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WELCOME

It seems like summer was over in the blink of an eye and Christmas is now just around the corner. But what a summer! Particular highlights were the bicentenary celebrations of the Ken Bridge & the Ken Words exhibition. With more and more sell-out shows, I'm optimistic that the worst effects of covid are behind us. Do book promptly, and I recommend signing up to our monthly e-newsletter through me or engaging with our social media @Catstrand to make sure you're first to know.

Upcoming highlights include a new LGBTQ+ film series, a 'Reel Roots' Black History film series (both curated by our intern Phoebe Watt) and the welcome return of the CatStrand Open Mic & Clachan Folk Sessions.

There's also a big seasonal offering including The Furrow Collectives' 'We Know By The Moon', Song Wave Choir's 'Songs of Midwinter', Whirligig's 'Midwinter Ceilidh', The Ravens Nest winter reading series, and of course the CatStrand Youth Players Panto 'Sinbad Sails Again'.

Look forward to seeing you at the CatStrand!

Peter Renwick
Arts, Culture & Heritage Manager

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Refuge / Asylum Seeker Tickets. To offer our new neighbours a warm welcome - if you're settling in the region, your first two shows are free of charge. Bookable at CatStrand box office.

Box Office & Bookings

For booking enquiries / to book
01644 420 374 or www.gcat.scot
The Box office is open 11am-4pm daily

CatStrand Café & Shop

Open 11-4pm daily
Seating indoors and outdoors
Lunches, coffee & cake, licensed bar

CatStrand and The Smiddy are fully accessible. Accessible toilets available in both buildings. Disabled parking available on site.

General parking available in public car parks in New Galloway and on street in Balmaclellan.

Hearing loop available for events at CatStrand.

Free electric vehicle charging facilities are available at the Smiddy.

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ARTS AND EVENTS PROGRAMME

Sun 06
2:00pm

High Tea Tunes special : Esther Swift

MUSIC | CatStrand | £12 adult, £4 U26s

High Tea Tunes is a series of short concerts by well-known local artists followed by tea and scones.

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.

Esther has recently been commissioned by Celtic Connections, Chamber Music Scotland, Manchester Jazz festival and The Edwin Morgan trust and performed Internationally with her band Emergence Ensemble.



Tue 08
7 - 9pm

Devising Physical Theatre by Jordan & Skinner

THEATRE WORKSHOP | CatStrand | £5 adult, £2.50

Come along to this fun and inspiring workshop to learn how to use improvising and performing skills to create original theatre. Melanie Jordan of award-winning theatre company Jordan & Skinner will lead you through an accessible introduction to their process of exploring themes, developing characters and shaping these into stories for the stage.

Jordan & Skinner are a feminist theatre company creating vivid physical and visual theatre about the things we care about. This workshop is open to all, **recommended minimum age 12.**





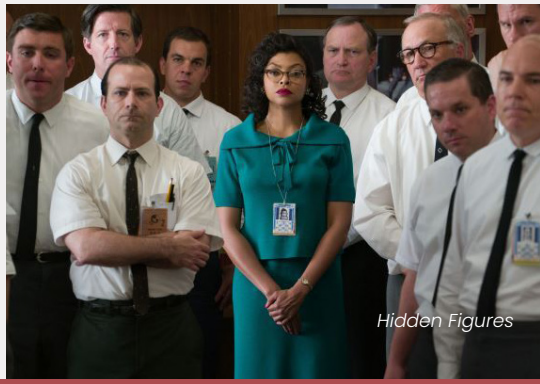
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Reel Roots: Black History Month invites us to embrace uplifting stories of the fight for equality and the pursuit of excellence. Rather than patience and pity, we honour stamina and success. Rather than being victimised, our heroes are victorious.

Curated by The New Black Film Collective with the support of Film Hub Scotland, this film tour nods to Black History Month's origins in America, traversing key moments in the abolitionist and civil rights movements to shows of strength in modern, quotidian life.

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Judas and the Black Messiah


Hidden Figures

Mon 07
7:30pm

FILM: Judas and the Black Messiah (15)

CatStrand | £6 adult, £4 U26s

Judas and the Black Messiah is Shaka King's feature film directorial debut, inspired by true events.

FBI informant William O'Neal (LaKeith Stanfield) infiltrates the Illinois Black Panther Party and is tasked with keeping tabs on their charismatic leader, Chairman Fred Hampton (Daniel Kaluuya). Daniel Kaluuya won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for this role.

Director: Shaka King
Country: USA
Running Time: 2h6m
Year of Production: 2021

Mon 14
7:30pm

FILM: Hidden Figures (PG)

CatStrand | £6 adult, £4 U26s

Three brilliant African-American women at NASA - Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) - serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history. The launch of astronaut John Glenn (Glen Powell) into orbit was a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world.

Director: Theodore Melfi
Country: USA
Running Time: 2h7m



DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY Arts Live
Year-round Performing Arts Network

Wed 09
7:30pm

The Time Machine: A Radical Feminist Retelling

THEATRE | CatStrand | £12 adult, £6 U26s

The apocalypse is coming, and it's coming for you! In a secret bunker, a group of feminists are taking matters into their own hands as they contemplate impending doom. Join this fiery and furious company of extremists for a tale of time travel and survival in a bold and irreverent reimagining of H. G. Wells science fiction classic.

