CULTURAL GLENKENS

Welcome to Cultural Glenkens, CatStrand Arts's second programme designed to support understanding and appreciation of our amazing culture and heritage. I am delighted to announce the programme of events for March, April and May 2026,

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

Please scan the QR Codes below to find out more.

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

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.

Dalry Film Club

Current films shown twice a month at Dalry Town Hall. Wednesdays 7pm for coffee and cakes with screenings (see programme) Doors open at 7.00pm: Screening 7.30pm: Ticket £6 per person. Book through CatStrand or pay on the door

Ken Words Writers' Café

Hosted by Jane McBeth in the CatStrand Café
Anyone with an interest in writing is welcome to come along. For details of the monthly Café please contact Jane on jane.kenwords@gmail.com - please note, there is no cafe in March.

Talking Galloway Podcast

A new monthly Podcast, available through your preferred podcasting service and YouTube, that will be talking up Galloway. We'll be talking to guests with deep connections to our region, and discussing all things Galloway with them. Join us for conversations about the history, geography and life of Galloway in 'Talking Galloway'.
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=galloway+retold
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Stravaiging+with+Andy

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 PLEASE CONTACT jo@catstrand.com

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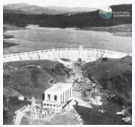
Heritage Fund

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

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS







Bird Watching in The Glenkens
Sun 15 March | 3.00 pm | CatStrand
£8 | UC & U26 £7
Chris Rollie (RSPB) will guide us through the wonderful birdlife of the Glenkens providing tips to make the most of spotting and appreciating our feathered friends.

Glenkens Story : The Galloway Hydro-Electric Scheme
Sat 18 April | 3.00pm | CatStrand
Adult £8 | UC & U26 £7
The Galloway Hydro-Electric Scheme – celebrating 90 years of renewable energy generation. Meet the innovators who moulded a landscape to bring power to Glenkens.

Elspeth McKewan: The life and death of an accused witch
Sun 31 May | 3.00pm | CatStrand
Adult £8 | UC & U26 £7
Ros Ollin uses poems, research and evidence to tell a story of the Glenkens woman behind the 'witch' of folktale and explore her relevance today.

CULTURE & HERITAGE IN THE GLENKENS











Turning of the Year Spring Equinox
Sat 21 March | 10.00am-3.30pm | Hensol Estate
£.50 Full day includes refreshments & light lunch.
Booking also available on www.naturallysmart.world Mark the spring equinox through shared attention to land and season.

'Thriving Together - Towards a Positive Future'
Sat 30 April | 7.30 | CatStrand
FREE
Shaping positive futures all users of place.

Seasonal Bird Watching for All In The Glenkens: Springtime with RSBP Expert Chris Rollie
Sun 26 April | 10.00am | Meet at Dalry Town Hall
Transport available - contact jo@catstrand.com for details. £6 | UC & U26 £5
See and hear our wonderful spring birds in a glorious woodland setting.

Cultural Glenkens School Liaison Project: Response to Elspeth McEwen
Tues 6 May | 6.30pm| CatStrand
FREE
A performance by local school Children inspired by their learning of Elspeth McEwen, the last accused witch in Galloway.

Garroch Glen: LING & Cultural Glenkens Picnic Nature Hunt & History Walk
Sat 16 May | 11.00am Garroch Glen
FREE: Experience the beauty of Garroch Glen
Transport available from CatStrand : contact jo@catstrand.com for cost & details.

DALRY FILM CLUB

£6 | Teas/cakes from 7pm -screening starts at 7.30.
Dalry Town Hall



The House of Mirth (12)
Wed 11 March
Unforgettable film adapted from Edith Wharton's classic novel of New York society

Flight Risk (15)
Wed 1 April|
A US Marshall (Michelle Dockery) must get a crooked accountant, to the nearest city.

Naked Gun (12)
Wed 22 April
The same deadpan humour, sight gags and one liners as the past Naked Gun Films.

Dark Water (12)
Wed 6 May
A true story of the fight of a single lawyer against the might of the Dupont Company.

The Phoenician Scheme (15)
Wed 20 May
Another dry and convoluted comedy from Wes Anderson - a bit in the style of "The Grand Budapest Hotel" or "Isle of Dogs".