GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS



'The Unsung Fiddle Tradition of the Glenkens and Galloway with Jo Miller
Sat 19 Sept | 3-4 pm | Smiddy Balmaclellan
£8 | UC & U26 £6
An illustrated talk on the fiddle tradition of the Glenkens & Galloway.

Stroanfreggan Dig Final Update Talk with Cathy MacLver
Sun 25 Oct | 3-4pm | CatStrand
Adult £8 | UC & U26 £6
Find out more about the post-excavation results from the excavation of Stroanfreggan Fort



The Trail of The Broken Shoe with John Nelson
Sun 22 Nov | 3-4pm | Smiddy
Adult £8 | UC & U26 £6
John Nelson a keen local and family historian follows in the footsteps of his ancestor's stolen horse.

CULTURE & HERITAGE IN THE GLENKENS

The Song Cannot be Silenced
Larry Winger in conversation with Margaret Elphinstone
Thurs 10 Sept | 7.30pm | CatStrand | £5
This general fiction novel considers issues of voicelessness, identity loss, and bravery.

Turning of the Year: Autumn Equinox
Sat 19 Sept | 10am-3.30pm | THE BARN, Hensol Estate, DG7 2NE
Donations | Full day incl refreshments & lunch. Booking also available on www.naturallysmart.world

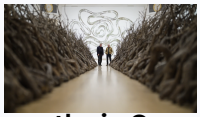
Trad Folk Music Skill Building Workshops with Claire Mann & special guest Jo Miller (20 Sept| 11 Oct)
Sun 20 Sept | 11 Oct | 8 Nov | 2-4pm
The Smiddy, Balmaclellan £16 | UC £14 | U26 £12

Autumn Folk Session with Jo & Claire
Sun 20 Sept | 5-7pm | Clachan Inn | FREE

The Bonny Glenkens: A Celebration of the Poetry & Music of the Glenkens
Fri 9 Oct | 7.30-9.30pm | CatStrand | £10 UC & U26 £8
Celebrating the cultural heritage of Tommy Edgar's poetry and Glenkens Fiddle Music with Brian Edgar and Jo Miller.

6 by Six A collection of New Poetry
Fri 16 Oct | 7.30pm | £6 | UC & U26 £5
Hexameter collective believe that poetry comes alive when performed. Come along to hear thier " important collection, & not just for Galloway"

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Andy Goldsworthy in Conversation with Andrew Graham-Dixon
Thurs 22 Oct | 7.30pm | CatStrand | £10 | UC & U26 £8
A film showing the deeply compelling personal dialogue between the world-renowned land artist and the acclaimed art historian, author, and broadcaster.

Seasonal Bird Watching for All: Autumn with RSPB Expert Chris Rollie
Sun 25 Oct | 10.00-12.30pm
Meet at Dalry Town Hall
£6 | UC & U26 £5
A guided walk to see and listen to our Autumnal Glenkens Birds

Remembering Glenkens Heroes
Wed 11 Nov | 5.30pm | New Galloway Town Hall
Donations to Poppy Appeal
Join Cultural Glenkens for rememberance reflections and screening of 'They Shall Not Grow Old'.

"Witch!" Restoring Elspeth & The Women They Tried to Erase
Sun 27 Sept | Sun 11 Oct | Sun 18 Oct | Sun 25 Oct | Sun 8 Nov | 11-4pm | Smiddy and Dalry Town Hall FREE
A Creative Community Journey of Research, Reflection and Restorative Remembrance.

CULTURAL GLENKENS

Welcome to Cultural Glenkens, CatStrand Arts's third programme designed to support understanding and appreciation of our amazing culture and heritage. I am delighted to announce the programme of events for June, July and August 2026, This project was made possible with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, thanks to The National Lottery Players.

During the project we also have the aim to record the memories and oral histories of the residents of the Glenkens, and to gather and archive images, old photographs and film of our beautiful region. If you are able to help with either of these exciting projects, please do get in touch with me, Jo Jackson jo@catstrand.com | 01644 420374

Exciting update on The Cultural Glenkens Archive
The archive is now live, follow the link below to see how it is growing
https://glenkensarchive.scot/glenkens_archive/collections/show/26

INFO & BOOKING

Cultural Glenkens **Event Booking**

gcat.scot/cultural-glenkens
gcat.scot/arts
01644 420 374
CatStrand, New Galloway

Dalry Film Club

Current films shown twice a month at Dalry Town Hall. Wednesdays 7pm for coffee and cakes with screenings (see below) Doors open at 7.00pm: Screening 7.30pm: Ticket £6 per person. Book through CatStrand or pay on the door
Cinema Paradiso (PG) 9 Sept
Elvis Presley in Concert (12a) 23 Sept
H is for Hawk (12a) 7 Oct
I Swear (15) 21 Oct
Hamnet (PG) 4 Nov
The Spin (15) 18 Nov

PROJECTS

CatStrand Singers
A warm and inclusive singing group.....meeting every Thursday morning at Catstrand, 11am - 12 noon. No singing experience needed. £5 per session. singing songs from around the world and making new friends. All welcome.

Trad Folk Music Skill Building
Ever wanted to be on the inside of the trad music in the pub? Join friendly seasoned experts to get inside the core tricks, techniques and melodies of the Scottish andIirish music session

Watson Birds
Visit the permanent exhibition of the talented bird artist, Donald Watson at the CatStrand; Watson's cards and merchandise available in the shop

WriteOn
WriteOn is convened by author Margaret Elphinstone. Anyone who lives locally or who has some Galloway connection is eligible to join for £30 per 6 month subscription, no previous writing experience is necessary. There are 5 live workshop a year, contact Margaret through jo@catstrand.com for information on how to join.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS, OR IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT jo@catstrand.com

CULTURAL GLENKENS EVENT GUIDE
SEPT | OCT | NOV 2026



CULTURAL GLENKENS

Heritage Fund

To find out more, or to get involved, please contact Jo at jo@catstrand.com

Book your tickets online:https://gcat.scot/arts/
Call: 01644 420 374 | In person: Catstrand, New Galloway