"A powerful and haunting show" ****
The Scotsman

Runtime: 1 hour 10 mins.
Staged By DG Arts Live

Thu 10
7:30pm

Kris Drever

MUSIC | CatStrand | £16 adult, £5 U26s

Kris Drever is a Scottish folk singer songwriter who has won multiple awards including 7 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, 2 shortlist nominations for Scottish Album of The Year (with his trio Lau) and much acclaim for his solo recordings and concerts including glowing reviews from The Herald, The Guardian, Mojo and Q Magazine.

Drever's voice and guitar form part of the backbone of today's contemporary roots and folk scene. He is hugely admired as a solo artist, collaborator, a phenomenal and prolific artist. Kris is a CatStrand Favourite as we go to print there are few tickets remaining!

"The folk revival has a new standard bearer" Q



Fri 11
7:30pm

Soundings: Late summer at Knowetop Lochs

EVENT | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | Free

Premier of Soundings: Late Summer at Knowetop Lochs by sound artist Lee Patterson plus live improvised performance, artist's talk, and Q&A. At Knowetop Lochs Nature Reserve lies a wealth of unheard and quiet sounds concealed in and around the grasses, mosses, trees, and watery places.

Peatland Connections invited Lee to 'eavesdrop' upon, bugs and other insects, aquatic life, and the plants that inhabit this wetland landscape. Lee discovered soundings of bugs communicating through bodily movements, the breathing and gasses exchange of underwater life, and plant and root vibrations: life and sounds all beyond our natural human hearing: Late Summer at Knowetop Lochs reveals this unseen and rarely heard symbiotic interaction.

This is a Peatland Connections event & only bookable on eventbrite.co.uk (search for Knowetop)

https://www.peatlandconnections.com/





Sat 19

Ensemble Hesperi : Playing Sessions 11am & 2pm

MUSIC | CatStrand | Adult (one session) £10, U18 (one session) £2. Adult (both sessions) £20, U18 (both sessions) £5

Two opportunities for musicians to play under the direction of members of Ensemble Hesperi.

11am Recorders
Explore the charming music of the Scottish Baroque composer James Oswald and his friends with virtuoso recorder player Mary-Jannet Leith.

2pm All Early Music Instruments including Recorders
Join Thomas Allery (harpsichord), Magdalena Loth-Hill (Baroque Violin) and Florence Petit (Baroque Cello) to celebrate the music of Handel and some grounds by his English colleagues in the early eighteenth century.

Playing level roughly Grade 4 and up. A=440. Music supplied in advance - email gremlins@orbister.org.uk for details. Young players are particularly welcome. In association with the Galloway Gremlins Recorder Group.





Sat 19
7pm

Ensemble Hesperi : Concert

MUSIC | CatStrand | £12.50 adult,

A dynamic and innovative Early Music ensemble, dedicated to showcasing the dazzling virtuosity of eighteenth-century Scottish music.

Hesperi presents a programme of music from their debut CD "Full of the Highland Humours", taken from the title of the very first collection of Scots tunes, published in 1700. They showcase music by Earl of Kelly and James Oswald, alongside sparkling trio sonatas by Giuseppe Sammartini and Francesco Geminiani.

In association with the Galloway Gremlins Recorder Group

"My overall impression is of the sheer delight and pleasure being communicated to the listener by this exceptionally talented ensemble. I enjoyed every note." John France, MusicWeb International.

Fri 25
7:30pm

Fraser Fifield and Graeme Stephen

MUSIC | CatStrand | £14 adult, £4 U26s

Fraser Fifield and Graeme Stephen are well known in Scottish folk and jazz circles as musicians with a unique sound and approach. Both originate in North East Scotland and have worked together since their early 20s, honing a unique mix of tradition and improvisation with live electronics and instrumental virtuosity.

"Super-fluent and expressive low whistle playing borne on Stephen's keenly inventive guitar rhythms, suggestions of the cafes of Andalusia and gypsy weddings of eastern Europe, all the while retaining the spontaneity of the jazz ethos" Herald.

