CatStrand

Events Guide | January - March 2026

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CATSTRAND YOUNG CREATIVES

CULTURAL GLENKENS

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

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CatStrand Arts & Visitor Centre
Open 11am - 4pm Tuesday - Saturday

Box Office & Bookings
For booking enquiries / to book
01644 420 374 or www.gcat.scot

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust,
CatStrand, High St,
New Galloway, DG7 3RN
Reg Scottish Charity SCO32050

Like what we do?

See **gcat.scot/support-us** for details of our Legacy, Friends & Volunteering schemes.

VISITING

CatStrand bar opens 45 minutes before evening shows. Evening meals are normally available at the Lochinvar Hotel, Ken Bridge Hotel and Clachan Inn in Dalry. Please check their availability and opening hours directly – booking is advised.

There is a limited local bus service: www.glenkens.scot/transport has up-to-date information.

General parking is available in public car parks in New Galloway and on street in Balmaclellan. Charge Place Scotland 7kw EV chargers are available at Carsons Knowe car park, New Galloway. A free 7kw electric vehicle charging facility is available at the Smiddy, Balmaclellan. The CatStrand welcomes cyclists and has a free to use bike shed and tool station. The Smiddy also has a bike shed.

CATSTRAND CAFÉ & SHOP

Open 11am - 4pm Tuesday - Saturday.
Seating indoors and outdoors coffee & cake, licensed bar. Lunch served 11:30am - 2pm. Advance booking recommended.

ACCESSIBILITY

We offer a welcoming space for all visitors and audience members. Our events take place in fully accessible venues. We can offer additional support to facilitate your visit please visit: gcat.scot/access/ or email access@catstrand.com

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Creative Hub of a Cultural Landscape

Welcome to CatStrand – *'a wee gem of a venue'*

Serving up a brilliant mix of arts and live events in our warm, welcoming, and intimate space.

CatStrand is a premier performing arts venue in Dumfries & Galloway and the cultural hub of the Glenkens. It hosts an arts programme that plays an important role in the Scottish theatre and music touring circuit and is a mainstay of the region's cultural offering.

CatStrand is an essential part of the Glenkens identity, renowned for its warm welcome, appreciative audiences, and high-quality, diverse programme. It creates space for creative exploration of our heritage, landscape, and the issues facing our communities.

CatStrand is supported by Creative Scotland

CREATIVE SCOTLAND
ALBA | CHRUTHACHAIL



Sun 18 Jan 4:30pm

NT LIVE: THE FIFTH STEP

THEATRE ON SCREEN | CatStrand | £15, £10 UC, £10 U26 | Captioned

Critically acclaimed, darkly funny play exploring addiction, masculinity, and confession. Starring Jack Lowden and Martin Freeman, directed by Finn den Hertog. Filmed live in London's West End. Age 16+



Sun 25 Jan 7:30pm

ASHLEY CAMPBELL

MUSIC | CatStrand | £22, £20 UC, £10 U26

Ashley Campbell, daughter of country legend Glen Campbell, has an expansive career as a solo artist in the country and Americana world.



Fri 23 Jan 11:30am

THE FLAMES INFORMATION SESSION

WORKSHOP | CatStrand | Free

Are you 50+ ? Interested in creating a unique performance at CatStrand on Saturday 7 March. Find out about fun, artistic and social workshops running Friday Jan 23 – Mar 6.



Wed 28 Jan 7:30pm

RUM RAGGED

MUSIC | CatStrand | £18, £14 UC , £8 U26

2021 JUNO nominees Rum Ragged are not your run-of-the-mill folk band. Bold, brilliant Newfoundland tradition-bearers with unforgettable shows and award-winning musicianship.


Image credit: Mihaela Bodlovic

Sat
31 Jan
2pm

GAZA FOOD AND STORIES

STORYTELLING | CatStrand | £12, £10 UC, £5 U26

Join us with author and storyteller Diline Abushaban to learn a Gazan recipe and hear stories about Palestine, its culture, and cuisine.



Sat
31 Jan
7:30pm

NO OTHER LAND

FILM | CatStrand | £7, £5 UC, £5 U26

Basel Adra films his community of Masafer Yatta being destroyed by occupation, as he builds an unlikely alliance with an Israeli journalist. Age 15+.



