

# The Falkland Society

Our speaker for October is **Scott McIntosh**, who will speak on  
**'Steel wheels and iron rails'** – the railways of Fife.

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*7 p.m. Wednesday 9 October, at the Chapel Royal, Falkland Palace*

**Note:** please bring a torch, as you will be entering and exiting the property via the turret door on the lawn.

**Scott McIntosh** first became interested in railways at the age of four: after university and an early career in the Royal Navy he spent 35 years promoting, developing and delivering urban tramways, railways and metros, and became increasingly involved in the urban developments around transport

**The railways of Fife** have a fascinating 250-year history. Much of that time the railways were bound up with the coal trade – its rise and fall – and the prosperity of Fife. It is a story of shady business dealings, competitive coal companies, and the enterprise of landowners such as the Wemyss family. At the same time the

infrastructure. He was responsible for major schemes in London and has worked on projects across the British Isles, in Australia, Canada, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Ireland and mainland Europe. He served on the International Public Transport Light Rail Commission for over a decade and was co-author of their *Light Rail Encyclopaedia*. In his retirement he has written articles, helped the Health and Safety Commission in a major investigation, and advised various entrepreneurs on transport innovations. He has lived in Falkland for the last two and a half years.

railways provided vital inter-urban passenger and goods links in the national rail network, pioneering train ferries and requiring the construction of major bridges. The urban tramways stimulated the development of towns such as Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy and Methill, whilst providing a significant market for a pioneering Scottish electrical company.



Falkland Road Station, about 1935

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