Wed 30
7:30pm

The Leaves of the Years

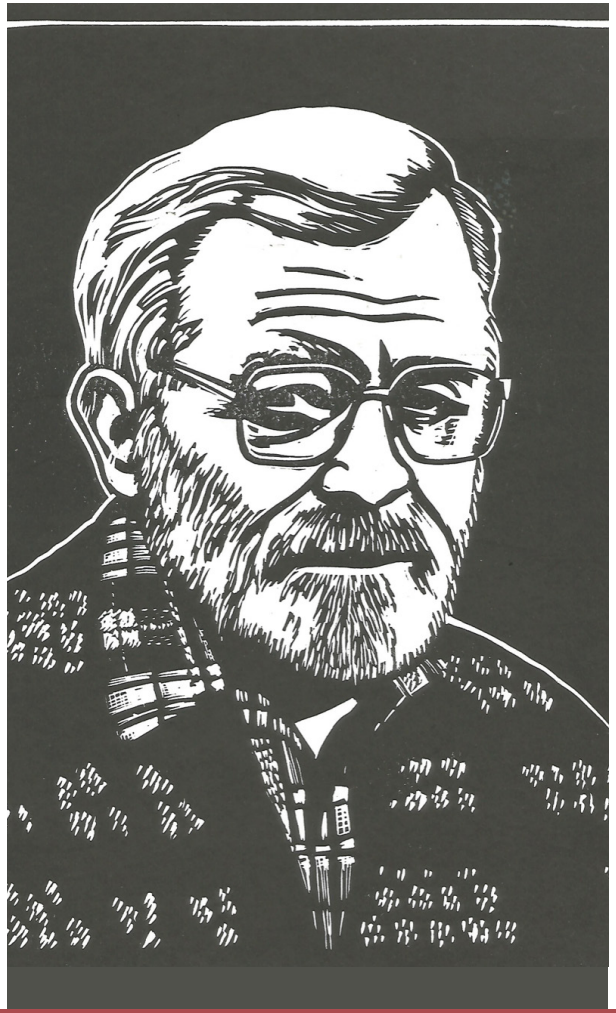
EVENT | Crossmichael Memorial Hall | Free

Poets Hugh McMillan and Stuart Paterson, plus invited guest readers and musicians, host a very special evening celebrating the life and work of Galloway's greatest modern poet, William Neill. Neill wrote wonderfully in English, Scots and Gaelic and his work celebrates the landscape and history of Scotland while addressing issues of language, politics and culture that remain relevant today.

A short film showing will precede readings from a newly published book celebrating the centenary of Neill's birth. 'The Leaves of the Years' (Ed Hugh McMillan and Stuart Paterson, published by Drunk Muse Press) contains essays and poems from some of the nation's finest contemporary writers.

Light refreshments provided.

Staged by Crossmichael Arts



01 & 02
6 - 9pm

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING:

CatStrand | Free

Need some inspiration for Christmas? Come and see the new CatStrand shop stock that has arrived just in time for your Christmas purchases. Almost all of our stock is sourced from Scotland, and a lot from D&G makers.

The café will be open for coffee and treats in the Pyramid Gallery - come and make an evening of it!



Sat 03
7pm

Zoe Bestel, Kate Kyle & Eilidh McGrath

MUSIC | CatStrand | £7.30

An evening with two of the most exciting young musicians to come from D&G alongside a very special dance piece, as we launch Zoë's new single, 'Utopia'.

Nu-folk artist Zoë Bestel explores themes of mental health, heartbreak, and modern folk tales of the elusiveness of a creative spirit.

Kate Kyle's unique blend of soulful country and powerful voice is establishing herself in the Scottish music scene.

Eilidh McGrath is a young dancer with cerebral palsy working with Paragon who blew us away at their accessibility in the arts conference. Eilidh says "I may not go places on foot but that doesn't mean I don't go places!"



Sun 11
7:30pm

The Furrow Collective - We Know By The Moon

MUSIC | CatStrand | £15 adult, £5 U26s

As the winter nights draw in, The Furrow Collective have chosen a special festive programme to celebrate the dark time of year. Come in, friends, from the howling wind and bitter frost. Draw a little closer to the roaring fire and prepare to be bewitched by eerie story-songs and seasonal carols that revel in the strange and wonderful traditions of these lands.

With The Furrow Collective's signature spine-tingling harmonies and masterful storytelling bringing a spark of light into the wintry gloom, this promises to be an evening to remember.

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).

'Best Group' – BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2017



Wed 14
7:30pm

Passing Through

MUSIC | CatStrand | £10 adult, £4 U26s

Passing Through are an acoustic folk group made up from some of Glasgow's finest talent; Michael Mcgovern, Alice Faye, Nina Halper, Emma Murdoch (Grayling) and Julen Santamaria (Awkward Family Portraits).

Performing a mix of original songs and folk covers from the 50's and 60's they draw inspiration from the likes of the Mamas and Papas and Leonard Cohen.

Their close knit harmonies create a warm and intimate sound which promises for a magical, cosy evening!



Sat 17
3pm

Music for Midwinter from SongWave

MUSIC | Crossmichael Parish Church | Pay what you feel (£5 minimum)

SongWave community choir, under musical director Kate Howard, will perform a programme which will include joyous and uplifting songs and readings to cheer us in the darkest part of the year. After a really enjoyable concert in the summer they make a welcome return to Crossmichael Parish Church.





22 Dec
7:30pm

Midwinter Ceilidh with Whirligig

Dalry Town Hall | £10 adult, £5 U26s

Join us for a heady evening of music and dance bringing in the Christmas season. Excellent tunes and safe calling hands will be provided courtesy of Whirligig. CatStrand favourites Ruth Morris, Gavin Marwick, and Angus Lyon. Mulled wine will be served, and drinks available from the Clachan Inn next door.

08 Feb
7:30pm

Riverwoods: Do fish really grow on trees...?

