



August '26

Welcome to a shorter newsletter.

We are now looking forward to next year's activities. The committee has agreed on our talks for next year and our new programme will be issued at the end of August. **Please look out for new paperwork then.**

Kbt Fringe / Kirkcudbright History Society Annual History Lecture

Have you got your ticket yet?

Saturday 5th September. 6.00pm:

The Lordships of Galloway - Prof. Richard Oram, University of Stirling

Step back into medieval Scotland with historian Richard Oram for this illuminating event



Venue: Greyfriars Church, Kirkcudbright

Physical Tickets: Can be bought locally at

Rhubarb (25 St Mary Street, Kirkcudbright) or

Samphire Gallery (149 King Street, Castle

Douglas).

Full Lineup & Passes: Available via the official Kirkcudbright Fringe Website.

<https://kbtfringe.co.uk/>

Summer Walks. We are in the middle of our summer season of local historical walks. I have attached the fliers giving information about them. Those of you who have recently come to the town or who have visitors, would find these walks especially interesting.

Museum. We welcome the new Collections Officer, Robyn Matthews to the Stewartry Museum.

The Museum's Summer Exhibition explores our rugged coastline, inspired by placenames, shipwrecks and other artefacts which have been left behind.



Jim Bell. As most of you know Jim has been posting interesting snippets of local history on Facebook. He has kindly agreed to me posting these on our website. These can be found <https://www.kirkcudbrighthistorysociety.org.uk/category/featured-article/jim-bell-blog/>

Summer Activities

Scything - An Introduction

Join us on one of the following dates for a beginner's workshop at the Glaisters Bridge site near Corsock:

- Saturday 1st August 10am-2pm
- Monday 17th August 10am-2pm
- Tuesday 18th August 10am-2pm

Each session will be led by scything enthusiast, Alex Rigg.

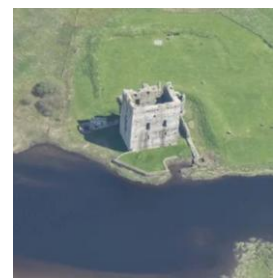
The day will include an introduction to the scythe, scythe maintenance and sharpening, through to actually putting the scythes to use. <https://fienta.com/scything-an-introduction>

Solway Firth Partnership

Do you know the Solway Coast? Your local knowledge could play a key role in identifying the right areas for future conservation and restoration work. They are running three drop-in workshops this August. Our local one is Mon 3 Aug, 14:30–18:00 — Kirkcudbright Development Trust. I have attached their poster for information.

Threave Castle welcomed visitors back to its interior for the first time in four years on the 1st of August following the completion of high level masonry inspections and necessary conservation work by Historic Environment Scotland. The Castle is reached by boat and is open daily from 10.00am to 4.30pm. Discounts available online

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit/>



The Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere has been highlighted on a newly updated illustrated map showcasing all 62 UNESCO-designated sites across the UK. As Scotland's first UNESCO Biosphere and the largest in the UK, the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere joins other world-renowned destinations featured on the map. <https://www.gsabiosphere.org.uk/unesco-uk-new-illustrated-map/>