



The Falkland Society

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Falkland Society meeting – 13 May 2026

Our next meeting will once again be a hybrid meeting, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 13 May, in person in the Craig Room, Falkland Parish Church, and online by Zoom.

Our speaker for May is **Craig Cameron**, factor of the Teasses Estate.



Craig has been Factor at Teasses Estate, near Ceres, since 2023, having previously served as Head Gardener following an earlier career teaching in Shropshire. He trained at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, including time spent working in China. His current role includes events and property management, and he has worked in London and the South of France.

In his spare time, Craig is closely involved in charitable and community work in southern India, where he supports a primary school and serves on the Board of Governors. He is also involved with a local farming initiative, helping to provide a sustainable income for residents of the Chatnalli leprosy village.

The Forgotten Stories of the Barony of Teasses explores the rich and often overlooked history of one of Fife's most intriguing estates. From its origins as a medieval barony first recorded in the 13th century, the talk will uncover layers of human activity—from Neolithic traces to castle-building, shifting landownership, and political intrigue.

Through stories of figures such as Admiral Sir Andrew Barton and Norman Leslie—linked to the murder of Cardinal Beaton—Craig brings to life the dramatic events that have shaped the estate. Blending archaeology, genealogy, and local history, this talk reveals how Teasses reflects wider Scottish history while retaining its own distinctive and often forgotten narrative.

Future programme

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| Sat 6 Jun (2 p.m.) : visit to Reediehill Deer Farm – <i>Beautiful gardens, red deer, tea, coffee, cake, plant sales. £10 (£8 for members). For directions and to book, email darrylgduplooy@gmail.com.</i> | 9 Sep: Joe Fitzpatrick – <i>An update on archaeological discoveries in and around the Falkland Estate.</i> |
| 10 Jun James Simpson, architect – <i>The rescue of the Botanic Cottage at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, and some other notable case studies in a busy professional life.</i> | Sat 26 Sep (2 p.m.): visit to Rossie Farm, Auchtermuchty. Details to follow later. |
| | 14 Oct: John Gilbert – <i>Hunting with Mary Queen of Scots – the sequel.</i> |
| | 11 Nov: James Storrar of Rossie – <i>History all around: a square mile of Fife .</i> |

Our meetings are normally on Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. in the Craig Room at Falkland Parish Church. If you can't get there in person please register for our Newsletter at www.falklandsociety.org.uk/contact.shtml and we'll send you full details each month, including a link to join the meeting online via Zoom.

For recordings of previous talks see www.falklandsociety.org.uk/previous.shtml. We also maintain the Historic Falkland website (www.historicfalkland.scot) with resources about the history of our town, and the Falkland Wiki (www.falkland.wiki) with a database of information about Falkland's Historic Buildings.