Thu
05 Feb
7:30pm

AUNTIE EMPIRE: DISASTER PLAN

THEATRE| CatStrand | £15, £12 UC, £5 U26

An absurd rambunctious solo show blending bouffon comedy, satire and audience interaction, Auntie Empire is a messy, hilarious and timely lampoon of the myths of nationhood.



Fri
06 Feb
6:30pm

HUGO EEDLE & SIMON CALLAGHAN

MUSIC | CatStrand | £20, £16 UC, £6 U26

Presented as part of Absolute Classics Reimagined Festival, cellist Hugo Eedle and pianist Simon Callaghan perform Beethoven and Rachmaninov sonatas, culminating in Dvořák's lyrical Silent Woods.



Sat
07 Feb
7:30pm

CATSTRAND BURNS SUPPER

EVENT | CatStrand | £28

Haggis Supper, Traditional Speeches, Recitations, Music, Songs and lots of laughs! Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.



Sat
21 Feb
7:30pm

NIALL MCCABE

MUSIC | CatStrand | £15, £12 UC, £6 U26

Blending island-born storytelling, deft guitar work and soulful vocals, Niall McCabe captivates with heartfelt songs and effortless charm.



Thu 26 Feb 7:30pm

BRUCE MCKENZIE AND ALAN MCCLURE

MUSIC | CatStrand | £12, £10 UC, £5 U26

A rare double bill of local original music. Find out why both have had national BBC airplay, whilst Bruce's debut release was Celtic Music Radio's global album of the week.



Sun 01 Mar 4:30pm

NT LIVE: HAMLET

THEATRE ON SCREEN | CatStrand | £15, £10 UC, £10 U26 | Captioned

Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera (Life of Pi) stars in & Robert Hastie directs this sharp, stylish and darkly funny reimagining of Shakespeare's famous tragedy.



Thu 05 Mar 7:30pm

JAMES YORKSTON

MUSIC | CatStrand | £20

Recently seen on Later…with Jools Holland and "One of the most influential singer / songwriters on the Scottish folk scene" – The Scotsman.



Sat 07 Mar 7:30pm

THE FLAMES: TRICKY HAT PRODUCTIONS

THEATRE | CatStrand | £10, £5 U26

Come see The Flames in a striking and innovative mix of film, music and performance to explore stories about life after fifty, presenting a fresh look at how we approach ageing.



Sat 14 Mar 8pm

SCOTTISH COMEDY COLLECTIVE: HEADLINE JAY LAFFERTY

COMEDY | CatStrand | £15, £12 UC, £5 U26

Four comedy pros; Jay, Cubby, Graham Mackie & Kenny Sinclair. One unforgettable night of raw, riotous stand-up from stage and screen stars. Age 16+.



Fri 20 Mar 7:30pm

AFTER ALL: SOLÈNE WEINACHTER

DANCE | Dalry Town Hall | £14, £10 UC, £6 U26

AFTER ALL is a show about death. It is a celebration of our vulnerable and courageous existence, using dance, theatre, storytelling and comedy to ask: how do we deal with the end? Age 12+.


Image credit: Murdo MacLeoud

Sat 21 Mar 2pm

THE LIGHTNING RIDGE: CATHERINE WHEELS

THEATRE | Dalry Town Hall | £12, £5 U26, £30 (2 adults and 2 U26)

Lightning Ridge is a heart breaking and beautiful story about the preciousness of hope and how, sometimes, we have to believe in the impossible.


Image credit: Christina Riley

Fri 17 Apr 7:30pm

BLOOM: SCOTTISH STEP DANCING TASTER WORKSHOP

DANCE WORKSHOP | CatStrand | £6

Join the Bloom Team for a taster workshop in Scottish Step Dancing; a traditional style of Scottish dancing that is lively, energetic and good fun. Under 16s to be accompanied by an adult.


Image credit: Kim Ayres

Fri 27 Mar 7:30pm

WAVE BLUES BAND RETURN

MUSIC | CatStrand | £15, £12 UC, £6 U26

A triumphant return to the CatStrand, with an exciting new line up and fresh sound, compelling rhythms and soulful blues, to get your mojo working!



