



The Falkland Society

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Falkland Society meeting – 11 February 2026

Our next meeting will once again be a hybrid meeting, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 11 February, in person in the Craig Room, Falkland Parish Church, and online by Zoom.

Our speaker for February is **John Fletcher**, on **“Reediehill Deer Farm – Past, present and future”**.

John and Nichola Fletcher started to farm deer at Reediehill, above Auchtermuchty, in 1973, and are still at it.

John worked with wild red deer on the Isle of Rum prior to establishing Reediehill. During the ups and downs that followed he started the Scottish Deer Centre, received the Queen’s Award for Export for setting up deer farms in Europe, North America and Asia, and wrote books on the history of deer parks. His deer were used in the making of many films.



On the small farm wide hedges were planted and ponds dug through the 1980s and 1990s. In this talk John will explain how these early projects have stimulated him to develop an ambitious plan to increase the biodiversity and the beauty of the farm for his successors over the next thirty years.

John’s talk will be followed by the **Falkland Society’s AGM**: we will present brief reports on Society’s activities and finances, and elect office bearers and committee for the coming year.

Future programme

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| 11 Feb John Fletcher – <i>Reediehill Deer Farm – past, present and future</i> , to be followed by the Falkland Society Annual General Meeting (see above). | 13 May Craig Cameron – <i>The revival of the Teasses Estate, Ceres</i> . We hope to follow up Craig’s talk with a visit to the outstanding gardens. |
| 11 Mar Robin Bell – <i>Falkland: Its People in Music</i> . Upstairs in Falkland Church, with live examples on the organ. | 10 June James Simpson, architect – <i>Some notable case studies in a busy professional life</i> . |
| 8 April Carron Tobin, Director, Rural Solutions – <i>Community-led tourism</i> | 9 Sep Joe Fitzpatrick – <i>An Update on the archaeological discoveries around Falkland</i> . |
| | 14 Oct John Gilbert – <i>Hunting with Mary Queen of Scots – the sequel</i> . |

Our meetings are normally held on Wednesdays, 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.

