



### **The Big Tent**

The Big Tent reached the grand old age of 5 this year and what a birthday celebration it had!

2010 saw the event expand to a three day weekend with a Friday night music programme kicking off the festivities. King Creosote rocked the main stage while local fiddling fiends, The Lomond Ceilidh band ensured our dancing shoes were well and truly on in the Wee Shindig.

Across the weekend a whole host of authors, environmentalists, crafts men and woman, artists and musicians entertained the masses under the shadow of the Lomond Hills and The House of Falkland.

With only one small shower of rain, the weather gods generally smiled down upon us – the wise few among us still kept the wellies within reach (well we do live in Scotland!).

If you were unfortunate enough not to manage and join us this year, we have some fabulous film and photos on our website ([www.bigtentfestival.co.uk](http://www.bigtentfestival.co.uk)) and our Facebook group so you can see what you missed out on. Why not also join our mailing list to be kept up to date and ensure you never miss out again? Do so at [www.bigtentfestival.co.uk](http://www.bigtentfestival.co.uk) or at [www.centreforstewardship.org.uk](http://www.centreforstewardship.org.uk)



**The Big Tent has been nominated in  
Family and Best Small  
Festival categories**

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### **Falkland Estate's Woods**

***Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world***  
**John Muir**

If you visited the Wood and Craft Zone at The Big Tent in July, you will have seen a wooden cabin with a bright green tarpaulin roof. Beside it lay the remains of a stack of freshly felled Sitka spruce from the forest of Falkland. It took the designer David Blair and his team of volunteers just three days to turn those big trees into a beautiful, solid building, using a portable sawmill on site.

The cabin, funded by SEDA (Scottish Ecological Design Association), will become the education base for Falkland Centre for Stewardship's new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Woodland Learning programme. In this one building, most aspects of the programme are represented: sustainable use of timber from the forest of Falkland; fine woodcraft; learning both traditional and new skills; involving people in managing and using the woods; providing resources that will encourage more people to come to Falkland to enjoy and learn about woodlands.

We are working with a whole range of people to develop this programme, including local schools, artists and craft makers, other woodland managers and like-minded organisations. There are many ways you can get involved. Come along to one of the events, or if you would like to know more about volunteering opportunities, just get in touch.

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### **Forthcoming Events – see website for full list ([www.centreforstewardship.org.uk](http://www.centreforstewardship.org.uk))**

#### **Book Launch Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm-8.30pm**

Join us for the Fife launch of an exciting new book on woodland culture – ***Woodlanders: New life in Britain's Forests***. The editor Ian Edwards will tell us about the inspiration for the book and several of the featured woodlanders will join us. Can we revive a forest wood culture in Falkland?

There is no charge for this event but donations welcome to cover the cost of refreshments. Please book by 7<sup>th</sup> of October

#### **Poetry Walk Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1.30-4pm**

A gentle amble up Maspie Den to the Yad and back with poet Anna Crowe. The walk will take the shape of a conversation with the landscape. A process of listening and speaking back as we absorb the sounds and features around us and learn something new of the history of this place. Bring an open mind, stout shoes and a notepad and pen.

Meet at the noticeboard by the Stables car park. No need to book and there is no charge for this event.

**To book/enquire about any of our events or courses,  
please get in touch with Lesley at our office on 01337  
858838 or [lesley@centreforstewardship.org.uk](mailto:lesley@centreforstewardship.org.uk)**

## Forthcoming Courses

### Basketmaking for beginners/improvers

**What's it all about:** A two day course with tutor Jane Wilkinson. Beginners will make a circular basket while improvers can try oval work.

**Who's it for:** Adults. Places are limited and must be booked by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**When:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. 9am-5pm

**Cost:** £80/£60 Concession and includes all materials, refreshments and lunch.

### Autumn Colours

**What's it all about:** A collage workshop with artist Jan Hendry and writer Tess Darwin, using natural materials and inspiration from the landscape and woodland to create simple books, journal pages or small sculptures.

**Who's it for:** Adults /accompanied children age 12+. Places are limited and must be booked by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**When:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 11am to 4pm

**Cost:** £25/£20 Concession and includes all materials, refreshments and lunch.

### Introduction to green woodworking

**What's it all about:** A weekend course with bodger Kenny Grieve. Learn to use a pole lathe and make simple wooden objects.

**Who's it for:** Adults/accompanied children aged 12+. Places are limited and must be booked by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**When:** Sat 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**Cost:** £80/£60 Concession and includes most materials, refreshments and lunch.



## A new way

Over the last year, the three entities that manage Falkland Estate have been working closely together to develop this special (and somewhat hidden) place as a centre of, as well as for, stewardship. These bodies are landowner Falkland Estate Trust, Falkland Rural Enterprise (the company that manages the Home Farm) and the charity Falkland

Stewardship Trust. Our endeavour is at an early stage with promising new shoots. From the increasing range of land-based activity, such as free-ranging organic chickens, pigs in the woods and a revival of woodcraft at Chancefield, those who work on and with the estate are busy creating a new path to the future.

We have recently taken a significant step to strengthen our partnership by engaging in the role of Transitional Steward, Neil Anderson, known to many Fifers for his cultural, environmental and legal achievements. Over coming months you will learn more about this work to orchestrate our efforts for the benefit of this place and the community we seek to serve.

### Further revelations of the Hidden Place

I'm pleased to report that the lost section of path up Maspie Den - over a wooden bridge, under a stone bridge, above the water - is now open once again. The Unfolding History of Falkland Estate (£4 from Estate Office) contains some remarkable images of this unique den and colourful burn.