Sat 18 Apr 7:30pm

BLOOM

DANCE THEATRE | CatStrand | £14, £10 UC, £4 U26

BLOOM charts the journey of dancer Kae Sakurai from Japan to her new home in Scotland. Blending traditional step dance, video projection and an evening of Ceilidh dancing! Suitable for all ages.



Sat 04 Apr 7:30pm

THE LIGHT HOUSE

THEATRE| CatStrand | £14, £12 UC, £6 U26

"Man overboard, man overboard! Call control. Blow the whistle." Love is complicated. Tender, funny, defiantly hopeful. The Light House is a love letter to life, even when you're lost in the dark. Age 12+.



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Cultural Glenkens is CatStrand Arts's programme designed to support and develop locally-led projects. It is a place-based, people-led programme which supports cultural and heritage activity by amplifying the huge volunteer enthusiasm for this subject.

It roots CatStrand Arts firmly in the Glenkens, bringing additional expertise through volunteers and partners, and providing a welcoming space for participation and engagement.

Cultural Glenkens projects respond directly to the needs and ambitions of our communities. They promote a sense of well-being, inclusion and engagement in the community, and encourage active participation in lifelong learning.





Wed 07 Jan 7pm — DALRY FILM CLUB: SALT PATH (12)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

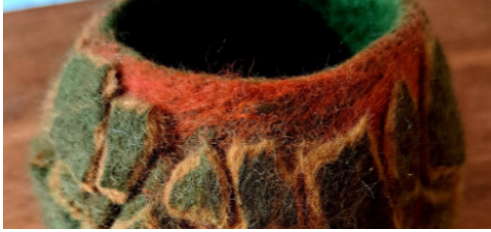
A British couple, Moth Winn and his wife Raynor embark on a transformative journey along the South West Coast Path - over 600 miles of rugged coastline - with nothing but rucksacks and determination.



Wed 21 Jan 7pm — DALRY FILM CLUB: MAKE IT TO MUNICH (12A)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

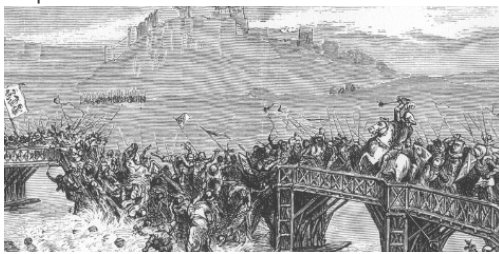
After a serious car accident whilst on a football scholarship in the USA, a promising young Scottish footballer gets on his bike to ride to Munich.



Thu 08 Jan 10am — WET FELTING IN THE GLENKENS

WORKSHOP | Balmaclellan Hall | £25 for intro session or £90 for 6 sessions | Book direct with Balmaclellan Hall for future dates

An introductory session to a new creative opportunity to experience a variety of felting techniques suitable for beginners and more experienced alike.



Sun 25 Jan 2:30pm — GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: BRUCE, BALLIOL AND THE WARS OF INDEPENDENCE

TALK | CatStrand | £8, £7 UC, £7 U26

The Bruce Balliol conflict in South West Scotland; a Scottish War of Independence or a Civil War? Come and hear more about this central historical question, a Glenkens Story event.



Sat 07 Feb 2:30pm

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: MARGARET MORRIS

TALK | CatStrand | £8, £7 UC, £7 U26

An enlightening and fascinating talk to celebrate Modern Dance pioneer Margaret Morris, who believed that living creatively was fundamental to our sense of well-being.



Image credit: Helen Pugh

Sun 08 Feb 1:30pm

DANCE FOR CREATIVE WELLBEING

WORKSHOP | CatStrand |£8, £7 UC, £7 U26

A dance and creative wellbeing session inspired by the techniques of modern dance pioneer Margaret Morris, Suitable for beginners and more experienced.



Wed 11 Feb 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT (PG)

FILM | Darly Town Hall | £6

One of the late Robert Redford's early films as Director. Here he narrates the poignant story of two boys growing to manhood in 1920's Montana and the ties that bind them as they seek separate destinies.