EVENT | CatStrand | Free

Woods and Rivers, how can a tree grow a fish?

Riverwoods, narrated by Peter Capaldi has created a stir! This epic cinematographic experience looks at the modern Scottish landscape and asks the question can we do better? Using the Atlantic salmon as a cornerstone species the film challenges us to think differently about our land. Join us to watch together with a panel of local and national experts joining us afterwards to answer your questions.

Please note this event is staged by the Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership and tickets must be booked directly from gallowayglens.org/events/

GALLOWAY GLENS
Landscape Partnership

17 Feb
7:30pm

FARA

MUSIC | CatStrand

The new decade marks an exciting new chapter for Scotland's fabulous fiddle-led Fara, as founding Orkney frontwomen Jeana Leslie, Catriona Price and Kristan Harvey welcome young Highland pianist Rory Matheson to the line-up.



25 Feb
7:30pm

NoLogoProductions Presents: Make-Up

THEATRE | CatStrand | £12 adults, £4 U26s

Lady Christina leaves the stage at the end of another performance. She's tired of putting on the make-up. Drag has become a drag, and tonight could be her last ever show. But when the make-up starts to come off, the face in the mirror takes Christopher Laneghan back to the life he lived before Lady Christina came along. Can he live, if living is without her?

The play will be followed by a discussion, facilitated by writer/director Andy Mosely and actor Moj Taylor. This discussion coincides with Connecting in Communities' February LGBT+ Safe Space Cafe, but is open to all of course.

"A disarmingly truthful and humorous piece, adroitly constructed and beautifully performed" (AllEdinburghTheatre.com)



CREATIVE COMMUNITIES Locally led ongoing and regular arts events

Tues
7pm

The Raven's Nest: Kvöldvaka

STORYTELLING | CatStrand & The Smiddy | Pay What You Feel | Tuesdays, 1/11/22 until 13/12/22

Join New Galloway-based author Sarah Thomas as she reads from her ecological memoir The Raven's Nest, a profoundly moving meditation on place & identity. The readings follow in the Icelandic tradition of kvöldvaka ('evening wake'). The tradition was born of winter nights on farms when the days were short but work still needed to be done. People knitted, darned and mended while someone read aloud. You are invited to bring your own items to work on while you listen .

The story unfolds such that you can join at any event. Staged in partnership with the Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership.



Wed 16
Nov

DALRY FILM CLUB: Operation Mincemeat (12)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | 7:30pm

In 1943, two British intelligence officers concoct Operation Mincemeat, wherein their plan to drop a corpse with false papers off the coast of Spain would fool Nazi spies into believing the Allied forces were planning to attack by way of Greece rather than Sicily.

Director: John Madden
Running Time: 2h8m
Year of Production: 2022





Wed 07 Dec

DALRY FILM CLUB: Sorry We Missed You (15)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | 7:30pm

Hoping that self-employment through gig economy can solve their financial woes, a hard-up UK delivery driver and his wife struggling to raise a family end up trapped in the vicious circle of this modern-day form of labour exploitation.

Director: Ken Loach
Running Time: 1h41m
Year of Production: 2020



Wed 21 Dec

DALRY FILM CLUB: Downton Abbey - A New Era (PG)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | 7:30pm

The Crawley family goes on a grand journey to the south of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa.

Director: Simon Curtis
Running Time: 2h4m
Year of Production: 2022



Wed 11 Jan

DALRY FILM CLUB: Our Ladies

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | 7:30pm

In 1990s Scotland, a group of Catholic school girls get an opportunity to go into Edinburgh for a choir competition, but they're more interested in drinking, partying and hooking up than winning the competition.

Director: Michael Caton-Jones
Running Time: 1h46m
Year of Production: 2021

LGBTQ+ Film Night's

Join us for a monthly celebration of great queer cinema. All welcome.

The films will be followed by the Connecting in Communities LGBT Safe Space Cafe, in the CatStrand Cafe. Everyone is welcome to join and chat about the themes and issues explored in the film, listen to true life story readings and poetry, or just hang out for a while and meet new people! The bar and cafe will be open for drinks before and after each film.



18 Nov
7pm

The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Dessert (15)

FILM | CatStrand | £6 adult, £4 U26s

Two drag queens and a transgender woman contract to perform a drag show at a resort in Alice Springs, a town in the remote Australian desert. As they head west from Sydney aboard their lavender bus, Priscilla, the three friends come to the forefront of a comedy of errors, encountering a number of strange characters, as well as incidents of homophobia, whilst widening comfort zones and finding new horizons.



Director: Stephan Elliott
Country: Australia
Running Time: 1h58m
Year of Production: 1994

17 Dec
7pm

Carol (15)

FILM | CatStrand | £6 adult, £4 U26s

A festive screening of this visually stunning Sapphic romance, Carol. All are welcome to come and enjoy!

Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara star in this intoxicating romantic drama adapted from the Patricia Highsmith novel The Price of Salt. Therese, a young department store assistant spots the beautiful, elegant Carol (Cate Blanchett) perusing the doll displays in a 1950s Manhattan department store. The two women develop a fast bond that becomes a passionate affair with complicated consequences. Carol is a beautiful, nuanced exploration of Sapphic romance during mid-century conformist America.

