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*We need additional Committee members as some of us will be standing down at the next AGM!*  
Contact [peterburman@btinternet.com](mailto:peterburman@btinternet.com) if you think you could help.

## Falkland Society Newsletter August 2024

Dear <<First Name>>,

We'd planned just a short update this time following up on the ***Celebrating Falkland!*** event, but following a recent development to the Wiki, and then a visit to Auchtermuchty, we find we have enough material for a fuller Newsletter in advance of our summer break.

**Ross Burgess (Secretary)**

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## CELEBRATING FALKLAND!

On behalf of the Falkland Society I'd like to thank most sincerely all those who contributed to the success of our two-day ***Celebrating Falkland!*** event on Friday and Saturday last week (2–3 August). Your committee very much enjoyed working together to put it on, and we've had some very encouraging feedback from Society members and others who came along, viewed the display of items from our archives, joined our guided walks, or listened to the talks.



*Some of the walkers*

As always, some aspects of the event worked better than others – we were sad for instance that it wasn't possible for Robin Bell to give his promised recitals, but he hopes to give them as soon as the organ tuner has been able to come and attend to our historic organ.

Our Committee will be meeting next week to review the event, and we would very much welcome your feedback on which parts of the programme went well and which not so well, and any aspects you particularly enjoyed. We've posted an updated version of the [programme for the two days](#) on our website, together with an updated [itinerary for our walk](#) round the less well-known parts of the village. Our idea is that members who weren't able to come on the walk would be able to do the walk on their own, using this as a guide.

***Peter Burman (Chair, The Falkland Society)***

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## **An update on the Wiki**

Ross's Saturday afternoon talk at ***Celebrating Falland!***, entitled "Falkland Historic Buildings Survey" featured the Falkland Wiki – the online database in which the results of the Historic Buildings Survey have been documented. It was particularly unfortunate that the Wiki itself had gone down the day before his talk!

We're now very glad to report that the technical issues have now been overcome; the Wiki has been upgraded to the latest version of the software, and it's up and running again at [www.falkland.wiki](http://www.falkland.wiki). Please take a look – see what we've found out to date about Falkland's

amazing collection of buildings, and let us know of any mistakes, or any further information we could include.

## Muchty Heritage

On the Tuesday after *Celebrating Falkland!*, Ross and I went to Auchtermuchty where we experienced an enthralling evening.

Just like us in the Falkland Society, the members of Muchty Heritage (a SCIO, number SC048894) have made a great effort to publicise their fifth annual exhibition at Auchtermuchty Church (now Edenshead Parish Church, one of the churches in the Eden-Tay Cluster which is going to remain as a church). We had spotted one of their flyers while waiting in the Auchtermuchty Medical Centre:



The flyer is titled 'August Exhibition' in a large, elegant script font. Below the title is a small crest featuring a castle and the text 'MUCHTY HERITAGE'. To the right of the crest is the website 'www.muchtyheritage.org.uk'. The main title 'MUCHTY HERITAGE' is in a bold, serif font. Below this, it says 'Join us to explore the history of our community!'. There are two photographs: one on the left showing a group of people in historical costumes standing in front of a building, and one on the right showing a street scene with a row of stone buildings. Below the photos, the word 'Featuring' is written in a bold, serif font. Underneath, there is a list of features: 'War Memorial Display', 'High Street Model', 'Muchty Farms', 'Muchty Churches', 'Muchty Heroes', 'Curling Club', 'Then & Now Photographs', 'Shops of the Past', 'Audio & Visual Displays', and 'Maps & Postcards for sale, and much more!'. At the bottom, it says 'Discover all of this every weekend in August at Auchtermuchty Church, High St, KY14 7AS'. Below this, the opening hours are listed: 'Saturdays 10am - 4pm - Sundays 12pm - 4pm' and 'Tuesdays 6pm - 8pm - (6th, 13th & 20th)'. The text 'REFRESHMENTS - FREE ENTRY' is in a large, bold, serif font. At the very bottom, it says 'Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation - SC048894'.

August Exhibition

www.muchtyheritage.org.uk

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Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation - SC048894

I urge all our members and friends, if they live within striking distance of Muchty, to visit this exhibition. We were not only enthralled by what we saw but found ourselves in a friendly and outgoing bunch of people who made us SO welcome.

As the flyer says, the exhibition is on at the following times:

- Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays 12 noon to 4 p.m., for the rest of August.



- Tuesdays 6 p.m. to 8 pm. (6th, 13th and 20th).



*A set of silver Communion plate, a beautiful group of sacred vessels, still in use, and originally from Strathmiglo parish church.*

We thought that to go in the early evening would be ideal and so we did. We came away not only with happy memories but also with the following publications:

1. Auchtermuchty Co-operative Society Ltd – “Enticing buying for the whole family 1936-1939”. This collection has been transformed from a pile of newspaper cuttings into a unique glimpse of life when the “store” had such a prominent place in people’s lives.
2. A guide leaflet to the church. The first church was consecrated in 1245.
3. John White & Son (we met Ted White!) – the story of Scotland’s oldest family business. Would there were more such businesses, with the sense they convey of continuity, quality and concern for and genuine interest in their customers.
4. Muchty Remembers – about the Men of Auchtermuchty who gave their lives in the Great War.
5. Past & Present – the Royal Burgh of Auchtermuchty 1517–2017.

There is so much to see that you need all of two hours and will enjoy wonderful conversations along the way.



*Ross Burgess and Ted White enjoying a natter, August 2024*

I do encourage everyone who can do so to go to Muchty and enjoy this exhibition in all its teeming richness and variety. The visions of Muchty Heritage and the Falkland Society as to their respective roles are very closely allied.

**PETER BURMAN, Chair, Falkland Society:**

## Future events

We are continuing to work on the talks programme from September onwards: we already have topics and speakers pencilled in for some months. Details of topics and speakers will appear in the September Newsletter and on the ["Events" page](#) of our website.

Incidentally we urgently need new Committee members, to help with planning future events and then with running them. If you would like to help, have a little time to spare, and essential computer skills, please get in touch at [secretary@falklandsociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@falklandsociety.org.uk).

**Peter Burman (Chair)**

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