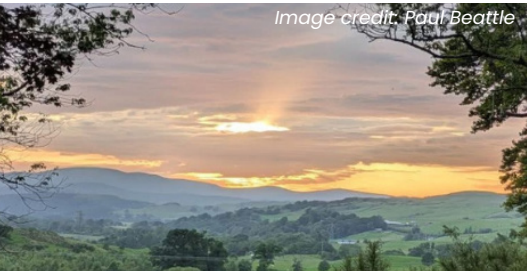


Image credit: Paul Beattie

Sun 22 Feb 10am

GLENKENS SONG DAY WORKSHOP

TALK | CatStrand | £35, £30 UC, £30 U26

Choral Tutor Kate Howard will guide and inspire your voice to sing and perform songs from Galloway. Open to beginners and more experienced singers. Age 16+.

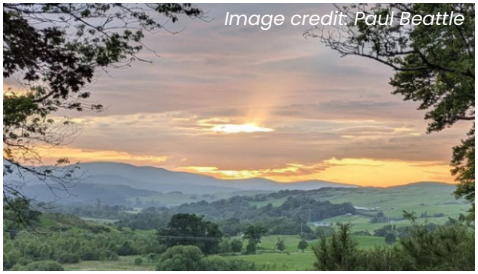


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Sun 22 Feb 7pm

GLENKENS SONG AND WORD CONCERT

MUSIC | CatStrand | £12, £10 UC, £10 U26

Come to be delighted, listen or take part in an evening concert of songs and words inspired by and embedded in the Glenkens.



Wed 25 Feb 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: MISSION IMPOSSIBLE (12)

FILM | Darly Town Hall | £6

Once again the youthful Tom Cruise as Ethan Hunt takes on ultimate evil to save us all. This time it's an AI bot seeking to set nation against nation and finish us all off!

CATSTRAND YOUNG CREATIVES
SPARKS SKILLS CAREERS

Our aim through the Young Creatives project is to ensure young people are empowered and supported through the Arts, Culture and Heritage Programme and wider GCAT projects to engage creatively with their communities and develop their own creative practices.

The Young Creatives supports this engagement through a dedicated year round, youth-led programme. It provides opportunities to get involved in regular workshops, groups and activities for young people aged 4 - 12 and 12 - 18 as well as paid internship and work experience in the arts for ages 15-25.





03 Feb, 03 Mar & 14 Apr

ART AMBASSADORS

WORKSHOP | CatStrand | 03 Feb, 03 Mar, 14 Apr | 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Free | Ages 12+

During monthly sessions you'll work with Cat and Ella to dream up, plan, and deliver exciting events for children and young people across the area. A great way to get involved, build skills, and make a difference.



Wednesdays Weekly (term time)

DRAMARAMA

DRAMA | CatStrand | 04 Feb - 25 Mar, 15 Apr - 24 Jun | 4:15pm - 5:15pm | £3 per session | Ages 6 - 11

Dramarama is a weekly session packed with games, acting exercises, and creative fun – perfect for building confidence, making friends, and letting your imagination run wild in a supportive and playful space.

SATURDAY MUSIC SCHOOL



Saturdays Weekly (term time)

PIANO LESSONS

MUSIC | CatStrand | 10 Jan - 21 Mar, 18 Apr - 27 Jun | 10am - 12:30 (30 minute sessions) | £7 per class (paid by the block) | Ages 12+

Develop your piano skills with weekly one-to-one lessons with Julia Young. Ideal for beginners and progressing players alike, with lessons tailored to your level and goals.

SATURDAY MUSIC SCHOOL



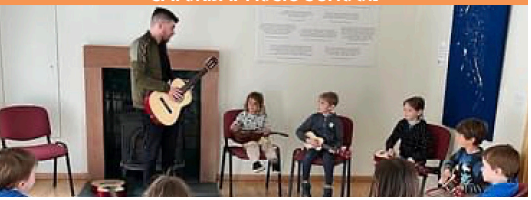
Saturdays Weekly (term time)

KEYBOARD LESSONS

MUSIC | CatStrand | 10 Jan - 21 Mar, 18 Apr - 27 Jun | 12:30pm - 1pm | £7 per class (paid by the block) | Ages 8 - 12

Join Julia Young for weekly group keyboard lessons where you'll learn the basics, play fun tunes, and build your skills alongside others in a relaxed and friendly setting. All abilities.