Director: Todd Haynes
Country: United Kingdom & USA
Running Time: 1h58m
Year of Production: 2015

14 Jan
7pm

Tangerine (15)

FILM | CatStrand | £6 adult, £4 U26s

Tangerine takes you by the scruff of your neck into a parallel world where tattered reality is shot through with neon flashes of colour, clarity and pure emotional honesty - Sight and Sound.

The film is groundbreaking for its representation of transgender women, played by transgender actresses, and because it was shot entirely on an iPhone.

Director: Sean Baker
Running Time: 1h28m
Year of Production: 2015





7- 9pm

Ken Words Writers' Cafes

Ken Words — a writing project of this place

EVENT | CatStrand Cafe | Free | Second Thursday of the month - 13 Oct / 10 Nov* / 08 Dec / 12 Jan

* at The Smiddy, Balmaclellan

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 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.

7:30pm

Open Mic Night with Alan McClure

MUSIC | CatStrand | £5 adult, free for performers | Thursdays 24 Nov / 15 Dec / 12 Jan

The return of the popular and eclectic CatStrand Open Mic Night hosted by local performer Alan McClure.

CatStrand Open Mic is an opportunity for performers to get in front of an audience in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Songs, poems, stories or comedy - if you have some work you're keen to share, there's no better place to give it a spin! Air some new material, share some classics, or just come along to listen.



If you would like to discuss a performance in advance, you can email Alan on alanmcclure70@hotmail.com.

A partnership project with the GCAT 'Connecting in Communities' programme.

Youth Players Panto: Sinbad Sails Again

THEATRE | CatStrand | £7 adult, £4 U26s | Fri 10 Dec / Sat 11 Dec / Sun 12 Dec | 7:30pm Fri & Sat, 2:30pm Sun

CatStrand Youth Players Annual Christmas Pantomime: 'Sinbad Sails Again' by Paul Reakes.

'Sinbad Sails Again' is a brand new script by our favourite panto author Paul Reakes. It promises to be another hilarious show in the classic tradition of the CatStrand Youth Players! The storyline is a follow-on from the famous stories of Aladdin and Sinbad, with both characters taking centre stage in this new story. Crossbones the pirate and his henchmen are the terrifying baddies and even Abanazar reappears from his exile to join in with the skullduggery. Sinbad's mother Semolina and his brother Ali, plus a few of their friends and Molly the monkey, add to the chaos but of course the Genie of the Lamp appears to sort everything out and he ensures that everything ends happily ever after! Book early for this ever-popular event!

5 - 7pm

Clachan Folk Sessions

MUSIC | Clachan Inn, Dalry | By donation | 27 Nov / 29 Jan / 26 Mar

Bring your instruments or singing voice for a folk session led by Ollie Rigg, Michael Muir (Muckle Spree), Lucy Smith and their guests. Or just come along to listen in. They can be very popular, so we recommend prompt arrival to get a seat! A great pub with great tunes & great company - there can be few finer ways to spend a Sunday afternoon.



WriteOn

GROUP | CatStrand | £5 per month subscription | Various dates

WriteOn is a writing group with around 25 members, convened by author Margaret Elphinstone (www.margaretelphinstone.co.uk).

Anyone who lives locally or who has some Galloway connection is eligible to join. No writing experience is necessary.

The group has a private web platform where all contributions and comments are posted. There are also quarterly workshops at CatStrand. We write in different genres, and encourage each other to experiment. You can see selections of their work at writeongalloway.wordpress.com. This group is currently full, but if you're interested in joining, please contact info@catstrand.com.

Sun 22 Jan

The Glenkens Story Sharing Our History

EVENT | CatStrand | £8 | 2-4pm

"On the Trail of a Good Story"

John Nelson lives near Crossmichael and has a deep interest in local and family history. One of his family's stories became the focus of John's book: "On the Trail of a Broken Shoe: The true story of the last man hanged in Scotland for horse stealing."

In conversation with historical novelist Margaret Elphinstone, John will share the story of how he took a family tale, gathered facts from archives and records, polished his story-telling skills in creative writing classes and went on to publish, negotiating the hazards of marketing and the vagaries of the book trade. Every family has its history. This is a story of how that history can be shared.

Please save the date for our next session: Sunday 26 February, 2-4pm. The Glenkens Story. "Kenmure Castle and the Gordons"



EXHIBITIONS

4 - 26 Nov

EXHIBITION: Nathan Harnett :World Cup Designs

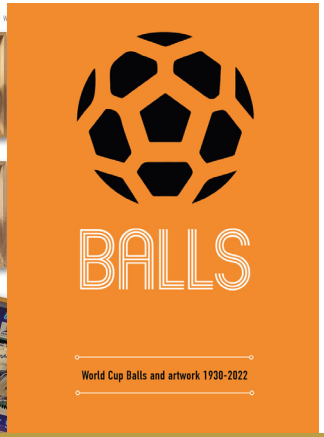
The World Cup has evolved through the years, progressing through many changes from 1930-2022. Each tournament is different, from its host country, theme, poster, down to the tournament ball used.

