

WATSON BIRDS

Watson Birds is a community project which aims to celebrate the life and work of Donald Watson, ornithologist and bird artist who lived and worked in St John's Town of Dalry and his son Jeff. The project seeks to raise funds to buy Donald's former home and turn it into a bird centre. We run a programme of events throughout the year to engage and involve people in birds through the arts and through a programme of science events. We work in local schools, with the local community and with bird and art experts from around the world.

Our project is led by Roger Crofts CBE and is delivered by project officers Sarah Keast and David Whyte. This project has been funded by Scottish Natural Heritage, LEADER and Awards For All and is an initiative of the Glenkens Community and Arts Trust (GCAT).
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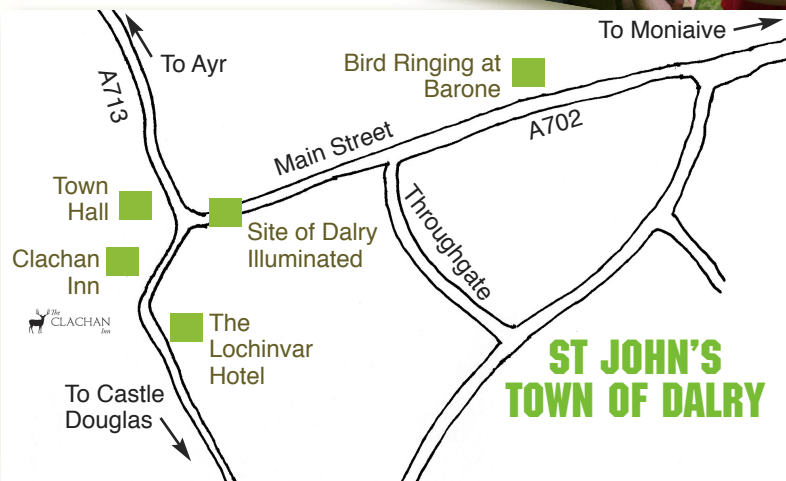
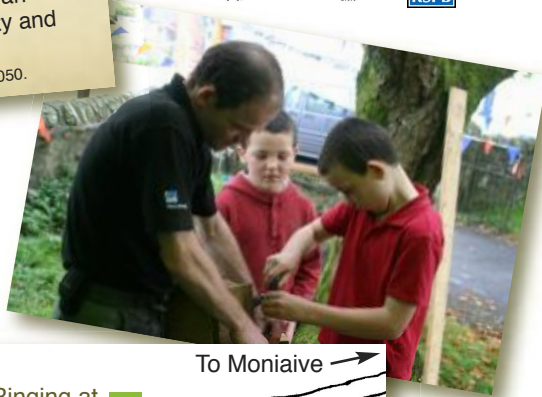
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FESTIVAL 2012

Friday 21 to Sunday 23

September 2012

DALRY, THE GLENKENS

MUSIC
KIDS' EVENTS
GUIDED BIRD WALK
BIRD RINGING
DEMONSTRATION
ART EXHIBITION
PHOTOGRAPHY
STORY TELLING

SINGING WORKSHOPS
WATSON RAPTOR SCIENCE
LECTURES

EVENING CONCERT

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

■ FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2012

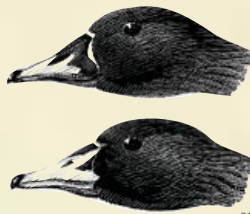
10am - 4pm ART EXHIBITION

DALRY TOWN HALL

Artists: Bill Neill, John Threlfall, Lisa Hooper, Brian Arneill, Darren Woodhead, Frances Godfrey, John Hills, Keith Brown, Linda Mallett, Malcolm Davies, Natalie Vardey, Paul Collin, Ray Hawley and Suzanne Stuart Davies.

12am - 2pm EVENTS IN DALRY SCHOOLS

Story Telling workshops in Dalry School with Anne Errington.
Singing workshops with Jo Miller.



■ SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2012

10am - 4.30pm ART EXHIBITION

DALRY TOWN HALL



10am GUIDED BIRD WATCHING WALK

This year our walk will be led by Chris Rollie (RSPB).
Please bring stout footwear and a waterproof just in case. Meet at Dalry Town Hall.

10.30am - 12am SINGING WORKSHOP

LOCHINVAR HOTEL FUNCTION ROOM

With Jo Millar. No previous experience required.

10.30am - 12am CHILDREN'S ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES

DALRY TOWN HALL

Come and try out some bird art activities with our volunteers, or make your own bird box.

2pm - 4.30pm WATSON RAPTOR SCIENCE LECTURES THE PLIGHT OF THE HEN HARRIER

LOCHINVAR HOTEL FUNCTION ROOM (lunches available)

Presentations and discussion on the state of Hen Harrier conservation on the 35th anniversary of Donald Watson's seminal book on this bird – 'The Hen Harrier'.



7pm EVENING CONCERT

DALRY TOWN HALL

This year we are delighted to bring you two very special events. Our first half will comprise a unique musical experience entitled "You can't let nature run wild" – a spoken and musical response to moorlands. This will be performed by a collection of musicians from Langholm and beyond, part of 'Making the Most of Moorlands' project. For the second half of our concert please come and welcome "home" Jo Miller. Jo is a singer and fiddler who grew up in Dalry and has worked in music education for over 30 years. She will be accompanied on stage by her sons Neil (accordion, fiddle, vocals) and Owen (flute, guitar, vocals) for a programme of songs and tunes all about birds.

8.30pm - 10pm DALRY ILLUMINATED

Photographs from Dalry School Photography Club Room 13 and Donald Watson artworks projected onto buildings in Dalry.

■ SUNDAY 23 SEPT 2012

10am - 4pm ART EXHIBITION

DALRY TOWN HALL



9.30am - 12.30pm BIRD RINGING DEMONSTRATION

BARONE, 54 MAIN STREET

Join Andrew Bielinski of the North Solway Ringing Group, and RSPB, for a demonstration of bird ringing and learn how bird ringing has helped our understanding of bird migration and populations. This will be weather dependent.

3pm MELLOW MUSIC ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Harpist Rhona Mackay and friends provide a relaxing afternoon's music in the Bothy Room of The Clachan.