SATURDAY MUSIC SCHOOL



Saturdays Weekly (term time)

GUITAR LESSONS UNDER 12s

MUSIC | The Smiddy | 10 Jan - 21 Mar, 18 Apr - 27 Jun | 1pm - 1:45pm | £5 per class (paid by the block) | Ages 11 and under

Join Emily Murray for weekly group guitar lessons for under 12s. These sessions are perfect for young musicians of all levels. A fun and friendly way to learn chords, songs, and guitar basics alongside others.

SATURDAY MUSIC SCHOOL



Saturdays Weekly (term time)

GUITAR LESSONS OVER 12s

MUSIC | The Smiddy | 10 Jan- 21 Mar, 18 Apr - 27 Jun | 1:35pm - 2:30pm | £5 per class (paid by the block) | Ages 12+

Learn to play, jam, and build your skills with weekly group guitar lessons. Led by Emily Murray, these sessions are perfect for beginners and developing players who want to play music together in a relaxed setting.

SATURDAY MUSIC SCHOOL



Saturdays Weekly (term time)

MUSICAL BUGS

MUSIC | The Smiddy | 07 Feb - 21 Mar, 18 Apr- 27 Jun | 3pm - 4pm | £2 per family per class) | Ages 0 - 3

Join us each week for a friendly, multi-sensory music session for preschoolers and their families! Perfect for little ones to explore rhythm, sound, and movement in a playful and welcoming environment.

SATURDAY ART CLUB



Every 2nd Saturday (term time)

ART EXPLORERS

ART | CatStrand | 31 Jan, 14 & 28 Feb, 14 & 28 Mar, 18 Apr, 2 , 16 & 30 May, 13 & 27 Jun | 10:15am - 11:15am | £3 per class | Ages 6 - 10

A fun, hands-on art club designed to spark creativity in young minds! Each week, children explore different materials, techniques, and ideas, building confidence through colour, curiosity, and self-expression.

SATURDAY ART CLUB



Every 2nd Saturday (term time)

SATURDAY SKETCHERS

ART | CatStrand | 31 Jan, 14 & 28 Feb, 14 & 28 Mar, 18 Apr, 2 , 16 & 30 May, 13 & 27 Jun | 11:15am - 12:15pm | £3 per class | Ages 11 - 17

A welcoming space to sketch, create, and hang out with friends. Bring your ideas, share your creativity, and enjoy making art in a friendly environment. Perfect for those who want to make, learn, and hang out together.



Saturdays Monthly (term time)

DANCE STEPS

DANCE | CatStrand | 31 Jan, 28 Feb, 28 Mar, 25 Apr, 30 May, 27 Jun | £5 per class | Ages 8 - 16

Dance Steps is a fun, relaxed monthly workshop. Whether you're just starting out or you already have experience with dance, join us to learn new moves, express yourself, and have fun!



KEN BRIDGE EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION | The CatStrand | January & February

Another chance to enjoy the popular exhibition featuring new photography and archive material of the Ken Bridge by Ian Biggar, The CatStrand Photography Group & Friends. Originally displayed in 2022, this exhibition marked 200 years since the completion of the structure designed by John Rennie.



HERE'S WHAT THE WORMS TOLD ME?

EXHIBITION | The CatStrand | March & April

Is it possible that a pair of underpants can reveal the health of any piece of land beneath our feet? And what did the worms have to say about it? Join us to find out in Here's What The Worms Told Me..., just one element of Ted Leeming's new project, three years in the making and including his interdisciplinary collaboration Charter of Rights for All Things - Now and Yet to Be, and If Place Mirrors Who We Are, What Does It Reflect?, shortlisted and part of a UK touring exhibition in the Royal Geographic Society Earth Photo 2025 competition.

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust



CatStrand Arts & Visitor Centre, Licensed Cafe & Shop



The Smiddy Community & Business Space

more info

Supporting the communities of the Glenkens since 2001

CatStrand

Creative Hub in a Natural Landscape

HIGH QUALITY ARTS

Touring Arts



Young Creatives



Cultural Glenkens



COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN DELIVERY

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