CatStrand

Events Guide | March - June 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



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+.



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.



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+.



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 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+.



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.



Sun 12 Apr 3pm

HOME FOR HAMISH

DANCE | CatStrand | £10, £5 U26, £25 group 2 adults and 2 U26

Playfully merging dance and BSL in a sensory world, *A Home for Hamish* follows the story of May and Hamish the Haggis as they travel across Scotland to find a perfect night's sleep. Ages 4-7 and their families



Sun 19 Apr 4pm

NT LIVE: THE AUDIENCE

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

Helen Mirren returns as Queen Elizabeth II, revealing the private conversations with 12 prime ministers that shaped both the monarch and modern British history.



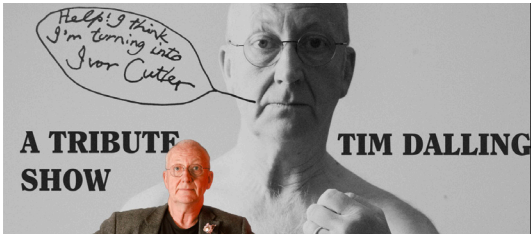
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Fri 17 Apr 7:30pm

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.



Sat 25 Apr 7:30pm

IVOR CUTLER AND THE SHINYTRIBE

MUSIC | CatStrand | £12, £10 UC, £4 U26

A double bill as Tim Dalling performs beautiful, hilarious and weird Ivor Cutler songs, followed by his Shinytribe stories celebrating birth, death, rituals, hares and dancing trees.



Fri
08 May
7:30pm

LOS VEGA - SON JAROCHO

MUSIC | CatStrand | £25, £22 UC, £15 U26

Traditional musicians from Mexico, dedicated for 25 years to the performance and promotion of traditional son jarocho music, combining cultural roots, family heritage and stage presence.



Sat
16 May
7:30pm

BECCI WALLACE

MUSIC | CatStrand | £10

Blending poetic lyricism with dynamic soundscapes, this new live project brings After the Fog... Air vividly to life with a five-piece band re-energising every song.

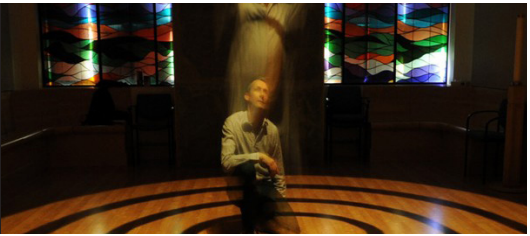


Wed
20 May
7:30pm

MY DARLING CLEMENTINE IN CONCERT

MUSIC | CatStrand | £20, £18 UC, £10 U26

Standing proudly with the great country duettists, Michael Weston King and Lou Dalgleish are a formidable musical force.
"(they) re-invented the country duet just heavenly" Mojo



22 - 25
May
11am - 4pm

JIM BUCHANAN: IN SEARCH OF THE UNATTENDED SHADOW

INSTALLATION | CatStrand | Free

Immerse yourself within the light and shadow of a Labyrinth of Light projection, guiding your shadow inwards and back out from the centre.



May
Sat 23 12pm
&
Sun 24 1pm

HAND-HELD JOURNEYS WITH JIM BUCHANAN

WORKSHOP | New Galloway Town Hall | £17.50, £12.50 UC, £10 U26

Sculpt your own labyrinth ball, transposing the classical three-circuit labyrinth onto a clay sphere.



Thu
28 May
7:30pm

THE BACCHAE: COMPANY OF WOLVES

THEATRE | CatStrand | £14, £10 UC, £6 U26

An earth-shattering solo retelling of Dionysos' myth, weaving story, dance and ancient song into an epic of rejection, vengeance and renewal—a fierce hymn of rebirth.



Sat
30 May
7:30pm

MACBETH MUET : LA FILLE DU LAITIER

THEATRE| CatStrand | £14, £10 UC, £6 U26

A bold, physical, wordless Macbeth plunging audiences into a visceral, fast-paced world of ambition, betrayal and bloodshed, inspired by silent film, grand guignol and raw theatricality.



Fri
12 Jun
7:30pm

GNOSS

MUSIC | Dalry Town Hall | £18, £16 UC, £8 U26

A rich tapestry of acoustic layers, outstanding musicianship and contemporary flair, creating characterful songs and tunes. Celebrated for forward-thinking tradition and acclaimed, warm live shows.



Sun
07 Jun
2pm

FUNGI FRIDA AND THE MYCO HEROES

CHILDREN'S THEATRE | CatStrand | £10, £5 U26, £25 group of four

Join Fungi Frida on a fun, interactive quest through Plasticland to meet amazing mushroom superheroes and discover how fungi can help us clean up our world.



Sun
14 Jun
2pm* &
7:30pm

TOWA MURA BY TOM POW: THE GALLOWAY AGREEMENT & BIRD THEATRE

THEATRE | CatStrand | £14, £10 UC, £6 U26

Premiering after an intensive three-week residency, this vibrant UK–Japan collaboration tackles rural depopulation and village life, enriched with powerful storytelling and original music.

** fully captioned performance.*

EXHIBITIONS • EXHIBITIONS • EXHIBITIONS • EXHIBITIONS



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.

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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 11 Mar 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: HOUSE OF MIRTH (12)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

New York - beginning of the 20th century. Lily Bart (Gillian Anderson), finds herself drawn into a downward spiral



Sun 15 Mar 3pm

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: BIRD WATCHING IN THE GLENKENS CHRIS ROLLIE

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

A brief introduction to birdwatching and recommended equipment, and an illustrated talk on birdwatching in the Glenkens, highlighting special birds and special places in our area.