This exhibition positions the tournaments alongside each other, mounting the match ball from each meeting in front of the official poster.

When put together they provide an insight into the historical development of artistic styles and design across the last century. The progression of technology across the same time can be seen by the balls used. They have undergone a dramatic transformation, from thick heavy leather with laces, to the high-tech, synthetic ones we see in shops around the world today.

A fantastic snapshot of footballing history.







27 Nov - 23 Jan

EXHIBITION: Lisa Hooper SWLA

Almost every summer since she moved to Scotland 16 years ago, printmaker Lisa Hooper has spent between three and five weeks in Orkney and/or Shetland. These experiences have inevitably provided inspiration for much of her work. Places where autumn skies are full of geese, where Curlews throng the shores and seabird colonies form fast tenements. Places where the summer sun barely sets and the seals sing on empty shores.

This exhibition gathers these works together for the first time. Lisa works from her home studio in Port William and is a member of the Society of Wildlife Artists.





CATSTRAND YOUNG CREATIVES

What's on Nov - Dec



Peer Sessions | Visual Art Network (18-25years)

SUPPORT NETWORK | CatStrand | Free

Peer assessment or peer review provides a structured learning process for young adults to critique and provide feedback to each other on their finished pieces or work in progress.

These new monthly meets, hosted by CatStrand Creative Arts professionals, will provide a structured session for young adults aged 16 – 25 years who have their own visual art practice to network with other young artists and to feedback on each other's work. The sessions aim to develop lifelong skills in assessing and providing feedback to others, and will also equip you with the skills to self-assess and improve your own work.

We are looking for a minimum of 5 young adults (from any visual art discipline) to participate in this pilot network group. Participants will commit to bringing 1 or 2 pieces of work (finished or work in progress) to offer up to the group for critique each month.

As well as the regular peer review sessions, the group will be given the opportunity to stage and promote their own exhibition at the CatStrand, and receive mentoring for their own art practice from other professional artists.

This is a Holywood Trust funded project and is free to all young people living in the Dumfries and Galloway region. To apply, please email catherine@catstrand.com about why you would like to be involved in the network as well as a description and some images of your work.





Up Skills | 3D Animations (Recommended for 15+ years)

ANIMATION | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £2 - Booking Essential | Wednesdays 9 Nov - 14 Dec, 6-8pm

Up Skills: 3D Animation is the next in our series of workshops led for young people by young people. The 6-week block is designed and facilitated by animation graduate Lewis Pennycook.

Participants will work on iPads to learn how to make, texture, rig, animate & bring characters to life. Minimum numbers are required for the session to go ahead.

YOUNG CREATIVES: Art Ambassadors (recommended for 11 - 18 years)

CatStrand Cafe | Free | Mon 14 Nov, 28 Nov, 12 Dec | 5pm – 6pm

Art Ambassadors is an opportunity to get actively involved in CatStrand Young Creative's activity programme.

The young people will work with Cat to plan and promote their own creative events, including choosing and promoting their own show, participate in taster sessions and apply for funding for projects. And it's a lot of fun!

Behind the Scenes (recommended for 11+years)

THEATRE | CatStrand | Free | Mon 28 Nov, 28 Nov, 05 Dec | 5:30pm – 7pm

Love the theatre but don't want to be performing on stage?

This season, the 'Behind the Scenes' crew are working together with the CatStrand Youth Players to create the Christmas Panto scenery and props and learn about sound and lighting. We will also be having a trip to the theatre for a special Behind the Scenes experience day! No experience necessary, just a willingness to get involved!



Art Explorers (Recommended for 5 – 9 years) - Booking essential

ART | CatStrand | £2 | Sat 05 Nov, 19 Nov, 03 Dec, 17 Dec | 10 - 11am

Art Explorers is an artist-led art club that offers a wide range of activities so that all the children have the opportunity to be as creative as they wish and to gain a sense of achievement and pride in their work. The children will be doing different activities each session, 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! Old clothes only, please. No experience necessary, just a willingness to get involved!





Wigtown Writers' Tips

(Recommended for 11+ years)

WRITING | Dalry Library | Free | Tues 7 Nov, 5 Dec | 4.30 – 6pm

Including Wigtown Writers Trips : Sat 26 Nov, 17 Dec | 1pm – 4pm Wigtown. Transport will be

Booking essential for Wigtown trips.

Are you a secret scribbler, vocal wordsmith, closet novelist or part-time poet?!
Random Writers is back but this time we have teamed up with Wigtown Book Festival to complement our young writers group!

Young writers can attend an informal and relaxed monthly session at Dalry library to work on their own piece of creative writing without any specific objectives or assessment. The group will then be taken to monthly Saturday workshops with Wigtownshire Young Writers, hosted by professional author Imogen Stirling.

Note that Wigtown workshop attendance is not required for Dalry group attendance.

