials are included. Limited Spaces so booking required. Please contact jo@catstrand.com

Terremoto Samba Drumming

| The Smiddy, Balmaclellan
| Wednesday evenings, 7.00 – 8.30pm for 6 weeks starting 8th June

Afro-Brazilian samba rhythms played on surdo/bass drums, side/snare drums and other percussion instruments such as bells, tamborims and shakers. These are syncopated rhythms, which often have call and response phrases. This is loud and lively drumming, great fun and full of energy. Bring ear protection if you have them.

Spaces are limited so please book your place by contacting Jo at jo@catstrand.com

Thanks to People's Postcode Lottery these classes are free!

We are excited to be welcoming our two new Connecting in Communities team members in June. Joining Fiona Limbrey will be: Lisa Ridley, CiC Project Leader. She's looking forward to working with local organisations across the Glenkens to see what the next steps for Community Development in the area are, and how we can move the Community Action Plan forwards. Also Jo Jackson, CiC Activity Officer. She's looking forward to rejuvenating the activity programme for the rest of 2022 and to making sure as many people as possible can access it. Welcome Lisa and Jo, and thank you Fiona for keeping the show running since January!

REGULAR GROUPS
SKILL SHARING & LIFELONG LEARNING

Write On: Writing Group

| Various dates & timings

WriteOn is a writing group with around 25 members, which is convened by author Margaret Elphinstone (www.margaretelphinstone.co.uk). Anyone who lives locally or who has some Galloway connection is eligible to join. No previous writing experience is necessary.

The group has a private web platform where all contributions and comments are posted. We moved online when the Glenkens Writers could no longer meet under lockdown and embarked on a group diary recording the first months of lockdown. Our core activities remain online, but quarterly live workshops have resumed at CatStrand. We write in different genres, and encourage each other to experiment.

WriteOn has a blog writeongalloway.wordpress.com where you can see selections from our work.

Our members pay a subscription of £5 a month payable in six month blocks. If you're interested in joining please contact Margaret at writeongalloway@gmail.com. There are currently limited spaces available.

Photography Group

| Tuesdays | 11am (2hrs) | 2nd and 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! For more information please contact Ian on info@catstrand.com

Men's Shed

| Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30am– 12.30pm | Woodcarving Wed 2 – 4pm

The Glenkens Men's Shed is located behind the Smiddy in Balmaclellan. The 'Shed' offers a wide array of opportunities to meet, socialize, 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 per 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.For more information please contact Chris at mensshed@btinternet.com.

LOCAL SERVICES

Galloway Community Transport

Services, June 2022 - August 2022

Glenkens to Newton Stewart Return Service

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

FORTNIGHTLY 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 07704 662925 or 07841 512449.

EXCURSIONS

Galloway Community Transport

18 JUNE 2022 - SATURDAY

The Machars Gardens

- A leisurely drive to Wigtownshire and visits to two private gardens full of interest and colour. Lunch at the Isle of Whithorn.
- Woodfall Garden, Glasserton
- A lovely 3-acre 18th century walled garden. Meet the owners and discover its history
- Plants for sale. Wheelchair accessible • Admission £5
- Plus, one other garden in the Machars - to be announced • Fare £7.00

PICKUPS:

0900	Dalry (Underhill Bus Stop)
0910	New Galloway (CatStrand)
0935	Castle Douglas (Market Hill Car Park)
0950	Kirkcudbright (Harbour Square Bus Stop)
1005	Gatehouse (Spar Shop Bus Stop)

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GCT BIKE CLUB IS NOW UP AND RUNNING.

If you are interested in the GCT Ebike Club please see the Ebike Club page (www.gallowaycommunitytransport.org/gct-ebike-club), phone 07704 662925, or email jon@catstrand.com



EXCURSIONS

23 JULY 2022 - SATURDAY

The Lakeland Garden

- Holehird Garden (The Lakeland Horticultural Society)
- To Pooley Bridge, a leisurely scenic drive beside Lake Ulleswater and over Kirkstone Pass with a lunchtime stop in Bowness-on-Windermere.
- This hillside 20-acre garden overlooks Lake Windermere and is maintained to a very high standard. Famous for its trial gardens, national collections, and wide range of plants.
- Plants for sale. Partially wheelchair accessible. • Admission £5 • Fare £12

PICKUPS:

0830	Dalry (Underhill Bus Stop)
0840	New Galloway (CatStrand)
0905	Kirkcudbright (Harbour Square Bus Stop)
0925	Castle Douglas (Market Hill Car Park)
0945	Dalbeattie (Craignair St Bus Stop)
1000	Dumfries (Wickes Car Park)

24 AUGUST 2022 - WEDNESDAY

The Borders Garden

- Portmore Garden, Eddleston, Scottish Borders
- A drive to Moffat for a coffee break, then through Upper Tweeddale to Peebles for a leisurely lunchtime stop with time to explore.
- Portmore is a 1.5 acre walled garden designed with taste and flair. Glasshouses full of tender plants,Italianate grotto, rose beds, borders and water garden.
- Plants for sale. Refreshments available. Partially wheelchair accessible.
- Admission £6 • Fare £10

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0935	Kirkcudbright (Harbour Square Bus Stop)
0955	Castle Douglas (Market Hill Car Park)
1015	Dalbeattie (Craignair St Bus Stop)
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