



The Falkland Society

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Falkland Society meeting – 10 June 2026

Our next meeting will once again be a hybrid meeting, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 10 June, in person in the Craig Room, Falkland Parish Church, and online by Zoom.

Our speaker for June is the distinguished conservation architect and architectural campaigner, **James Simpson**. He will speak about the principles needed for successful conservation projects, illustrated through three case studies:



Law's Close, Kirkcaldy. Under James's direction the outstanding stone and lime practitioner Rory Young repaired the external façades, and the fine plaster ceilings were renovated. It was one of the earliest buildings in Scotland to have the full "lime-based" treatment, repairing rather than replacing the worn stonework.

Botanic Cottage, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. This charming historic building had been the entrance to the RBG in its previous location at the top of Leith Walk. At James's suggestion it was taken down stone by stone, numbered and stored; it has now been re-erected at the present RBG.

Mavisbank House, built in the 1720s, was in such a dangerous condition after a fire in 1973 that Midlothian District Council marked it for destruction. The Landmark Trust has described it as the most important "building at risk" case in the country. James Simpson has been one of the key people holding on to Mavisbank through thick and thin, and will give us an exciting glimpse into the present state of affairs which seems to hold the key to success.

Future programme

**** Sat 6 June:** visit to Reediehill Deer Farn: for information e-mail darrylgduplooy@gmail.com. ******

9 Sep: Joe Fitzpatrick – *An update on archaeological discoveries in and around the Falkland Estate.*

Sat 26 Sep: visit to Rossie Farm, Auchtermuchty.

14 Oct: John Gilbert – *Hunting with Mary Queen of Scots – the sequel.*

11 Nov: James Storrar – *A square mile of Fife.*

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.

