



Summer '26

Welcome to a short update including some exciting news.

Kirkcudbright Fringe

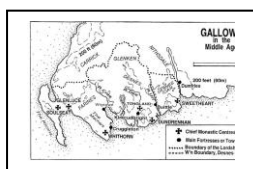
News from Gerry Haasan, Kirkcudbright Fringe.

Saturday 5th September

6.00pm: KIRKCUDBRIGHT HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL HISTORY LECTURE

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

Venue: Greyfriars Church, Kirkcudbright



Step back into medieval Scotland with historian Richard Oram for this illuminating event. This session uncovers one of the most distinctive periods in the region's history, defined by a fierce independence and shifting loyalties. Oram traces the rise of Fergus of Galloway, shedding new light on how this powerful figure navigated the intense rivalries of the English, Irish, and Scottish Crowns. Discover how Galloway evolved from a sovereign lordship into a part of the Kingdom of the Scots and why its unique cultural identity still sets it apart from the rest of Scotland today.

This is the first in a series of Annual History lectures organised by Kirkcudbright Fringe in association with Kirkcudbright History Society in partnership with Greyfriars Church.

*****Please note*** that 50 discounted tickets at £10 each are available exclusively for KHS members. To reserve these, please contact Carol McQuistan at KHSOffice44@gmail.com from June 1st, while stocks last ! Carol will advise you on the collection and payment for your reserved tickets. Otherwise standard tickets at £12 go on sale from June 1st at: www.kbtfringe.com and at Rhubarb in Kirkcudbright and Samphire Gallery, Castle Douglas.

[As yet there is no word about streaming the meeting

The report of Professor Oram's talk to the Society in 2014, "Mottes Monks and Merchants can be found <https://www.kirkcudbrighthistorysociety.org.uk/featured-article/mottes-monks-merchants-prof-richard-oram/>].

Summer Walks

Both of our summer walks will once again be taking place this year and all dates are published widely including on our own website. Both walks also appear in the Kbt Fringe and Doors Open weekend in September.

Website.

During a recent visit to the Museum, Prof. James Floyd was interested to discover a small display of heraldic porcelain. He was especially impressed by the Kirkcudbright Tee Total Society piece and the McClellan tea service. His observations were published in the latest *Tak Tent*, the newsletter of The Heraldry Society of Scotland, and he has kindly given permission for us to post the article on our website.

<https://www.kirkcudbrighthistorysociety.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/tak-tent-article.pdf>

Some interesting videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4LLhKuxSy8>

What was it like to be a child in the 1950's?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cGmT5y7on8

The Galloway Picts Project, led by GUARD Archaeology for the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society, investigated the archaeological context of the Pictish Carvings at Trusty's Hill Fort, Gatehouse, and unexpectedly revealed the location of a hitherto lost early medieval kingdom that was once pre-eminent in Northern Britain

There is an article about this project on our website.

<https://www.kirkcudbrighthistorysociety.org.uk/featured-article/discovery-of-lost-dark-age-kingdom-in-galloway-excavations-at-trustys-hill/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-r86Ok8_Jw

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Visit

Glasgow Wellspring

<https://www.glasgowheritage.org.uk/exhibition-from-well-to-wellspring/>

If you are in Glasgow this summer information about this exhibition has been sent to me. Last year, as part of Glasgow 850, one of the city's oldest treasures, the 13th century St Mungo's Well in Glasgow Cathedral was excavated for the first time in living memory.

The Galloway Hoard: Rock Crystal Jar

Don't forget this exhibition still running in the Kirkcudbright Galleries. 10 am to 3.30pm

Digit Scotland

<https://www.digitScotland.com/events/>

Don't forget to refer to Digit Scotland for events throughout the country this summer.

Helen