Medieval historian and place-names author, Dr Gilbert Markus, has completed a fascinating booklet on the age-old mystery of the trenches called 'Place-names, Power and Protein'. The theories put forward by Gilbert and his colleague Dr Simon Taylor, are beginning to attract significant interest amongst historians interested in the management of royal deer parks.

Meanwhile the redoubtable Fife poet, Thomas A. Clark, continues to walk with us here. His recent small publication proposes that we might open up the Memorial Chapel for anyone to visit as 'a place apart'. So if you would like to visit this unroofed Chapel in House Park, you may collect a key from the Stables Offices. Tom has also created a major work, currently on display in the Ingleby Gallery in Edinburgh's till 25<sup>th</sup> September. 'The Hidden Place' is an alternative map of Scotland drawing from the meaning of place names and creating one long lyrical poem about the land and its people. Of course 'The Hidden Place' is also the most likely interpretation of the original meaning of the name Falkland, marked by our own small place in the map.

## Ninian Stuart Co-founder, Falkland Centre for Stewardship

### Venue Hire

The Stables Workshop is a spacious, light and beautiful space. This flexible meeting space is used for a variety of purposes; conferences, lectures, board meetings, away days, seminars, parties, dinners etc. The space is available for half day, full day and evening hire according to specific time slots.



The space will comfortably hold 40 in theatre style seating. For other activities, please enquire. We can offer a selection of equipment and stationary for all your hire needs. There is a fully functioning kitchen on site which hirers are welcome to use. Alternatively, we recommend outside catering from Pillars of Hercules Organic Farm and café based further up on the estate.

We offer a comprehensive sliding scale for hire rates starting from as little as £12 per hour for community groups, charities and Friends of Falkland's Heritage.

**To find out more about hiring the venue, or to arrange a visit, please get in touch with us at our office on 01337 858838 or [info@centreforstewardship.org.uk](mailto:info@centreforstewardship.org.uk) or visit our website at [www.centreforstewardship.org.uk](http://www.centreforstewardship.org.uk)**





## **The Seventh Annual Stewardship Lecture - A good future for ecological business** **A gathering for supporters and contributors.**

**When:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010. 6.30 pm-9.30pm

**Where:** House of Falkland, Falkland Estate

**Price:** £25/£20 concession & Friend's of Falkland's Heritage. Price includes a tour of the house, organic wine and supper from Falkland Estate produce.

We are thrilled to announce that social entrepreneur Nigel Lowthrop has agreed to deliver the 2010 Stewardship lecture – telling the remarkable story of how he and his wife Karen transformed Hill Holt Wood in Lincolnshire into a thriving woodland and one of Britain's most successful social enterprises.



In recent years, the term social enterprise has sailed into the public realm. Lauded by David Cameron, New Labour and community activists, the potential of combining entrepreneurial dynamism with social and public benefit is irresistible for those at all points on the political spectrum.

Over the last fifteen years, Nigel and Karen Lowthrop have transformed 32 acres of run-down woodland that had been closed to the public and plundered by a timber company into a cherished and much visited public amenity. In doing so, they have helped bond the local community, provided work and training for excluded youngsters and created a shining example of living with nature. Alongside this, Nigel and his family have revived an ancient woodland and achieved a personal dream of living exemplary green lives by being completely off-grid for power, water and drainage in an age when cutting carbon footprints is a major battle cry of governments.

So whether you are interested in the historic environment, developing a more sustainable world or the power of good business, this lecture promises to inspire - as well as show us how it is possible and exciting to meet the triple-bottom line of commercial, social and environmental sustainability.

**Places limited. To reserve your place email [info@centreforstewardship.org.uk](mailto:info@centreforstewardship.org.uk) or phone 01337 858838.**

**Falkland Estate Produce** - Organic, delicious, no food miles and affordable

**PORK** is from Berwickshire pigs, which have been fattened on Falkland Estate. Fresh pork is also available.

**BEEF** is from Simmental cross heifers fattened on grass and barley by us. The Simmental is a hardy continental breed that seems to grow well here at Falkland. These particular animals were born and spend the first years of their lives near Selkirk. They have been nurtured on Falkland Estate for another 16 months.

PORK	£/Kg	BEEF	£/Kg
Gigot Roast	11.90	Sirloin Joints	25.00
Leg Steak	13.50	Fillet Steaks	32.00
Loin Chop	14.60	Rump Steak	15.80
Pork Shank	5.00	Rib Eye Steak	24.00
Diced Pork	9.50	Topside Joints	11.30
Pork Sausage	8.90	Silverside Joints	10.20
Pork Belly	8.50	Brisket Joints	9.00
Take 10% off these prices for frozen meat.		Braising Steaks (biggish pieces)	10.20
		Stewing Steaks (cubed)	9.50
		Mince	9.50

**EGGS** - our eggs are free range and organic. The hens are kept in a large open space on the Estate and you are welcome to go and look at them – they like visitors! The eggs are delicious and totally different from supermarket eggs. Buy the eggs from the honesty box opposite Falkland Estate Stables offices any day of the week. £1.50 for six.

**POTATOES** - £3.50 for 5kg

We have two varieties now available for purchase.

- Romano is a delicious red skinned variety which have a quite floury texture.
- Vales Everest are a very tasty white/pink skinned potato with a dryish quality.

Available for sale from Falkland Estate Office, Tel: 01337 858544 or 07786 930130. Our offices are open from 9.30am to 6.30pm every week day.

### **Support Us**

By becoming a Friend of Falkland's Heritage you will be helping to maintain the historic landscape of Falkland Estate. You will also benefit from discounted tickets to events that we organise. Annual subscriptions are:

- Under 16's £5
- Family Membership £20
- Single Membership £10
- Organisations £50

Cheques made payable to *Falkland Centre for Stewardship* can be handed in or posted to the office.

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