Saturday Art Club (Recommended for 10 – 16 years) - booking essential

ART | CatStrand | £2 | Sat 05 Nov, 19 Nov, 03 Dec, 17 Dec | 11:15am – 12:30pm

Saturday Art Club is a creative club offering the opportunity to learn new skills, discover your talents and meet new people.

There will be a range of different and exciting art and design activities offered through the sessions, such as drawing, printmaking, painting, photography, 3D sculpture, illustration, textiles and more! The activities are delivered by professional artists.

No experience necessary, just a willingness to get involved!



Chance to Dance (Recommended for 12+ years)

DANCE | CatStrand | Free - Booking essential | Thu 03 Nov, 17 Nov, 01 Dec, 15 Dec, 6pm – 7.30pm

'Chance to Dance' is a pilot project requested by some of our 'dance crazy' youth volunteers who have helped to plan this project. It gives you the creative space to freely dance, rehearse, choreograph your own dances and have fun with like-minded people.





Margaret Morris Movement | Health Play Recommended for ages 3-7

DANCE | CatStrand | Free - Booking essential | Mon (term time only), 3.45pm – 4.30pm

A song, a story, a rhyme, an idea, an object combine in this delightful dance syllabus for pre-school and early years children. 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 participate without parents, but parents must stay in the CatStrand during the session. Booking Essential thru sara.lockwood@gmail.com

Drama Rama (Recommended for 6+ years)

DRAMA | CatStrand | Free - Booking essential | Mon 16 Nov – 07 Dec, 4.30 – 5.15pm

Join Cat on a fun and creative adventure to magical lands, exploring through role play, drama, movement and storytelling. From adventures in the jungles to chasing dragons and flying with fairies, the weekly sessions 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!

Please note this will run for a minimum of 5 children and runs without parents.



CONNECTING IN COMMUNITIES

Photography in Focus

PHOTOGRAPHY | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £6 - Booking essential | 06 Dec, 20 Dec, 03 Jan, 17 Jan, 10am - 12noon

These friendly group sessions are led by a professional photographer and will share skills and techniques to enhance your capabilities as a photographer. Contact Ian - ianbiggar@btinternet.com for information.

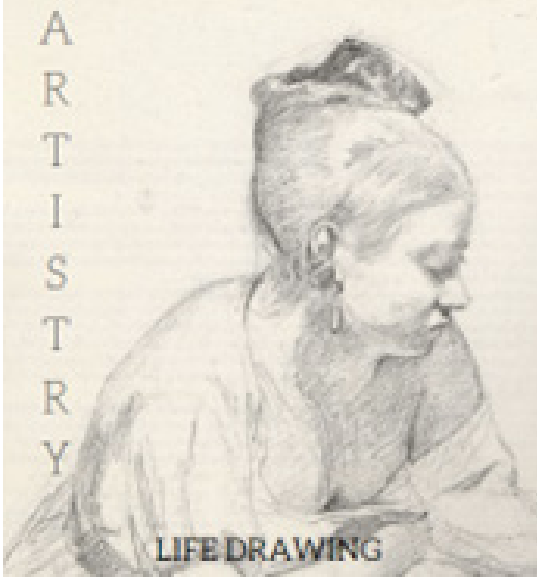


Glenkens Ukes

MUSIC | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £3 | Wed 02 Nov, 14 Dec, 04 Jan, 25 Jan 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Bring rhythm into your life with our informal Ukulele workshops. Join a flourishing group whose only aim is to have fun and develop their strumming skills. No experience necessary. Contact Brian Jones briantjjones@gmail.com for information.





ARTistry

ART: The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £7.50 - Booking essential | Thu 03 Nov - 15 Dec, 12 Jan - 26 Jan, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Explore and practice Life Drawing Skills in an informal, friendly & relaxed atmosphere. This is a mixed skills group where anyone is welcome to join the class.

Contact Leto on letosef@gmail.com for information or go to Ticket Source.

Chair Yoga

WELLBEING | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £5 - Booking essential | Fri 04 Nov - 16 Dec, 06 Jan - 27 Jan, 2pm - 3pm

A gentle introduction to physical and mental benefits, suitable for absolute beginners. Learn and practice simple poses to improve your whole wellbeing. Contact: kathry64@hotmail.com for information.



Menopause Really Matters

WELLBEING | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | By donation | Mon 07 Nov, 05 Dec, 09 Jan, 7pm - 8pm

The group will meet monthly to provide a safe space to talk and improve the quality of your life. Guest speakers at some of the sessions will provide relevant information and advice. Meet new and old friends all going through the same experience. Contact Lesley lesley@thenourishingspace.co.uk or Jo - jo@catstrand.com for information.



Pudding Fan Club

SOCIAL | CatStrand Cafe, | Free - Booking essential | Mon 28 Nov, 19 Dec, 23 Jan, 6:30pm - 8pm

Bring along your favourite puddings to share with other pudding fans to match the season! Drinks, coffee and tea available to accompany your delicious desserts. Contact fiona@catstrand.com for information.



Boccia Club

SOCIAL | CatStrand | Free - Booking essential | Wed 16 Nov, 14 Dec 14, 11 Jan, 2pm - 3pm

Come along to get gently fit and have some fun playing indoor boules Boccia Style. Join us in the Catstrand Café after. Contact jo@catstrand.com for information.