Sat 21 Mar 10am

TURNING OF THE YEAR SPRING EQUINOX

EVENT | The Barn, Hensol Estate, DG7 2NE | £50

A day in woodland and field, marking the spring equinox through seasonal food, shared attention, and quiet connection with the land — a moment of balance, emergence, and renewal.



Wed 01 Apr 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: FLIGHT RISK (15)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

A US Marshall (Michelle Dockery) must get a crooked accountant, to the nearest city through a snowy Alaskan wasteland.



Sat 18 Apr 3pm

GLENKENS STORY & GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: BRUCE KEITH DISCUSSES THE GALLOWAY HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME

TALK | New Galloway Town Hall | £8, £7 UC, £7 U26

Galloway's pioneering Hydro-Electric scheme, Bruce Keith guides us in celebration of 90 years of renewable energy generation. Meet the innovators who moulded a landscape to bring power to the Glenkens.



Thu 30 Apr 7:30pm

'THRIVING TOGETHER - TOWARDS A POSITIVE FUTURE'

TALK | CatStrand | Free

An evening of cordial conversation, accompanying Ted Leeming's Exhibition - What The Worms Told Me - and Other Stories, exploring how we might better work together, to shape positive futures for our land.



Wed 22 Apr 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: THE NAKED GUN(15)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall |£6

For those who remember the Naked Gun films of yesteryear with Leslie Neilsen, this is today's rerun with Liam Neeson as the son of the original.



Wed 06 May 6:30pm

CULTURAL GLENKENS SCHOOL LIAISON PROJECT RESTORING ELSPETH

PERFORMANCE | CatStrand | Free

A performance by local school Children who have been learning about Elspeth McEwen, the last accused witch in Galloway.



Sun 26 Apr 10am

SEASONAL BIRD WATCHING FOR ALL IN THE GLENKENS: SPRINGTIME

WALK | Darly Town Hall | £6, £5 UC, £5 U26

Guided bird walk in lower Garroch Glen with local expert, Chris Rollie. See and hear our wonderful spring birds in a glorious woodland setting. Meet at Dalry Town Hall to travel to Garroch Glen.



Wed 06 May 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: DARK WATER (12)

FILM | Darly Town Hall | £6

A true story of the fight of a single lawyer against the might of the Dupont company to bring them to book over the pollution caused as they dumped toxic chemicals into a watercourse in West Virginia.



Sat
16 May
11am

GARROCH GLEN: LING & CULTURAL GLENKENS PICNIC, NATURE HUNT & HISTORY WALK

WALK | Dalry, DG7 3XP | Free

Uncover the history of the nearby Garroch Estate and explore the stunning natural surroundings with a family-friendly scavenger hunt, picnic, and walks. Bus from New Galloway, contact for details.



Sun
31 May
3pm

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: RESTORING ELSPETH

TALK | CatStrand | £8, £7 UC, £7 U26

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.



Wed
20 May
7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: THE PHOENICIAN SCHEME (15)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall |£6

Another dry and convoluted comedy from Wes Anderson - a bit in the style of "The Grand Budapest Hotel" or "Isle of Dogs".



Sat
20 Jun
7pm

SONGWAVE CHOIR: RISE UP SINGING

MUIC | New Galloway Town Hall | £10, £5 U26

SongWave presents songs from the Chartists, and from modern-day civil rights movements to liberation songs. A concert to uplift and offer hope in times of change.

CULTURAL GLENKENS 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.

Talking Galloway Podcast
A new monthly podcast, available through your preferred podcasting service and YouTube, 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'. Search YouTube for @TalkingGallowayPodcast

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, please contact Jo at: jo@catstrand.com

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.



SATURDAY MUSIC SCHOOL



Saturdays Weekly (term time)

GUITAR LESSONS

MUSIC | The Smiddy | 10 Jan - 21 Mar, 18 Apr - 27 Jun | Under 12s = 1pm - 1:45pm, over 12s = 1:45pm - 2:30pm | £5 per class

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)

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 Emily Murray. Ideal for beginners and progressing players alike, with lessons tailored to your level and goals.

SATURDAY MUSIC SCHOOL



Saturdays Bi-weekly (term time)

TREBLE MAKERS

MUSIC | The Smiddy | Free | Ages 8 - 11

Join singer-songwriter Ella Campbell for a fun, friendly session of singing and music-making. Hone your singing skills, build confidence, and write great songs together.

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 Emily Murray 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.



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.



Mondays Bi-weekly (term time)

CREATIVE-NESS SESSIONS

ART | Dalry Community Centre | 7pm - 8pm | Free | Ages 12+

Join artist Ness Johnson for a relaxed, welcoming drop-in art session for ages 12+. Explore drawing, sculpture, mixed media, and experimental techniques.



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.



Saturdays Monthly (term time)

DANCE STEPS

DANCE | CatStrand | £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!



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.



Tue 31 Mar

EASTER EVENT

EVENT | CatStrand | Free | 11am - 3pm

Join us on 31 March for the CatStrand Young Creatives Easter Event! Enjoy Easter crafts, face painting, a treasure hunt, storytelling, and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny. It's going to be a fun-filled festive day!

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

- CatStrand Cafe
- Galloway Community Transport
- Glenkens Gazette
- Glenkens Hub and Archive
- Our Glenkens
- Glenkens Community Spaces Network
- Glenkens Youth Group
- Glenkens Men's Shed
- Education and Learning
- Land Use