Glenkens Pub Quizes

SOCIAL | The Thistle Inn, Crossmichael 10 Nov | The Clachan Dalry 11 Dec | The Ken Bridge 12 Jan | £1 per head (Booking Essential) | 7pm

Come along with your team of 4-6 for a fun-packed evening of brain teasing questions, hosted by Chris Jowsey at a variety of pub venues across the region. Watch this space for a Grand Slam between all competing teams in February! Contact jo@catstrand.com for information.

Art for Wellbeing

ART | Tue 01 Nov - 13 Dec, 10 Jan - 24 Jan | Dalry Town Hall: 10:30am - 12:00pm | Lagwyne Hall Carsphairn: 2:00pm - 3:30pm Kirkpatrick Durham Village Hall: 1:30pm -3:00pm

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Mon 07 Nov - 12 Dec, 09 Jan - 30 Jan | Crossmichael Memorial Hall | 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Cost - By donation, Booking essential

Art workshops focusing on the relationship between Art and Wellbeing. Led by professional artists who will guide and develop your creative skills through a variety of mediums. All welcome - no experience necessary. Contact jo@catstrand.com for information.

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LGBTQ+ Film night & safe space café p.15

Open Mic with Alan McClure p.18

GALLOWAY COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Services November 2022 – January 2023

Glenkens to Newton Stewart Return Service

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

Outward Journey	Dalry (Underhill)	09:30
	New Galloway (Town Hall)	09:35
	New Galloway (CatStrand)	09:37
	To Aldi Car Park	
Return Journey	Return Pick Up Newton Stewart (Aldi Car Park)	11:30

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

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



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

Excursion

Thu 17 Nov

County Living Magazine: Christmas Fair

SECC, Glasgow | Admission £20 online (seniors £18) | **Transport Fair £15**

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)

Glenkens Ebike Club

Glenkens EBike Club is now up and running. If you are a local Glenkens resident interested in the Glenkens eBike Club, please see the eBike Club page (www.galloway-communitytransport.org/ gct-ebike-club), phone 07704 662925, or email jon@catstrand.com

Free Local Ebike Ride Workshops

FREE LOCAL EBIKE RIDE WORKSHOPS starting in December 2022. Call Jon on 07704 662925 for details.

DAY BY DAY DIRECTORY

Arts Programme & Creative Communities

Sun 06	Nov	High Tea Tunes special : Esther Swift	Music	p.4
Tuesdays		The Raven's Nest: Kvöldvaka:	Story	p.14
Tue 08	Nov	Devising Physical Theatre by Jordan & Skinner	Theatre	p.4
Mon 07	Nov	Judas and the Black Messiah (15)	Film	p.5
Wed 09	Nov	The Time Machine: A Radical Feminist Retelling	Theatre	p.6
Thu 10	Nov	Kris Drever	Music	p.6
2nd Thu/month		Ken Words Writers' Cafes	Event	p.17
Fri 11	Nov	Soundings: Late Summer at Knowetop Lochs	Event	p.7
Mon 14	Nov	Hidden Figures (PG)	Film	p.5
Wed 16	Nov	Operation Mincemeat (12)	Film	p.14
Fri 18	Nov	The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Dessert (15)	Film	p.16
Sat 19	Nov	Ensemble Hesperi: Playing Sessions	Music	p.7
Sat 19	Nov	Ensemble Hesperi: Concert	Music	p.8
Thu 24	Nov	Open Mic Night with Alan McClure	Music	p.18
Fri 25	Nov	Fraser Fifield and Graeme Stephen	Music	p.8
Sun 27	Nov	Clachan Folk Sessions	Music	p.18
Wed 30	Nov	The Leaves of the Years	Event	p.9
01 & 02	Dec	Late Night Shopping	Shopping	p.9
Sat 03	Dec	Zoe Bestel, Kate Kyle & Eilidh McGrath	Music	p.10
Wed 07	Dec	Sorry We Missed You (15)	Film	p.15
10 - 12 Dec		Youth Players Panto: Sinbad Sails Again	Theatre	p.18
Sun 11	Dec	The Furrow Collective - We Know by The Moon	Music	p.10
Wed 14	Dec	Passing Through	Music	p.11
Sat 17	Dec	Music for Midwinter from SongWave	Music	p.11
Sat 17	Dec	Carol (15)	Film	p.16
Wed 21	Dec	Downton Abbey - A New Era (PG)	Film	p.15
Thu 22	Dec	Midwinter Ceilidh with Whirligig	Ceilidh	p.12
Wed 11	Jan	Our Ladies	Film	p.15
Thu 12	Jan	Open Mic Night with Alan McClure	Music	p.18
Sat 14	Jan	Tangerine (15)	Film	p.17
Sun 22	Jan	The Glenkens Story Sharing Our History	Event	p.19
Sun 29	Jan	Clachan Folk Sessions	Music	p.18

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Arts Programme & Creative Communities Cont.

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Fri 17	Feb	FARA	Music	p.12
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